Joe Cumminsky, Sports Editor, PM, New York, N.Y.

Am sending you sports article which you may feel perfectly free to edit and also to delete any portions you think necessary. Am submitting two titles which may not be satisfactory. Use your own. Trust the article is satisfactory. Kindest personal regards.

Forrest C. Allen,

Varsity Basketball Coach and Head of

Department of Physical Education, University of Kansas

Lexington, Kentucky 8 February, 1945

Dr. Forrest C. Allen University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir,

The attached clipping appeared in the Lexington Leader. If it wasn't for the fact that the staff of the Thoroughbred Record sent you that telegram, I would not have sent this to you.

But we have here in Lexington and every one knows it, a hand book that furnishes odds on any college basketball, football and race any place in the U.S., Cuba and Mexico. Books on high school football and basketball games are also made. In fact he brags that on football games he has handled as high as \$500,000.00 on the Saturday games. They have an uncanny foresight in posting the odds on games. For instance on the Kentucky-Georgia Tech game they were giving Kentucky 23 points, if you wanted to bet on Kentucky. You would have lest if you bet on Kentucky, they won 51 to 32, but according to their points Georgia Tech won 55 to 51. They have three long distance phones and they can get St. Louis, New York, Chicago or New Orleans quicker than a General in the Armed forces can. Their phone bill, in normal times runs around \$2000.00 to \$3000.09 a month.

It is located in the heart of the city. The ground floor is a bar room. Which is just a blind for the upstairs activities. It is known as the Mayfair Bar, telephone 1121, located at 224 East Main St. You go straight through the bar and up the steps to the gambling room over the bar. The phone book never carries any hand book in it. But their phone is 3730. They have a large black board with all the games and odds posted on it.

I am sure all the members on the staff on the Thoroughbred Record is very familiar with this place and I sure got a kick out of them sending you the telegram.

Allen Repeats Bookie Charge

LAWRENCE, Kan., Feb. 1 (UP)-Dr. Forrest C. Allen, the University of Kansas coach who last September predicted a "Black Sox" gambling scandal in basketball, had his answer today for the staff of a horse racing magazine who protested his charge that bookies were going into intercollegiate athletics.

The staff of the Thoroughbred Record, Lexington, Ky., wired Allen demanding that he either supply information to substantiate his charge

or retract it.

In return, Allen shot back a wire urging the magazine to "have its operatives call at 510 North Dearborn street, Chicago, where you will find a nationally-known bookmaker who has operated big time racing forms and who now is operating big time basketball form charts, quoting odds on all of the important games played in the United States."

The record staff asserted that horse racing has been "accused unjustly in the past months of everything from the manpower problem to the gasoline shortage. We don't think it is either legitimate or decent of you to attempt shifting the blame for crookedness in your own game into a sport which is entirely innocent of the wrongdoing attributed to it." To that, Allen said: "I assure

you we are not attempting to shift the blame. We are putting it where it belongs."

Allen said he had in his possession horse racing form charts sent out by Milton J. Danenberg of Chicago. He said that Danenberg operated from the Dearborn street address and now was sending out form charts quoting odds on basketball games throughout the nation. The Record wired that "our in-

formation is that neither Harry Rosen nor Harvey Stemmer, the men involved in the Brooklyn College case, has ever been identified with racing in any capacity."

Allen charged that there were several different syndicates operating in the basketball betting picture and that "when one mob starts out to get another, that's where the fixing comes in."

He declared that in Lawrence alone there were 20 different places -drug stores, confectionaries, grocery stores—where a bet can be placed on a basketball game.

"And the storekeepers get 20 per cent for handling the bets," he added, "just like the old slot machine

cut."

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Mr. James McFarland, 110 - 35 - 72 Road, Forest Hills, Long Island, N. Y.

Dear Mr. McFarland:

I do want you to know how genuinely I appreciate your most helpful communication. You have been wonderful and I think we have done a pretty good job of keeping some of the boys on their toes a little more expectantly than they had been before.

I hope some day in the future to geet and talk with you, as it would be a genuine pleasure. In the meantime, we will keep hitting at the bad spots in our great national game. Drop me a line from time to time with any additional information that might come your way.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA: AH

JAMES A. MCFARLAND

Sales Representative 110-35-72 Romas

286 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK 1. N. Y.

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Mr. Joe Cummiskey.

Sports Editor.

PM.

164 Duane Street.

New York 13, N.Y.

Dear Joe:

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Thank you for the check which arrived in your letter dated February 6th. I am also happy to get the tear sheet, withough I had previously received several here in Lawrence. We have about twenty subscribers to PM here in this town.

Regarding my testifying before the Kings County Grand Jury, I could not possibly leave here before March 2nd. We play our last game, which is with Iowa State College, at Ames, on that date. I am enclosing a schedule of our games. If they should desire my testimony before that they would have to take it from depositions here in Lawrence.

Will you let me have some information on when the Kings County Grand Jury adjourned?

I am glad to have your telephone number and will keep you advised if any emergency arises.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Gamblers Menace All College Sports

Kansas Coach Asks Czar

For Campus Athletics

Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen, University of Kansas basketball coach, for several years has been a prophet without honor in his business. He had been tactless enough to warn about the menace of professional gambling in intercollegiate sports. The "fix" scandal which broke last week and which caused the expulsion of five Brooklyn College basketball players has proven him right and his booers wrong.

PM asked Allen to tell us what he thinks is wrong with intercollegiate sports and what ought to be done to remedy the evils.

This is his story.

By FORREST C. (PHOG) ALLEN University of Kansas Dept. of Physical Education

It is now high time for the college presidents of America to drop their academic mantles and get realistic about college athletics. At the present time is is definitely known that on some of our college campuses:

¶ Gamblers hire, clandestinely, a member of the football made a bonanza for the big-time sance.

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"Phog" Allen

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examiner does not close a bank This high commissioner should, when some president or cashie ab- of necessity, be legally trained for sconds with bank funds. The indi- the purpose of writing the constividual is brought to justice. So it tution and by-laws under which the should be with athletic malfea- conference would operate. Confidence in his administration of col-In the late '20s and early '30s lege athletics should become simiformation on the esprit de corps to another institution where the Some contend that the appoint- the University of Iowa was expelled lar to that in the administration football teams have liaison or con- commissioner with the powers of a the University of Kansas was ex- blers would get a mortal body blow and when a star player appears on to separate the athletics from the because of alleged irregularities. with the power of this organization a college team whose subsidy is colleges more than ever but would Both Iowa and Kansas were the would be working against them, smaller than the big time team, require a huge enforcement agency victims of athletic politicians. Had whereas now the gambling mob

Horse-and-Buggy

The National Collegiate Athletic With the race tracks of America now closed there will be thou-

sands of gamblers looking for new rackets, and our college sports will be the next thing they will try to take over.

For Sport's Sake

creates the attitude that "the crime or medicine. is in getting caught." The college Basketball: There is traffic in slogan, whether it is true or not, the 6 foot 10 inch basketball playis "sport for sport's sake." Winning, ers among the basketball coaches said: while important from an educa- to the same degree that feverish tional standpoint, is not supposed activity is manifest among football to be the most important factor. | coaches toward a star tackle or for-"Not winning or losing, but play- ward passer who can thread the ing it out" to the best of one's eye of a needle with his football ability, develops strength of charac- pass. ter and fortitude.

dore Roosevelt saved the game of valuable from a subsidizing standfootball from extinction when inter- point than he is in the middle west collegiate football was on trial because of physical dangers to the the midlands to the extent that it participants. The protest then was has on both coasts. against too many deaths from injuries.

Dangers to Sports

Baseball gave unlimited power to professional promoters. Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis I know of no college coach in the cents. and he built confidence in a sport major sports who has had any con- One of these games, Akron and play us." to preserve the many sports free that had received a knock-out by nection with gamblers. But the versus Brooklyn College, scheduled Meanwhile the Kings County from encroachment of the profes-

talent. Instead of the coach being a faculty member in fact, he is a glorified scout developing boys to The professional game, being a follow baseball as a profession rathcompetitive business, not a sport, er than dentistry, law, engineering

Track: A star track man on the In 1905 the then President Theo- east or west coast is much more because track has not developed in

No Promoters

Current opinion is that basketball teams should not play in large Chase Ain't Talkin' since the brib- moted games.' I don't see what is ican boy is clean as a hound's tooth. Today, with college sports on city auditoriums. There is just as trial again, there is need of another much reason for college teams quit the "trained flea" role in which moted.' The big college football must preserve this ideal for him. militant leader. To offset this gam- playing in city auditoriums or sta- cagemen of many of the higher in- games that attract tens of thousands Our boys in the many armed bling menace to our college sports, dium as there is an excuse for col- stitutions of learning have filled the of spectators are almost profes- forces, upon the seven seas and the it is essential that a courageous, lege football teams to play in the big hippodromes like Madison sional. So far as the smaller col- many battle fronts, are fighting to farsighted band of college and uni- Yankee Stadium or any baseball Square Carden. General practice leges are concerned, we don't make preserve the things they love in versity presidents assemble and park. The question is that these was for the promoters to go out and enough to be able to carry on with- America. Sport of all kinds gets give unlimited power to a high games should be under the super- recruit a schedule, giving the col- out the few big games. Our court is a hearty and tremendous response commissioner of college sport. vision of the colleges, and not the leges that were willing a guarantee so small, we never make any profit from our Yanks. Certainly, while

prospect. Naturally the baseball coach draws from the country young baseball players with outstanding Akron Junks Promoters

By ERWIN VAN SWOL

The University of Akron is to throw the game to Akron. through with professionally promoted basketball games.

In a telegram to PM, H. E. Simmons, the University's president, plans

compete in no more intercollegi- ment.



This is true from ward."

and percentage of the gate re- on home games. We couldn't get they are fighting to preserve dem-

reply to queries by PM to the heads They know no more about the athof 24 colleges, six in New York letic danger confronting athletics City, as to their future basketball than the athletic directors know

Chancellor Harry Woodburn a deanship of his college. "The University of Akron will Chase, of NYU, would not com-

not contract di- CCNY's Hygiene Dept., declared it because they would have seen the rectly with the "involved a matter of policy, and handwriting on the wall, and would educational in- the Faculty Athletic Committee have acted. The high resolutions stitution with would have to answer." None of passed at the last meeting of the whom we are City College's administrative offi- NCCA in Columbus shows this. participating. cials could do so, he said. The talk of some college presi-

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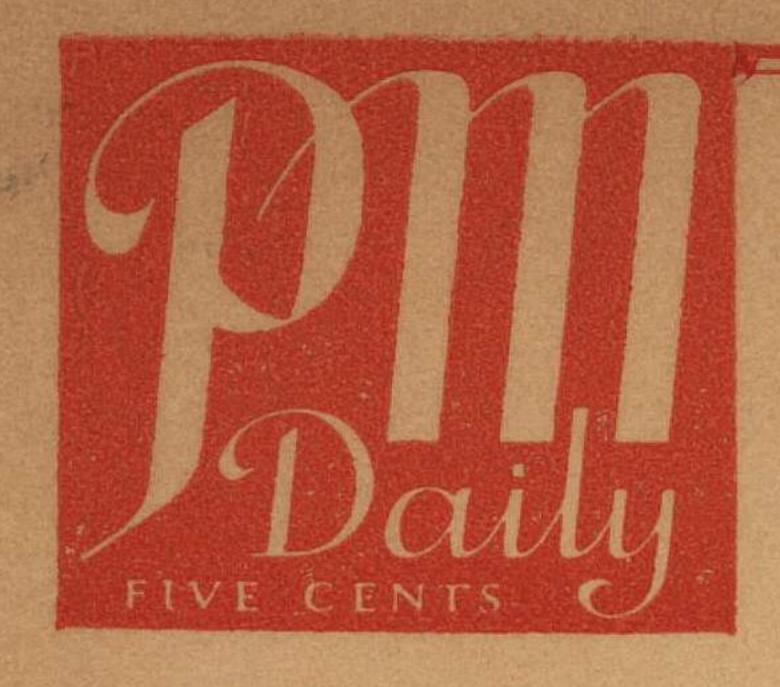
the gamblers, who are trying to great evils which exist certainly for last Wednesday night in Boston, Grand Jury, which is probing the sional gambling rodents, chiselers, clean up on intercollegiate athletics. | could make a full-time job for a | blew the lid off. Five Brooklyn | whole basketball setup, will con- and tin torns. These are the dangers menacing high commissioner. We cannot players admitted getting \$1000 of tinue to hear the opinions of sports Cheap racketeers are eating at our major college sports: | deny the fact that the emphasis on a promised \$3000 from a trio of writers and college coaches. Dan the very foundation of our Amer-Football: Proselyting, the lifting big-time sports created by the in- professional gamblers, two of whom Parker, sports editor of the Daily ican sports by "fixing" the players of a star player from one campus creased interest of the public has have been locked up, by agreeing Mirror, was the first to testify. who participate.

minister the laws when football coaches and athletic directors were considered unqualified to reflect academic ideals.

Today, nine out of 10 faculty representatives are unqualified to Dr. Simmons' statement was a cope with the present situation. about the faculty representative's main business, which generally is

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Feb. 6, 1945

Dr. Forrest C. Allen Athletic Director University of Kansas Lawrence, Kas.

Dear Phog:

Thanks for your promptness on filing the article for me last weekend. I am enclosing a tearsheet showing you the display and also a check for \$50 which I hope is satisfactory.

The whole mess back here kicked up some fuss and about time, I'd say. There was talk you would be asked to come and testify before the Kings County Grand Jury. If and when you are called, please telephone me and let me know - will you?

You can get me at the office or at home: Havermeyer 6-4715.

Thanks again and I hope something comes of it all/

With warmest personal regards,

I remain,

Joe Cummiskey Sports Editor Mr. Henry Hornsby,
Sports Editor,
Lexington Herald-Leader,
Lexington, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Hornsby:

Thank you for your letter of the 20th instant enclosing tear sheet from your Herald-Leader.

I have an idea. I have been hearing from a friend in Lexington who is a little afraid to sign his name, but I have checked up on a number of funny things and I find that this chap is correct even to the period. Why couldn't you use as much of this as you like? You, of course, will protect me from any libel, such as: "Maybe I shouldn't have mentioned this place, as I understand the police judge. T. J. Ready, owns half interest in it. Chief of Police Austin B. Price might get into trouble if he had it raided."

You could word that to the effect that "I have had rumors that police judge, T. J. Ready, owns half interest . . " and so on.

Another paragraph you perhaps would not want to publish, "Dr. Allen, don't get me wrong. I am an ardent race horse fan. I love them. But I think it should be discontinued for the duration. Race horses are the life of this section of the country. But when such articles like this come out, on the front page, I can't keep still."

If you feel that you want to use some of the enclosed, go ahead and do it.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Feb. 20, 1945

Dr. Forrest C. Allen University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Using your information as an excuse or as a wedge, The eader has launched a campaign against the gambling joints here in Lexington, with special emphasis on the big one over the Mayfair bar.

I thought you might be interest in the stories, and will keep you informed on the progress of the local crusade.

The telephone number, 3730, has been discontinued, it seems, and the telephone company would have us believe that such a number never existed. However, the number did exist, and I used it not less recently than last Friday.

If you have any ideas or suggestions you care to pass on I shall be happy to hear them.

Sincerely yours,

Sports Editor

Lexington, Kentucky February 20, 1945.

Dr. Allen,

You made first page on this article. Now I feel like the little boy who just discovered there "ain't no Santa Claus." I Will never have any confidence in the accuracy of the Lexington Herald's reporters. Any one who lives in Lexington and does not know that no hand book phone is ever listed in the directory, is just plain ignorant. Most hand books have two phones. I have called 3730 thousands of times for information about race horses, basketball games, election odds, baseball, and football games, and any one who called that number could have redeived the same information, I did. I imagine this reporter, who ever he is, has called that number himself or some other number, it all depends on who you patronize. Ask them about the following places. These are just a few of the larger ones right down in town.

Keith's, upstairs over 129 E. Main Street, another well known bar. William Keith operates a hand book, crap game and black jack. I might add there are no races going on now, so that is out. Most just operate the crap game and black jack and some have poker games going on.

M. B. Reinstein News Agency, 138 W. Short Street, up stairs. The news agency is in the center part of the building. The hand book in the front room, facing Short Street. In the rear is the central telegraph room for all hand books. They have a direct wire to that address in Chicago, you gave them once. A telegraph operator takes it down as it comes over the wire and calls it to another one who sits across the table from him, who has a telephone operator's mouth pace hung around his neck and this is connected with all the wires to the various hand books in town. You can get a better idea how, the race is being run over this system, than the average person can get if they were at the track. They give you the first three horses at the quarter, half, three quarters, stretch and the finish. It is very interesting, if you like horse racing.

Tubby Byars and Cotton Berry, phone 1914, over the lobby of the Ben Ali Theatre, 119 E. Main Street. One of the largest poker games in town is operated here. If they get a sucker with a roll of money on him, they will put as many as four or five house men in the game, what chance has a man got with them?? Carter's Pool Room on East Main Street, phone 5429-4827. Since horse racing has been banned, he just operates a "Friendly poker game."

Royal Cafe Inc., 301 W. Short Street. A hand book was operated in the rear, women could go into this place, that is they had a room especially for them. In the basement, they have one of the largest gambling dives in the city. Slot machines and every thing. "Maybe I shouldn't have mentioned this place, as I understand the police judge T. J. Ready owns half interest in it. Chief of Police Austin B. Price might get into trouble if he had it raided."

Drake Hotel, 317 W. Short Street
M. B. Adams, 683 S. Broadway
The Mainspring, 442 W. Main St.
Riley's Cafe, 132 N. Limestone St
Robb's Bar, 108 N. Broadway
Spring House Bar Inc,, 500 W. Main St.
Stag Cafe, 110 S. Mill St.
Weitzel's Lunch, 108 N. Mill St.
Zoo Cafe Inc., 117 S. Limestone St.
Scott Hotel, 704 S. Broadway

This is just a partial list that I can pick out from the phone book. It is estimated there are about 50 hand books operated in Lexington, when the races are going full swing. I would say that means they employ from 400 to 500 men.

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Lexington, Kentucky February, 19, 1945.

Dear Sir;

Enclosed is a clipping from the Lexington Leader of 19 February.

This Mayfair bar and the handbook upstairs is operated and owned by one man, Ed Curd. He owns a big home and farm, just out of the city limits on the Paris road, near the Lexington Country Club. The bar is operated just as a convenience. You just walk in the bar, like you was going to get a drink and then up the back stairs. You can get the largest drink of Bottled and Bond whiskey for \$0.45 in town.

During the presidents election, he had odds post on most any state in the union, and on the out come of it all. He started out by betting 4 to your 5 that Roosevelt would carry Kentucky by 65,000. As the money came in, he would cut the the figure down, so that about a week before the election he was betting 4 to 5 that Roosevelt would carry it just by 35,000. He is a genius with figures. Some how, I don't know just how he does it, but from the odds he gives and points he will win most every time, regardless of who you bet on.

His bank account is with the Bank of Commerce. He employs about 20 people at this time. More when horse racing is going on. He has taking out the four rows of seats, that were used when horse racing was going on and has installed a large crap game and one black jack. Two colored porters will bring your drinks to you, while you are playing upstairs.

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Lexington, Kentucky February 21, 1945

Dear "Prof.",

You should be ashame of yourself. You have made every hand book in town close up and every one has had his phones discontinued for the present time. They have been notified, by the police, not to open up until further notice. Those poor fellows may now have to go to WORK.

It was pathetic to see Byars and Berry of 119 E. Main and Bill Keith of 129 E. Main, standing down on Main Street, about half way between their places of "business", yesterday afternoon. They looked like they had lost their last friend. I bet that was the first time in years, they saw the sun at that time in the afternoon, unless it was on Sunday. You did something that the police have never been able to do, or maybe they didn't want to.

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Mr. J. T. Norris, Vice President and Associate Editor, Ashland Daily Independent, Ashland, Kentucky.

My dear Mr. Norris:

It was generous indeed of you to write in such a complimentary manner. I received your marked copy of your Ashland Daily Independent, and I assure you I appreciate the things that you had to say.

My daughter and her family lived at Louisville for several years, but they are now in Palo Alto, California. I have always had a rare fondness for Kentucky — their wonderful blue grass farms and their splendid blooded horses. In fact, the state of Kentucky has always been very dear to my heart. The fact that both of my grand-fathers were captured by Grant can give you a fair clue as to my heritage and the residence of my forbears.

Nothing would delight me more than to have a good visit with you. With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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MENACING AMATEUR SPORTS

THE WORLD of scholastic and college athletics owes a great deal to Phog Allen, veteran basketball coach and physical director at the University of Kansas.

It was he who had the courage first to point out that gamblers were horning in on the sport of basketball. Now we know that they have been tampering with college players and offering them large sums of money to throw games. That is what Phog Allen said was going on several years ago. And he said it so plainly and so positively that he brought upon himself derision and abuse.

Some of that continues. But right and the vast company of those who love amateur sport are on his side. His cause will win. Gambling on games may be impossible to stop. But tampering with players and betting on a sure thing can be stopped and it will be.

quaintance with Mr. Allen more than two years ago. While serving in the Marine Corps, I visited his institution to secure applicants for officer training. He was most helpful and kind. And I had an opportunity to know him better through several games of handball during off hours at the gym, in which he joined me. In that brief time, I came to respect and to admire him.

His life effort is devoted to clean sport. His teams are taught to play to win. But they must win "clean". He couples that high principle with great skill at his chosen profession and an impressive, attractive personality. All Americans who love clean sport owe much to Phog Allen.

Mr. John Connelly, Sports Editor, Fitchburg Sentinel, Fitchburg, Mass.

Dear Mr. Connelly:

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I am apologetic indeed to you, sir, for not enswering your very kind letter of the 30th ultimo sooner. I feel sincerely that you have been a fine influence for the better things in our game of basketball and you should be congratulated.

I have never felt that we should have a czar for college basket-ball. I have always felt that we should have a high commissioner for all collegiate sports and that basketball would be only one of those things that needs the protection and the guiding influence of a highly intelligent and forceful administration. I have felt that they needed a much stronger man than I am for the job. This man, in my opinion, should be a Supreme Court justice, a Douglas MacArthur, a J. Edgar Hoover, or a Tom Dewey. To me, he would be ideal for the position because he is the only man that I know of who has busted rackets.

I am not thinking of a prosecutor as the first consideration for this man. I am thinking of a man with college ideals and at the same time a man with the love of the game in his heart, - the real benefit of education through play as it fits into the scheme of education. This man should be a lawyer because he should be able to write both State and Federal statutes so they would have the laws to prosecute aggressively the gangsters and tinhorn gamblers who endeavor to chisel in all college sports.

Proselyting, subsidizing (clandestinely), and overt professionalism in college athletics should be the first prime consideration. I have written enough for you to see my thought in guiding this position to the very highest and most able man in the land. The position should pay from fifty to seventy-five thousand dollars a year and the pay would come from the colleges according to their student population.

Naturally, it is the job of the presidents of the colleges and universities to initiate this. And instead of divorcing this job from the colleges, it would be an integral part and plan because the college presidents would select the man. He would be responsible to them but not be hampered in his administration in any way.

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This could be done, and if you could organize the thought of the newspapers and give this enough publicity I believe we could get the man. I do want to thank you for your kindness in offering to support me for the job, but I believe that I could do very much more by upholding the hands of the man in the right influence than I could by following the course that you suggest. It is gracious of you, and I thank you again for writing.

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Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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January 30, 1945

Dr. Forrest Allen Basketball coach University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Ever since the start of basketball playing in the Boston Garden and after talking to some boys who are fairly close to the scene in New York I have been waging a one man campaign to wipe out gambling in collegiate basketball.

Up until the time that the story broke today on the Brooklyn college "bribe", I have been accused of doing everything, including making a mountain our of a mole hill. But since last fall when you first made those utterances against the "bookies" and Nat Holman made his player take the ball out of bounds to thwart the gamblers I have been making a careful study of the thing.

I guess I am a basketball "nut" being a board official et al, and I would like to see the game flourish. Fitchburg, a city of some 45,000 people is "rabid" for basketball and I have tried to give the

Boston Garden, only 50 miles from here, some good publicity, but, it now becomes extremely hard.

I notice that you stated that you would like to see a czar appointed for the college hoop sport, I thought I would write and tell you that those are my sentiments. Therefore, the sentiments of one of the strongest papers outside of the Hub.

If I had my way I would nominate you for the job as up until now I don't know of any basketball man who has done as much to bring this terrible situation to light as you have.

What would you say if you were offered the post?

I'm not pretending that we carry enought weight here to do any swinging on this thing, but, I thought you might like to know the sentiments of the hoop men in this part of the country, they admire your stand immensely.

And we will be in there pitching if the time should ever come when your name might come up for consideration.

Congratulations again on the prediction of the expose.

Yours truly,

John Conneily

Sports editor

Mr. Grantland Rice,
North American Newspaper Alliance,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Rice:

I have had the pleasure of meeting you in person when Mrs. Allen and I walked into your New York offices several years ago when you were editing the Golfing Magazine, among your other multitudinous duties. I have also had the pleasure of meeting you with Clyde McBride back at the Louis-Baer fight, and upon a couple of other occasions.

I do want you to know how genuinely I appreciate your article in which you suggest me as basketball commissioner. However, I have never felt that we should have a czar for college basketball. I have always felt that we should have a high commissioner for all collegiate sports and that basketball would be only one of those things that needs the protection and the guiding influence of a highly intelligent and forceful administration. I have felt that they needed a much stronger man than I am for the job. This man, in my opinion, should be a Supreme Court justice, a Douglas MacArthur, a J. Edgar Hoover, or a Tom Dewey. To me, he would be ideal for the position because he is the only man that I know of who has busted rackets.

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February 28, 1945.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen Director of Physical Education University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thanks very much for your nice letter of February 26. The assignment has been filled. I called Carver into my office and had him read the column as we had agreed, and he is properly repentent.

I am sure we will never have this kind of a mistake on his part again.

Thanks again for your understanding and cooperation in the matter.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Barry Faris, Editor-in-Chief, International News Service, 235 East 45th Street, New York City, N.Y.

Doar Mr. Paris:

Answering your letter of January 5th, I learn on very good authority that Mr. Carver's article appeared in several first edition papers other than the San Francisco Call-Bulletin.

I have never had any desire at any time to circulate your so-called side of my controversy.

I realize full well that your organization has no malice toward me personally. For a time I debated the extent of the injury. But after the Brooklyn College expose I have come to this conclusion: namely, that if you are willing to call in the red-faced Mr. Lawton Carver, your scintillating news service sports editor and have him sit on your paternal knee while he is persuaded to read to you in full his now-famous sports column as of October 25th regarding "the loud-mouthed bumpkin of no particular significance", then I will have felt fully compensated. Are you willing to do this?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.