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November 21, 1941.

Mr. John Glenn,  
Beardstown, Illinois.

Dear John:

We are playing DePaul on January 31 at Chicago, and I asked for Clarno, Enright or Craig, and not one of the three are available, so Wendt, the basketball coach, says.

I am wondering if there is any way that you could find out from these fellows if they have been approached by Wendt. I will greatly appreciate it if you could. In his letter to me Coach Wendt asks that I please reconsider Sam Pecararo, Tom Smith and Frank McElligott. I told him that I did not care to use them, and I am telling him again the same thing.

Don Elser, the old Notre Dame boy who is coaching at Gary, Indiana, has asked to work, and I am agreeing on him. So we want one other official, and we want a good Big 10'er. If these fellows can't work tell me whom, in your opinion, will be best. Give me a 1 - 2 - 3 choice.

John Buescher is coming along in his psychology pretty well, but Mrs. Allen is tutoring him and the poor kid is just above his ears in this stuff. He should never have endeavored to take it by correspondence, but since he did we are trying to salvage a grade. But before that it is necessary that he get the basic fundamentals and that is tough for John because this sort of stuff must have background and John hasn't had it in psychology. That has put him behind in all his school work, and although he is not flunking anything, he is making a "D" in 13 hours. This, of course, will keep him out of the Varsity-Freshman game which is being played tonight prior to Homecoming. I believe that we will have 2,000 people at the game. There is a lot of interest, but I am not letting any of the fellows play unless they have a "C" average.

John is a greatly improved boy from every angle, and I want to thank you again for the part that you have played in developing him. If we can ever get him to studying and absorbing the stuff that he studies he will make a dandy. I told Mrs. Allen that in my opinion John Buescher has developed more than any boy on the squad. Of course, John had a long way to go and that is why I am so happy about his development.



My kindest regards to you and your dear mother, and also the Kuhel's. And I wish you would remember me to some of my good friends in Beardstown. We hope to see you a couple of times this winter, at least. It wouldn't seem right if we didn't get to visit with you and have you give our team the once over.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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February 5, 1942.

Mr. John H. Glenn,  
Beardstown, Illinois.

Dear John:

Congratulations to you on your defense position! Best wishes to you, John.

We will be looking for you to be with us when we play Nebraska and Iowa State here. The boys think very highly of you and we want you on our bench.

When you come I especially want to take you over to Dean George B. Smith's office for a conference with him in regard to John Buescher. Dean Smith is a young, active fellow, who came here as Dean of the School of Education this year from Iowa. He is keen, intellectual, and a follower of sports, but he is cracking down on some of the boys. I want you to give him John's background. Dean Smith called me yesterday and said, "What are we going to do about John Buescher?", and I told him that perhaps the best thing would be for him to graduate from some small college where his credits would be accepted.

John is fine, is popular with the students, and is progressing all the time, but apparently he does not have the capacity to master some of his studies. He failed this past semester in five hours of Zoology, and was on the borderline in others. I had talked previously to Mrs. McNair, his teacher in Zoology, and she said he was doing fine, but when he wrote his final examination paper he received a grade of 33. There was nothing she could do but give him a flunk.

In his Speech class the final examination was a talk before the class. There were 14 members in the class, and John was the 14th to be called upon for his talk. He had it prepared - he was going to talk on the trip we made to New York last year - but when it came his turn he got the buck and told Professor Calderwood that he was unprepared. If I had not been able to talk to Professor Calderwood and explain to him some of John's difficulties he would have failed in that course. As it was, Mr. Calderwood was kind enough to allow John and Charlie Black to take a make-up quiz.

John is gaining an education all the time, but I do not know whether his inability to make good grades is due to lassitude or to something else. I thought if you could explain to Dean Smith your



interest in John not as an athlete, but as a young man who should take his place in the world of business, that it would help the situation.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.



GLENN ICE AND FUEL COMPANY  
BEARDSTOWN, ILLINOIS

February 1, 1942

MANUFACTURED  
ICE

Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Varisty Basket Ball Coach  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

FRANKLIN COUNTY  
AND  
SPRINGFIELD  
COAL

Although today is Sunday we are all busy at the office since the battle of Pearl Harbor has changed our business greatly. In addition, last week (Tuesday) I was notified at midnight that I had been classified as A-1, and would have to report in Peoria on Wednesday at 5 A. M. After contacting my attorney, we decided to take the Draft Board's decision without an appeal.

GASOLINE  
FUEL OIL  
DISTILLATE  
BULK STATION

Between midnight and 5 A. M., I had to clear my desk, and prepare a paper for the Illinois Association of Ice Industries Convention in Peoria on Thursday. Anyway, the government furnished me transportation and meals to the convention not to mention that everything ran smoothly, and I was elected President of the Association for 1942.

AIR CONDITIONED  
ICE  
REFRIGERATORS

I have been praying quietly for the team on your trip covering Iowa, Illinois, and Kansas. Every morning my bare feet have hit the snow in order to get a quick look at the scores. Your whipping De Paul is a real accomplishment. (You know what I mean).

COAL  
STOKERS

Am planning on coming down to Lawrence sometime this month for a few days visit with you and Mrs. Allen. Perhaps I can make some noise in your home that will recall old memories when we kids would have "words" and fights at the dinner table.

OIL BURNERS

Received a call from Washington last night at 11:15, telling me to be on the "Hill" early Tuesday morning for a conference with the Quartermaster Department in regard to an ice contract. This journey should prove to be an education.

Wishing you continued success in the Conference. You can count on me when the going gets tough. Regards to Mrs. Allen, and the squad.

Sincerely  
*John*



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February 19, 1942.

Mr. John H. Glenn,  
Beardstown, Illinois.

Dear Johnny:

I am getting this letter off to Gene Tunney at Raleigh, N. C., and I am also sending one to the Naval Base at Norfolk, Va., where his headquarters are located. We are doing all we can, but of course there is that requirement for a physical education degree. That might be the only reason you wouldn't qualify.

We were delighted to have you here and we wish for you every success possible, not only in business but in military life. We trust that you will come back from the wars better in every way, and that would have to be mighty good. It has been a great pleasure knowing you and your mother and your other fine relatives.

I want you to know also that it has been a great thing that you have done for John Buescher all the way along. It may take John several years to appreciate your worth to him but time and maturity will do that for him. He thinks you are a great fellow. You have really been a big oasis in his life.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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Education;  
graduated

1. Beardstown High School - 1932

2. Culver Military Academy - 1931

(Summer Naval School)

3. Northwestern University - 1936

4. Babson Institute - 1937

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 Ice Industries



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Weight - 198#

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Drink - No

Smoking - No

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Naval Recruiting Station



athletic activities:

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Senior Manager, Basket Ball,  
Northwestern University - 3 years  
Manager - Chicago Tribune All-Star  
Football game - 1933  
4th ranking tennis player - 1934 -  
State of Illinois - outside of Cook County  
3 High School letters in Basket Ball  
Played on Champion of Basket Ball  
Team - at Calver.

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Asst to Mr. Allen - D. C. A. A  
Journey - 1940 - Kansas City



# THE SCOREBOARD

Harold Keith of Oklahoma wrote that Coach Bruce Drake welcomed the Sooners' eastern basketball trip "with its handicaps of cracker-box courts, slick floors, weird officiating interpretations and hostile crowds."

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What happens to old ball players? They go into the bowling business, and some of them don't wait until they're finished.

Fat Freddie Fitzsimmons is the latest recruit—in Brooklyn.

In addition to Cracker Schalk, Ted Lyons, Jimmy Archer and Art Meier, latter of the Pittsburgh outfield, have places in Chicago. When Jack Benny visits his old home town, Waukegan, he rolls on Bob O'Farrell's beds. Red Faber is an operator at Gray's Lake, Ill., which gave the world Jim McMillin, the lineman and heavyweight wrestler. Don Kolloway, the White Sox youngster, is an operator in DeKalb, Ill., Mike Kreevich runs alleys in Shelbyville, Ill.

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Lefty Grove retired to his alleys at Lonaconing, Md., Jimmy Dykes has a couple of places in Philadel-

*Harry Grayson  
W. E. H. or W. E. H.*



phia. Kansas City proprietors include Zach Wheat, Cotton Tierney and Kid Nichols, the latter a pitcher with the old Boston Nationals. Bill Jurgens and Harry the Horse Danning are partners at Rego Park, N. Y. Pinkey Whitney is in the business in San Antonio, Jack Tavener in Fort Worth. Ben Chapman operates in Montgomery, Everett Scott in Fort Wayne, Leo Mangrum in Lima, O.

The influx of ball players into the bowling alley business is an interesting and healthy sign for the game . . . and old ball players.

There they can continue to deal soft stuff, throw the fast one and the hook.

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Herbert Orin Crisler does not confine himself to platitudes, but deals in fundamentals in outlining the college athlete's position in the war.

"College athletics can supply four great needs of the armed forces," says Fritz Crisler. "They are: Material, leadership, morale and physical fitness."

Michigan's distinguished athletic director and head football coach puts forth a constructive suggestion. War should broaden, not curtail, athletic participation.

To further that end, Crisler introduced a proposal to add 150-pound football to the Western Conference program. The "lightweights" have been playing right along, and with tremendous enthusiasm, in the east.

Crisler's suggestion is one of undeniable merit. There is no percentage in the health department in only a talented few participating in football, or any other game.

We are no longer spectators in this war.

We are participants.

It is time for America to get out of the stands.

OUT OF

*Alvin*



December 26, 1941.

Mr. Harry L. Grayson,  
Sports Editor, NEA,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Grayson:

Bob Busby, in the Lawrence Journal World, ran the following excerpt from your sports column, The Scoreboard:

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Permit me to say without fear of contradiction that I have never cast any aspersions on crackerbox courts and slick floors in the east, nor hostile crowds. When it comes to weird officials and their interpretations, permit me to add with emphasis that I have made such statements.

For instance, when an offensive player passes the ball in one direction and cuts over in another direction to screen the opponents, in the east it is called a foul for blocking. By way of illustration, the story goes like this. The offensive man with the ball in his possession passed to the left and then cut diagonally off to the right to interfere with an opponent without making bodily contact. An eastern referee blew his whistle and called a foul on the screening player. The player, in surprise, protested, "Why, I didn't do a thing. I just cut across the court toward a man and I wasn't near him." "I know", shouted the referee, "but I decteded evil in your eye."



These eastern officials rule by intent rather than by what happens. This is the old pro game and the pro players who are now coaching - such as Nat Holman, and so forth, have not been able to keep up with the collegiate game that permits screening. The old pros had a rule that if you did that it was a foul. And so not being elastic and adaptable enough they still try to foist on the college game their ideas. Of course, it would be silly for Ned Irish to employ officials who would not carry forth the concepts of the eastern coaches. When you play in the east you do as Rome does, or else it is too bad.

In the Denver Post as of March 20, 1941, the New York Ohrbachs, in the National A. A. U. tournament, lost their only game by 21 points to a California team. As these eastern players were out west for the first time, they expressed themselves by saying that height, drive and superior physical condition gave the west a big edge over the east in major league basketball.

Syd Karp, ex-George Washington forward, said: "These western teams drive, drive, drive, all the time. They have plenty of tall men, who are extremely good basketball players. We have very few big men in the east, and a good big man always is better than a good little man on a basketball floor."

Said Joe Dzienkiewicz, former St. Francis college star, "Western teams keep popping away at the basket and if they miss, their tall men drive in for the tip-in shots. Our New York teams depend mainly on two-handed set shots and we haven't the height to follow in against a tall western team."

Said Abe Novak, 182 pound Ohrbach guard: "Teams out in the west seem to be in better shape. I think, tho, that officiating in the east doesn't penalize a defensive player as it does here and this helps us when we play bigger teams at home."

Mark Klauser, former New York sports writer who handled the Ohrbachs, said, "the A. A. U. tournament has the best basketball in the world." Karp believes eastern quintets show better team play than western teams, but said, "none of the teams that have played in Madison Square Garden would get beyond the third round in this tournament."

In basketball there are two distinct schools of thought, - the east with her pick-off and her referees' ruling on intent of the players - the west with her screen and her referees' ruling only on happenings. There in a nutshell you have one of the major differences in basketball philosophy between these two great basketball territories.



The east puts a premium on defense, allowing the defense to get away with murder. It is a mild thing for a guard to undress an opponent. The west puts a premium on the offense, and insists that the player must play the ball and not the man. The rule book also emphasizes this point. There you have it. The scores are much larger in the west than in the east for that reason, for, when you play the man you have a five-man team wrestling match. When you play the ball there is a great opportunity for scoring and you have a more open game.

Again, the east has used the professional player to coach her college teams, while the west has used the college-trained coach without professional experience. In former years Ed Wachter, of Harvard, Joe Fogarty, of Yale, Nat Holman, of C.C.N.Y., and other professional players coached the leading college varsities of the east, while in the west Dave McMillan is the only professional coach coaching college players.

Dr. Naismith, the originator of the game, started with this, his first principle, namely that each player is entitled to his position on the floor. The rules still emphasize this point.

I quote Nat Holman, a famous professional player and a college coach, on blocking which is a foul according to the rules. "Frequently an offensive player attempting to sidestep an approaching defensive player may cause contact. In such cases the officials are to be guided solely by the apparent intent of the offensive player." This unsavory and unworkable authority given to the officials certainly would not make the game anything but a guessing contest with the officials able to determine the outcome by their own acts. Quoting further from Holman: "Just as soon as we encourage the use of set plays or key men to check a player in pursuit of his opponent, then we are destroying one of the fundamental factors of the offense." The above statement is in direct conflict with the majority thought of the National Basketball Coaches Association, as well as the expressed statement of the Rules Guide.

The leading college coaches of the country employ set plays using key men to screen the opponents from their objective.

Perhaps it is well to give the definition of screening and blocking or pick-off. Screening is impeding the progress of the man who does not have the ball without making bodily contact. Screening is not a foul. Blocking or pick-off is impeding the progress of the man who does not have the ball by making bodily contact. Blocking or pick-off is a foul.

So, in the east, the professional game has influenced the thought and play in that sector, while in the west the university, college and high school thought has been to play the ball and not the man and to have the official call fouls as he sees them rather than to call them as he thinks they ought to be.



Of course, there are exceptions in the east where the professional player thought is not dominant, but the leaders who speak for the east express this backward thought.

Referring to football, I am interested in the last two sentences of your paragraph, which I quote: "If they don't watch out, Dr. Phog Allen eventually will convince them college football is on its way out. Dr. Allen has been shouting that for a decade."

For your information, Mr. Grayson, I made my first statements regarding the demise of football one year ago this fall. My, how time flies, doesn't it?

There are 640 colleges playing football in America today and but 80 of them are making money out of football. What major industry can keep going in the light of such profit and loss? And too, there have been over twenty teams discontinue intercollegiate football since a year ago today.

I am sending you a copy of a speech that I made to the Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Teachers College, and the Central High School players of that city on November 26, 1941. My purpose has been to tell the truth to these high school and college players regarding the real status of big time commercialized football. There is so much publicity about its grandeur that many boys follow wandering fires lost in the quagmire, and then they wake up and find that it is the bunk rather than the grand and glorious achievement that they thought it was. Football is fine if you get a diploma, but it is a disappointment without one.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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**U. S. NAVAL RESERVE AVIATION BASE**

FAIRFAX AIRPORT  
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

27 August 1942

Dear Phog:

Your letter of August 15th received. I have been out of town for the most part of the past two weeks so am somewhat delayed in answering.

I appreciate your alleged interest in Charlie Black and his well being, and feel confident that you will make an effort to give him counsel and guidance concerning military matters when he comes into your office to make such inquiries. This is exactly what I tried to do for the boy when he and his father came into my office the first week of this month, unsolicited, and wanted information concerning the U. S. Naval Reserves.

Although I have known Charlie by reputation for some time, I had never had the pleasure of talking to him personally until he walked into my office.

As a Naval Officer in charge of athletics at this base, I was delighted to think that this young man was interested in serving his country and at the same time becoming a member of our basketball team which is being organized in the interest of physical fitness, and to aid in building base moral and spirit. It was my patriotic duty to converse with Charlie and his father openly and without hesitation. In time of war every able bodied boy in America whose heart is strong is a potential defender of his country. Every day college coaches are loosing boys to the armed forces and are patriotic enough to put aside their own selfish desires for a strong team in order to aid the war effort. Charlie made it apparent that he was interested in information concerning the Naval Reserves and his father endorsed it.

Should this boy decide to enlist he would be welcomed with open arms, as are hundreds of young men every day. Should he desire to join the Army Air Corps, which may allow him to return to school, he has my benedictions and best wishes.

The average boy with a mind of his own goes to an educator when he is seeking knowledge in the school of higher learning. When a man is interested in buying a horse he goes to a horse trader. Charlie's father served in the Naval forces of his country during the last war. It is naturally to presume that he first counseled with his father before deciding to come to see me concerning the Navy.



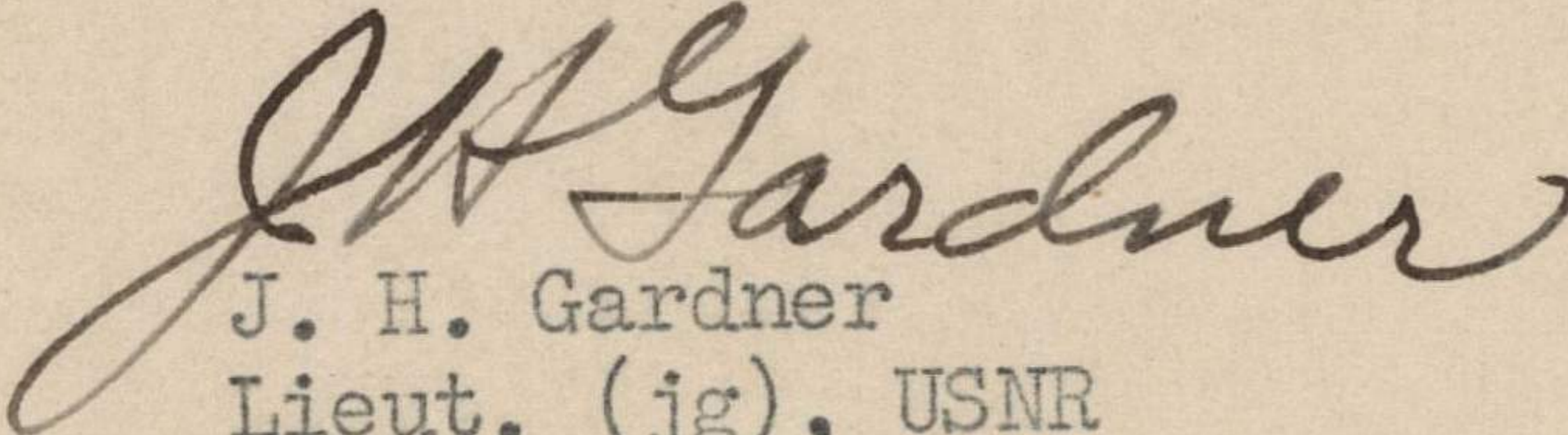
Dr. Allen

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27 August 1942

It is also natural to presume that all college men will make personal sacrifices for national preservation. Certainly you would not want it said that you do not fall within this classification.

Sincerely yours,



J. H. Gardner  
Lieut. (jg), USNR  
Athletic Director

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



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August 5, 1941-1

National Boxing Association of the U. S. A., Winston-Salem, N. C.,  
September 8th-10th, 1941.

Messrs:

Lee J. Brosnahan, Arcade Building, Kansas City, Mo.  
Frank Gillece, Boxing Commissioner, Topeka, Kansas  
Dr. Forest Allen, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas  
M. F. Ahearn, Boxing Commissioner, Manhattan, Kansas  
Horace T. Dawson, Jefferson City, Missouri  
S. Warren Coglizer, 1402 Main St., Joplin, Missouri

Gentlemen:

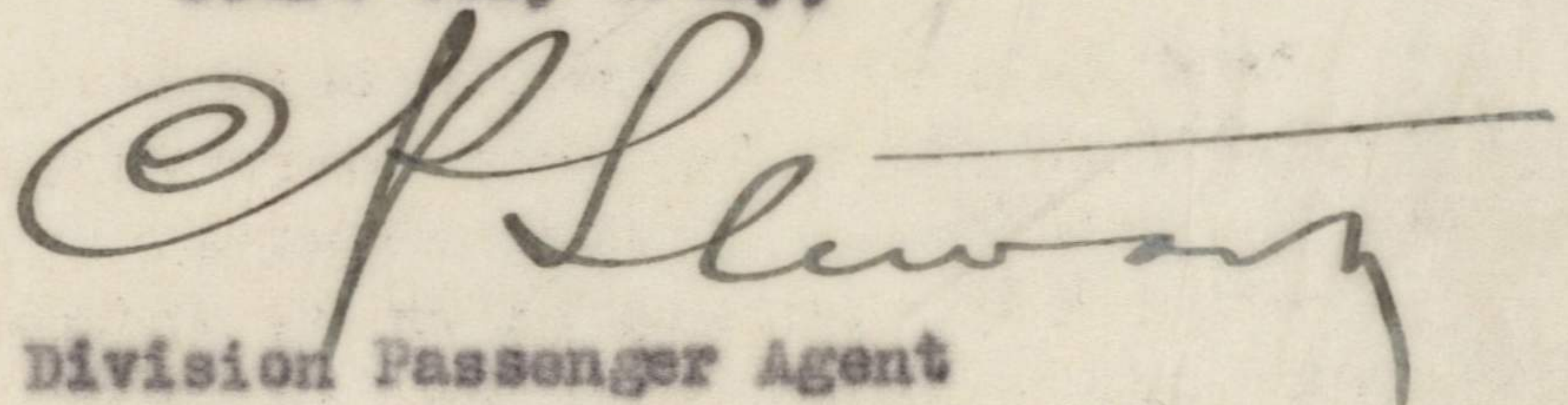
Account of the above occasion, Mr. Joe Triner, President of the Association, Chicago, desires all members to go to Cincinnati and use Norfolk & Western through Winston-Salem sleeper leaving Cincinnati on the "Pocahontas" 10:15 PM, arriving Winston-Salem, 2:00 PM, next afternoon. This sleeper has lower and upper berths, also bedroom accommodations.

Our schedule from St. Louis to Cincinnati is leaving St. Louis, Baltimore & Ohio DIPLOMAT - Airconditioned - diesel powered, 1:25 PM, arriving Cincinnati, 10:10 PM. Should you desire more time in Cincinnati, you could leave St. Louis, 11:28 PM, arriving Cincinnati 7:50 AM, or leave St. Louis, 9:30 AM, arriving Cincinnati, 5:50 PM. Alton - Burlington, Missouri Pacific and Wabash trains from Kansas City make direct connections with the Baltimore & Ohio at St. Louis.

We shall appreciate very much having you gentlemen using our line, and if you will kindly advise reservations desired, will be only too glad to arrange.

Anticipating the pleasure of hearing from you further, we are,

Yours very truly,

  
Division Passenger Agent



August 11, 1941

Mr. Frank Gilleece,  
Boxing Commissioner,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Frank:

I have just received an invitation from Phil Bolich, chairman of the Winston-Salem Boxing Commission. I do not know why I should receive this information, as doubtless Mr. Henry is the representative from our school. How did my name get on the list?

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



PHIL BOLICH  
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423 N. MAIN STREET  
WINSTON-SALEM,  
NORTH CAROLINA

August 4, 1941

Dr. Forrest Allen  
University of Kansas  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Convention of the National Boxing Association and National Wrestling Association to be held in Winston-Salem on September 8, 9 and 10, at the Robert E. Lee Hotel. It is going to be the most outstanding and biggest yet held and you can't afford to miss it. Nothing has been left undone to provide entertainment for everybody all the time, and the business sessions will be especially important.

Looking forward to seeing you in Winston-Salem in September, I am

Very truly yours,

WINSTON-SALEM BOXING COMMISSION

*Phil Bolich*  
Chairman

PHIL BOLICH:RP

P. S. I would advise that you make your hotel reservations early.



September 10, 1941.

Miss Elizabeth Gordon,  
Zenith, Kansas.

Dear Miss Gordon:

I am sorry for the delay in replying to your kind note of September 1, but I have been out of town much of the time since your letter arrived.

I regret that we do not have a book here which would give you formations and drills for tumbling, but I suggest that you write to the A. S. Barnes Company, 67 West 44th Street, New York City, and ask them if they have something which you could use. I am sure you will get a prompt response from the Barnes Company.

Regretting my inability to serve you in this instance,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.



Zenith, Kansas  
September 1, 1941

Director of Physical Ed.  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I am a teacher in an elementary school. We will have from 50-60 enrolled in the school.

The information I would like is in relation to tumbling and regular gym activities for grade school pupils. Could you give me the name of a book or books showing formations or giving drills for tumbling? I would like to use this work in programs as well as in regular class work.

By the 'regular gym activities' I mentioned, I mean the gym activities which is recommended and used in the larger grade schools. Could you give me the names of one or two good books in this line? May I have it as soon as possible?

A. P. Barnes & Co.  
114 100th.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Gordon



September 26, 1941.

Mr. Leo L. Gessell,  
National Council of Y.M.C.A.,  
114 East 9th Street,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Gessell:

I beg your pardon for the delay in replying to your kind invitation of September 10th. When I first glanced at your letter I thought it was from Lee Gemell, of our Extension Division, and he was in my office shortly after that so I talked to him about my engagements.

I regret that I will not be able to accept your invitation because that is the date that our Big Six basketball coaches meet in Kansas City to make up the conference schedule. I assure you it would be a pleasure for me to speak to your group were it not for this conflict on December 6th.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.



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Mr. Forrest Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

*Big Air - K.C. (Schedule)*

Dear Mr. Allen:

We are combining two conferences in one and holding it at Emporia on December 5, 6, and 7. Our Conference Committee was unanimous in asking that I invite you to be the speaker for the Saturday night banquet. The theme of our conference is to be "Things That Matter Most," and we should like to have you speak on the subject of clean living or keeping fit. There should be three hundred or three hundred and fifty boys at this conference since we are combining the two meetings.

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I remember with pleasure the fine contribution you made last year at Marysville and so does the rest of our committee because they were anxious to have you for a speaker.

Sincerely yours,

*Leo L. Gessell*  
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Mr. Forrest Allen  
Department of Physical Education  
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Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Lee Gemmell is on our Conference Committee and was aware that we were to invite you to the Emporia Conference so that your word of regret to him came to me last Saturday.

I naturally had hoped that you could accept because we enjoyed very much the contribution you made at our Conference last year at Marysville and this conference, barring bad weather will be a much larger conference than that. However, we are going to ask you on further occasions to make yourself available for our programs.

Sincerely yours,

*Leo L. Gessell*

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September 29, 1941.

Mr. Gordon Gray,  
Physical Director,  
Curtis Field,  
Brady, Texas.

Dear Gordie:

It was a pleasure to have your good letter of the 7th instant. I am sorry that I have not answered it sooner but we have a way of allowing correspondence to pile up on us when our administrative duties get tough.

We have a fair crop of freshmen. We lost two or three stars who came here, got homesick, and left, but we will have enough to struggle along with.

You ask about the Oklahoma Aggies. Yes, finally Mr. Iba came to our terms, the same ones we had last year, but the ones that he did not want this year - a difference in the financial set-up. We are playing them February 20th here and February 25th at Stillwater. I am sending you our schedule for the year.

Give your Adjutant my kindest regards. Tell him that we have a way of getting acquainted even though we do not resort to correspondence.

I am happy that you are enjoying your work at Curtis Field. I knew that you would because you have a friendly way, and that helps so much in contacting men. I certainly would get a big kick out of dropping down to Brady and meeting that group of outstanding men that you have under your control. It will be a source of great benefit and gratification to you all of your life.

If you get the Goal-Hi equipment you get it from the Fred Medart Manufacturing Company of St. Louis, Missouri. I think it is a fine bit of equipment for camp, either army or boy's life. You can stick it anywhere on a flat space and have a real game out of it regardless of how strong the wind blows. The backboards were always an impediment because they interfered with other activities, but with this Goal-Hi you can roll it in and out of any spot and not interfere with any other space that might be utilized for other things. The portable feature of it makes it excellent. Having only one goal you get all the ball handling and technique in shooting and guarding without the shuttling back and forth.



I am glad that you and Ruth are so happy. I know that she will make you a wonderful wife. I have always believed that she would enjoy housekeeping much more than office routine. She promised me that she wouldn't put you on any diet but rather would see that your chest expanded but your girth would not increase. She knows her vitamins.

I am sending you a copy of the athletes' diet.

I trust that everything is going nicely with you and the Mrs., and I am wishing for you the very best of success, health and happiness.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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BRADY AVIATION SCHOOL, INC.

*Curtis Field*

BRADY, TEXAS

August 7th. 1941

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

Dear Doc:

I have been wanting to write you for quite sometime now, but just haven't gotten around to doing that. I presume you have been quite busy as usual yourself with coaching schools, teaching summer school etc.

Another year is about to get under way and I know you are really busy getting everyone lined up with school. I hope you will be able to get a good crop of freshmen for future varsity material. You never need to worry about that though because these young boys know where to go for good teaching and coaching. I expect to follow the team's progress very closely this winter and I feel you will hold your own against any of them. Will you play the Oklahoma Aggies again this year? Beat the socks off of them Doc.

The Adjutant here at the field is an old coach from down Mississippi way and he really speaks highly of you. He used your book "Better Basket Ball" in his coaching and he thinks there is none better. I run across a great number of men that have done likewise, or men that have met you at various coaching schools and they certainly hold you in the highest respect.

I am enjoying my work here at Curtis Field very much. We have around two hundred aviation cadets here at the present time. We expect to be operating full capacity very soon. We can handle three hundred and fifty very nicely. These boys are the cream of the crop Doc. I have boys that were outstanding athletes from all over the country. They come from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Kansas, and from all of the southern states. Quite an array of talent.

We expect to have a couple of pieces of your Goal Hi equipment one of these days. This field is far from being completed as they have spent most of the time getting the field proper in shape and haven't done any work on my athletic field. However we have been playing touch football, soccer, volley ball, badminton, base ball, boxing tumbling and wrestling. I give the boy's fifteen minutes of stiff calisthenics each class period. They are really physical specimens. We have a very nice recreation hall fully equipped with most every kind of recreational games.

We expect to have a large field house pretty soon. It will be necessary for them to provide us indoor space in case of bad weather. It doesn't get so very cold down here, but it will be cold enough for us to be inside at times.



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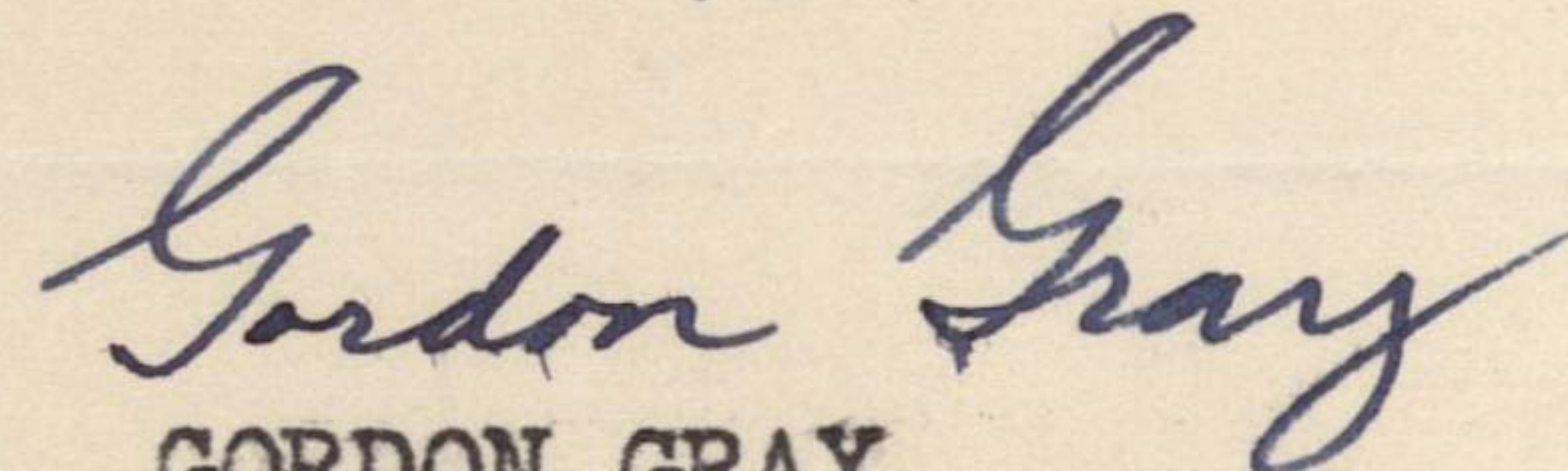
Ruth and I are very happy with married life. She seems to like Brady very much. We have an awfully nice apartment just new and she is kept quite busy keeping the place in order. Anytime you have an opportunity to be coming this way we sure would enjoy having you pay us a visit. I would really get a thrill out of showing you around the field. It is growing every day and soon will be quite large. They are building another large hangar now and we have around eighty basic training planes here at present. We should have one hundred before long. We have a few minor accidents but nothing that could be classed as serious. As long the cadet is safe it is not a serious accident. We have had several planes get completely smashed up. These planes cost around \$ 30,000.

While I think of it Doc. Last winter I remember seeing the diet you prescribed for athletes in training. I think it included all of the necessary vitamins etc. If possible I certainly would like for you to send me a copy of the same. We have a little trouble with some of the boys putting on excess weight and I would like to try your diet on them. Would sure like to have this if possible. Of course we cant expect to have these boys in the same condition as basket ball players because most of them smoke and some of them do considerable drinking but we can get them in as good a condition as possible.

In this last group we have quite a number of boys from Nebraska and Kansas. Seems good to see some boys from up Yankee way. I have run across several that attended Kansas University and Kansas State.

Must close for this time. Wishing you the best of success for the coming year I am,

Sincerely,



GORDON GRAY  
Physical Director  
Curtis Field  
Brady, Texas