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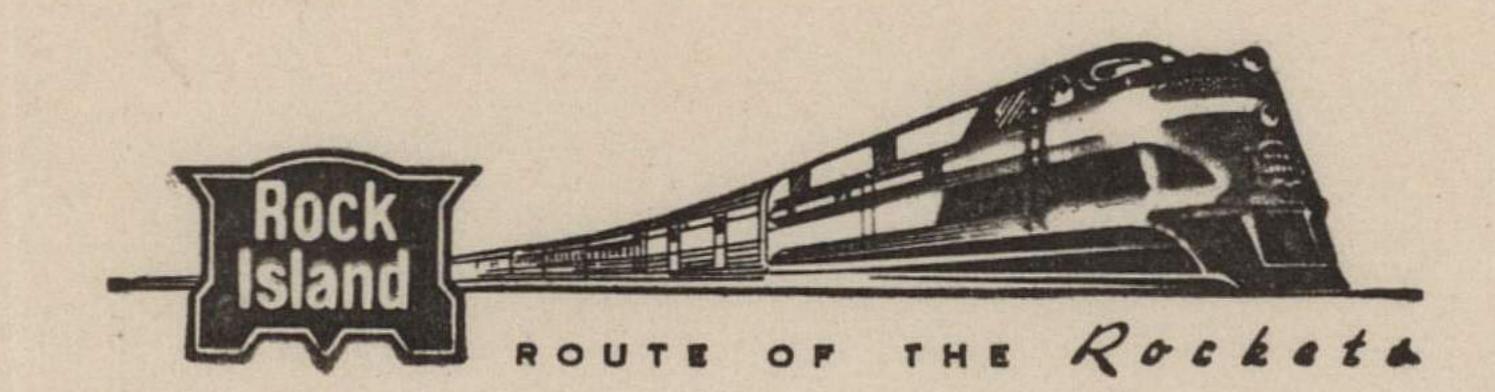
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F.C.Allen, Director of Physical Education, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Mr.Allen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th.

It is very disturbing to note the service you had over our line. In the first place, our Kansas City office wrote me a letter on January 22 that you were passing through Des Moines, but said nothing in regard to your return trip. A representative of this office was on the platform on your arrival. We did not know who was in charge of the party. He talked to one or two of your men, but, unfortunately, he did not happen to contact you.

Nothing was said in regard to the return move and we really knew nothing about it until the following day, the 25th; and the only thing we were able to get at that time returning was three sections.

Mr. King exchanged the tickets at the depot, and I hope you did get more space after the train arrived.

I am forwarding your letter, together with a copy of this letter, to Mr.P.W.Johnston, General Passanger Agent, Kansas City, who has charge of Lawrence, as well as Kansas City.

Yours truly

Asst.Gen.Pass.Agent

Mr. C. C. Gardner
Assistant General Passenger Agent
Rock Island
608 Equitable Life Assurance Building
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I have just talked to Mr. Louis Cote, the ticket agent for Santa Fe here in Lawrence. I registered my disapproval, yes, even my disgust, at the handling of our University of Kansas basketball team by the Rock Island people out of Kansas City.

We ordered our tickets through Mr. Cote and he worked with the Kansas City Rock Island personnel. Over two weeks ago we asked for a pullman out of Minneapolis via Des Moines to Kansas. Mr. Cote called two days before and again a day before our trip, ordering pullman reservations. He was told there were none to be had.

We also asked Mr. Cote to have the Rock Island representative contact us in Des Moines so that if there was any possibility of obtaining pullman reservations at that late date, we wanted to avail ourselves of the opportunity, because we had some boys who were not well when the trip started.

We never saw any representative on either leg of our trip, with the exception of Mr. O. J. King, the clerk in your ticket office at the Des Moines depot. He was the one bright light of sunshine emenating from a gloomy Rock Island picture.

But back to the original thesis. Mr. Cote was told that there were no tickets available for the Kansas team, yet two officials out of Kansas City on Thursday made reservations for two pullman beds, leaving Des Moines on your Minneapolis train Friday night, or rather Saturday morning, at 1:30 A.M. These men saw me in Ames, Iowa, and told me that they were driving back after the game and that they had canceled their reservations and I perhaps could get those. This was the mission that took me to Mr. King's ticket window, where he did everything possible to aid us. The train was late and did not leave Des Moines until four o'clock in the morning, which added to our discomforture. One of our boys, Wendell Clark, was badly injured, having sprained a knee and an ankle very severely. He was unable to walk and had to be carried. We had three men quite ill, Charley Black, George Gear, and Otto Schnellbacher. With these men fatigued after a hard game and travelling through sub-zero weather and enduring this long wait with the prospects of not getting a bed, it did not put us in any too good a mood to find that when we got on the train there were sections unsold and not even made up. We had to purchase them on the train. Perhaps there are some explanations to this story, and we would like to hear them.

The pullman conductor was as pleasant and courteous as Mr. King. I failed to obtain his name and I should have because he was one of the most cooperative employes whom I have met.

Very cordially yours,

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF



HEADQUARTERS AAF Pilot School (Primary, Basic and Pilot Instructors) RANDOLPH FIELD, TEXAS

27 February 1946

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education and
Basket Ball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

I picked up this evenings San Antonio Express and on turning to the sports page I noticed where you had come through another tough season with flying colors.

Congratulations to you and your great team. I only regret that I never had the pleasure to watch them operate. I have followed this season's play quite closely and after noticing victory after victory piling up somehow it gave me a big charge.

Yes, it gives an old Jayhawker a great deal of satisfaction and warmth to know that I was once a part of such a great institution and backed up with so much tradition and prestige.

One doesn't quite realize the prestige and recognition you and your teams enjoy until that person is quite removed from the immediate vicinity of the school. I have heard comments from quite a number of sports followers throughout Texas and I don't believe I ever heard of a coach that was anymore respected nor whose teams more feared. Yes, Doc, you have really created a lasting institution in yourself and for the name "Jayhawkers". May it always be that way.

I am still in service and I am presently stationed at Randolph Field as Director of Physical Training. I have been temporarily frozen from separation due to the fact they are unable to replace me. However, I expect to be out before too long.

My plans, at present, are to start a Wholesale-Retail Sporting Goods Store in deep south Texas in Harlingen where I took my first coaching job. It will be some time before equipment will be available. But when it does I will be ready.

By the way, I have a kid brother that will be ready for you in about three years. He is 15 years old and the folks write he is 6'4 1/2" tall and weighs 186 pounds. He has been going great guns on the freshman team and I believe will be a great prospect. I predict

he will make a far greater record than I was ever able to attain. Keep your eye on him Doc.

Will have to close for this time. Hoping to hear from you again I am,

Sincerely,

HARRY G. GRAY

Captain, Air Corps

Box 308

Randolph Field, Texas

P.S. Ruth sends her regards too.

Central Park Christian Church

SIXTEENTH AND CLAY
STUDY PHONE 2-6639 RESIDENCE 2-3527
TOPEKA, KANSAS

JOHN T. FOUST. PASTOR

Dear Mr. Allen, It has come to our attention that before the backetball tournament was held, you made a statement to the coach of Oklahama University that you would play them a post-season game any day of the meett efegt Sunday. senting thirty chiestian churches of youtheast Janodo, me twent to congratulate you upon This statement we believe Sunday should be kept for worship and for christien service; therefore, ne appreciate the statement which you made. Some af no have heard you speak and me. in a christian way. Sincerely yours,

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CHICAGO 26, ILLINOIS

April 3, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you for your letter of March 30, and I can well appreciate how busy you must be.

I was just selected for Rotary, and I notice you are a district governor. Tug Wilson is chairman of the new class and Ted Bank is already a member, so we are building up somewhat of an athletic corps in the Chicago Rotary Club.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Griffith Publisher

JLG: MA

March 20, 1946 Mr. Doral Grose 1814 Fifth Avenue Dodge City, Kansas Dear Doral and Mrs. Doral: I feel that you children are a part of my family and although I have forgotten the Mrs.' name, I still remember the wonderful time that I spent in your home. I want you to know that I appreciated your loyalty and thoughtfulness in writing me as you did March 16. It is such letters from you people that make you realize how wonderful friends are. Although we did not win, or come near it, it strengthens us in the assurance that friends are certainly worthwhile. I got a note from the Dodge City Chamber of Commerce asking me to speak out there on the 8th or 15th of April, but since I have Rotary district conference engagements in Kansas City and Oklahoma City on the 7th and 8th and the 14th and 15th, I had to decline, unless that date could be arranged following those dates that I have. With all good wishes, I am Sincerely yours, Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach. FCA:MF

March 16, 1946 Dodge City, Ks.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

The Grose's are pulling for K. U. to win the play-off with the Ohla. Aggies, and then the national title.

Tell Snellbacker that we want him to make at least 10 baskets. We will forgive him for moving to Sublette, if he does.

Every loyal Kansan is talking about that game. I know that your boys all realize what a

victory will mean to Kansas
prestige. So tell your team
to take the Ku out of
Kurland.

Congratulations on Winning the Big Six again.
My doesn't it get monotonous?

Mours truly

Waral Grose & family 1814 5th Ave

March 19, 1946 Lt. John H. Glenn Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R. Pensacola, Florida Dear John: was red to our squad before the game. Each of the boys appreciated your wire immensely, as I did, but a sevenfoot, altitudinous giant is just too much for the ordinary size human being. So long as the stupid Rules Committee permits a ten-foot basket, they will just invite such freekish exhibitions as an ordinary size man trying to play these Alpine Als. I am hoping that you will soon be out of the service and back at your old stomping ground. Our boys expressed a fervent wish that you be

on the bench with us.

Sincerely,

FCA: MF

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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831 LOUISIANA AVE

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MONDAY NIGHT FOR A RETURN ENGAGEMENT THEY HAVE BEEN
REQUESTING BETWEEN TWO GREAT TEAMS LETS INCREASE KANSAS
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NEW YORK CITY FANS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY OF SEEING A GENUINE
BASKETBALL TEAM BEST WISHES FOR ANOTHER VICTORY OVER COACH
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JOHN H GLENN LT COMDR USNR-

TA AND MIBAT

March 15, 1946 Mr. Tom Gilbert Municipal Airport Restaurant Kansas City 6, Missouri Dear Tommy: I am just as sorry as the dickens but the tickets have long ago been gone. I douldn't deliver a ticket if my life depended upon it. I am returning your check with my deepest regrets. Sincerely yours, Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach. FCA: MF Enc.

MILLEMAN-GILBERT

Municipal Airport
RESTAURANT

KANSAS CITY 6, MO. Murs 9 PM Dear Mog! Pould Rave Called your long distance ent didn't want to bother you. Phog D want three trakets to the game Monday unte so bad, D'will do augthing to get them. for my wife. Don and merself. And D'know Hou'll help me if you can-D'enn an out door refreshment Stand here at the ampoint and to reciprocate d'el employ two of your soys for the Dunner if et wee kelp-Im Euclobug & Check which you "There Is Always Romance at the Airport"

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KANSAS CITY 6, MO.

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WESTERN UNION

March 14, 1946

Dr. Allen:

May we have 8 tickets K.U. section for Monday. Answer collect.

Murray Gilkeson K.U. 19 Eldorado, Kansas

I sent him a wire to this effect:

Dr. Allen out of town, Very sorry no tickets available.

Secretary to Dr. Allen

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:MAY WE HAVE EIGHT TICKETS KU SECTION FOR MONDAY? ANSWER

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:MURRAY GILKESON KU 5191

KU KU 5196

TELEPHONED TO J. Cat.

Fef. 17,1946 Dr. F. C. allem Laurence, Ke-Dear Der: Harold Cramer is Coming up to See you Funday Fef 19, He will have K.C. afont 5 p.m. So Should get The between 6 - 6 30 m. 9 told Lim to go to the old gym or your Office. He does not have his discharge from The navy but expects to enter 5 chool in June. He is definitely Sold on Kansas and I believe Lill make yan a good I hope to see you at the Love state game. Best of luck. Frank Guemple

14. C., mo.

Mr. Ivan H. Grove, Director Health and Recreation Hendrix College Conway, Arkansas

Dear Ivan:

Yes, indeed, I do remember you and I am delighted to hear from you.

I appreciate the information regarding Lynn Greeley, who will enroll at K.U. this coming fall. You can rest assured that I will give Lynn every consideration and I will be pleased indeed to have him on my squad.

I certainly do not consider this as anything but a friendly message and a helpful one for this young men. I have always felt that if a man would be kind to any of my sons or my children, that would be the finest service that he could render me. In my work I endeavor to do that for the other fellow's son. You tell Lynn that I would be very happy to have him write me, even before he comes to the university, so that if there is any service that I may render him, it will be rapidly given. Thank you so much.

I trust that life has been good to you, as I am sure it has.

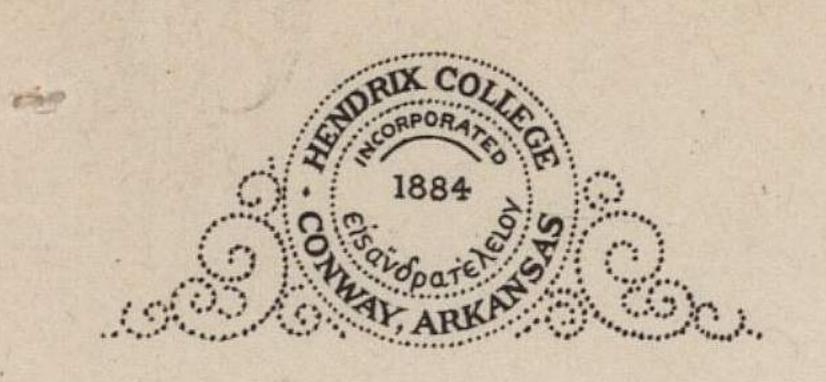
Dr. W. W. Parker, president of the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College at Cape Girardeau, is one of your distinguished alumni. Dr. Parker was head of the Department of English at Warrensburg when I was there as Director of Athletics along from 1915 to 1919. He was a good gentleman and an outstanding educator. I see him occasionally and his always link up your college with his personality. I pitched on the summer session team there and he caught for the faculty, so we had a lot of fun.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF



HENDRIX COLLEGE

CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Jan. 28, 1946

Mr. Forrest Allen Athletic Director University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Coach:

Perhaps you will not recall the writer of this letter, but I was in your coaching school at Kansas University one summer and you were also in my own home, when came down to hamsas City, Kansas, to work with the high school team.

Regardless of your memory on these two occasions I am informed that a young man, Lynn Greeley, will enroll at your institution this coming fall. This boy's home, as I understand it, used to be in Hutcheson, Kansas, but he later came to Little Rock, Arkansas. He is one fine basketball player and really a grand fellow.

I was talking with Lynn the other day and he indicated that he was going to your University and I would like for you to take this as an expression of appreciation for anything you can do for this young man. There is no doubt in my mind that he will make you a valuable player and at the same time I know that a little information beforehand doesn't hurt a young man who is planning on entering school.

I do not want you to construe this as an attempt to pressure you in regard to this young man. As I understand it, he is fully able to pay his entire way through the University. I merely use this as an entre e between the young man and you.

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ivan H. Grove, Director Health and Recreation

P. O. Good 8/ Hutchinson, Kansas, January 29, 1946

Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doctor allen:

Thank you for your letter of the 24th, relative to George's possible draft status.

In view of that situation, it does appear that he'll probably have to go into service before May 15th. If so, I wonder if it might be smart to check around to see if there would be any advantage for him to try some form of enlistment, to possibly cut down the time he may be retained in the service.

It seems that Congress is planning some moves to try to step up enlistments, and I doubt if the draft law will be extended beyond May 15th. Should it appear that George would not be called prior to that time, perhaps he would not be called at all.

Anyway, we much appreciate your interest in the matter. I'll try to see another of your basket ball games, and we can discuss the matter then.

Very truly yours,

Raymond Gear

Mr. Paul B. Gross.
Athletic Director
Fort Hayes Teachers College
Hayes, Kansas

Dear Paul:

Coach Chalmer Woodard of the Lawrence Memorial High School phoned me yesterday stating that you desired me to write to you concerning his capability as a football coach. I am very happy to testify to Coach Woodard's high efficiency as a teacher of young men, both on and off the athletic field. Not only is he an excellent class room instructor, but he is a fine gentleman who leads his boys by the power of his personality and the service that he renders them. He is not the mere accidental type. His coaching success is founded on experience and knowledge. In my opinion, he is undoubtedly the best high school coach in this state and I would reach out into several other states without fear of contradiction.

Practice of Athletic Training. I found him highly intelligent, deeply interested, and at all times searching for things that would improve the welfare of his boys.

I have seen his teams on the football field and have officiated a number of his games. They are not only excellently coached in the fundamentals and rudiments of the game, but they are gentlemen, both on and off the field. He has sterling character, is a man of family and a splendid citizen of his community. The school that obtains his services will indeed be fortunate. He develops winners. And he will continue to do so irrespective of what type of competition he indulges in because of his indefatigable energy, his fine personality and his sincere interest. I am glad to recommend him without reservation or evasion.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach. Lt. Chester C. Gibbens-0574711
501st Bomb Group
A.P.O. 182, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear Gibby:

I do very much appreciate your fine letter
written November 12. Please do not think that I have failed
to appreciate the motive that prompted you in writing regarding Lt. Alan D. Ellies, 501st Bomb Group, A.P.O. 182, c/o
Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

When you told me that Lt. Ellies' address was
Washington Court House, Ohio, I would have known that they
played good haskethell, because I am acquainted with that

Washington Court House, Ohio, I would have known that they played good basketball, because I am acquainted with that environment. Those boys around that area play mighty nice basketball. I had a coaching school in that area in the late 20's or the early 30's.

Doubtless his letter will be on the way to Guam when you are headed home. My son-in-law, Lt. Mons, stationed at Guam, is on his way home for discharge. I think I wrote you about him but I imagine you did not get a chance to see him. I am enclosing a carbon copy of the letter that I have written Lt. Ellies.

fulness and loyalty. I certainly would be happy to have the boy enroll in the University of Kansas.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA: MF

12 nouembe 1945 northwest Field Guan Dear Dr. ællen: I'm writing this in a slightly different mood than my former letters. It seems that here on the island we have a Superior bosketball player that Sellis to see on a A.U. team in the feeting. So Sel go into some detail to tell you of him. He is about 6' 1" tall and weighs some 186 lbs. He has long arms and is in every form, a scrapper. ces you can reachily understand, we have men on the teams around here that were formerly Collège stars and some of them former professionals. Yet this boy (20 yrs old) is for superior to any of them and in my openion is in a class will Ray Evous. He is the some type chap as Ray, and reminels me a latter him. However he usuit as modest, yet has a very likeable personality and makes friends læsily. that has seen in years without a

doubtand is the best around here without reservation of any kind. Dis home town is WASHINGTON COURT House, OHio and A magine he played his high school ball there. He hosnit løst any eligibility, get be has been approached by Various rehoofs. PURDUE has offered him a scholarship, zeel from what I could gother when I talked with him, he wasn't too well pleased with them. They seemed too mercenny and for him and be was of the opinion they wanted to exploit him to the fullest getent-get drop him bible a kot potetet should be have been injured while in the army. His Katter statement is of my own opinion and not what he said. However, he definitely isn't pleased. inte Khem. Perhaps & should give your his name, and then go on with the other data. LT. Alan D. Ellies 50/5 Bomb GP. APO 182, 70 Pm San Francisco, Colof. Sive talket with him but once, and I mentioned your name. He made

a statement to the effect that he thought had like to play under you. Consequently of think you would be wire to write him a letter and ask him to drop in to see you or in some way meet the last. I know without a doubt you would like him. He is a killer for intercepting possess, is an enconny shot, is an excellent team man and a powerhouse on the bucklessed. especially defensively. not only that his fellow Thom men like him a lot and ful never heard a bod remark about him. and cex for dx & can learn, he has a clean moral life, does not smoke at all and drinks only on Occasional been which is quit a feat in itself considering the few luxuries afforded here and the environment and asseration with so many here that do drink so heavily. In collège no doubt be wouldn't even take the occasional beer. An my opinion of theils he is all american Calibre with a little polishand Sir heard numerous others say the same. and probably be is as good as any man Sul seen 7.4. hour. - and Sul seen you produce a lot of superior

ball players. Envergle of that - His a good ball player Deine. A cloud know for some when All be able to get home. There is a rumon running around that some of are will by home in a few days. Surely you con understand my found desire to return home. Ruth is on the west Coast waiting for me. after Unsiting her friends and relatives in Calif. me plan on driving to Houses. with best of luck to you Dr. ællen A remain sjour old friend. Swiecely Libbens