

He took his A.B. degree at the University of Kansas. He played three years on the varsity basketball team, and was mentioned by some authorities as All-American for 1940, when Kansas defeated Southern California for the Western N.C.A.A. championship and lost to the University of Indiana for the national title. Your publication carried a story the following winter on "Give The Ball to Junior", which alludes to him. Bob received a good deal of attention from the basketball clientele at the University of Pennsylvania. He and a group of his colleagues won the intramural championship a couple of years back there. He loves the game and played it as a conditioner to offset his long hours of medical study.

In 1942 while Bob was at Penn, Kansas played St. Joseph's College, winning 65 to 38. The play of the Kansas team that night was highly praised by sport writers and as a result of this game Bob got to know many more basketball fans in Philadelphia. He invited some of his medic friends to sit with us on our bench or just behind it. I believe on that night, although it was raining badly, we drew the largest crowd that has ever attended a basketball game in Philadelphia. Ray Evans and Charlie Black, two of our All-American boys, played phenomenal ball.

Stan Novak was a star on the Temple team of the year 1942-'43, and last year, 1943-'44, as a V-12 student he starred at Penn. He and Bob were very close friends. Bob says that Novak was outstanding, as were Musi, Katz and Snyder, on the 1940-'41 team. Stan Novak and Bob were discussing what happened to a boy named Albie Ingerman. Ingerman was the outstanding set shot of the east. Novak told Bob, confidentially, that Albie Ingerman was investigated for accepting a bribe from the gamblers and Josh Cody kicked him and two other boys off the squad. It was just after this affair that Josh had to go out and get some high school boys to finish his playing season.

Bob Allen said that Stan Novak is a man of high character. Stan is going back to Temple after the war and of course does not want his name used in any way, and I did not use his name to Irish. I am sending you a copy of Ned Irish's wire and my reply to him. To substantiate Novak's statement, I received an unsigned letter dated October 24th which I am sending to you. I will ask only that you return the original copies of the correspondence I am enclosing. You may make copies of any of the originals that you desire.

I am also sending you a letter from James A. McFarland, of Long Island, New York. From every place, those in on the know substantiate these statements.