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Mr. John L. Griffith, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Griffith:

I am sending you a "gloss" which you requested in your letter as of November 26. Some of the information that you asked for is as follows:

Allen, Forrest C., Director of Physical Education and Head Varsity basketball coach, University of Kansas. Born in Jamesport, Missouri, 1885. He is 55 years of age and has coached thirty years, winning 23 championships in thirty years.

In 1904 and 1905 he was manager and member of the Kansas City Athletic Club national championship basketball team. (At that time this was called the world's championship basketball team because the Kansas City Athletic Club beat the Buffalo German Y. M. C. A. team which had won the Olympic title at both the Pan American and the St. Louis World's Fairs). In 1906 and 1907 he was a member of University of Kansas Varsity basketball and baseball teams (captain of basketball team in 1907. 1908-9, Coach of the University of Kansas basketball team (winning Missouri Valley championship both years). Also coached Haskell Indians in 1908-9. Both teams are located in the same town. 1912-1919, Athletic Director and Coach of all sports at Central Missouri State Teachers College (Warrensburg, Missouri) basketball, baseball, football and track. In the year 1912 the football, basketball and baseball teams were undefeated, finishing each sport with 100%. In 1920 he was Director of Athletics and Coach of Varsity basketball in the University of Kansas. In 1920 he also coached the Kansas Varsity football team.

The longest winning streak in basketball for Kansas under Allen's coaching was from 1922 to 1927 when Kansas won six consecutive basketball championships in Missouri Valley Conference. A string of forty-two *consecutive* Missouri Valley championship games were won in that period before there was a loss sustained. From 1931 to 1934 Kansas won four consecutive Big Six championships.

Allen was founder of the Kansas Relays in 1923. Also founder of the National Association of Basketball Coaches of the United States in 1928 and served as president for the two years of 1928 and 1929. He was also director of the four-year coaching course in the School of Education in the University of Kansas. Member National Joint Basketball Rules Committee, on which he has served for the past thirteen years. He is the present chairman of the Fifth District N. C. A. A. Basketball