

# DECATUR FANS MUCH AROUSED OVER RULING

## Dissension Follows Decision Made in Springfield Game

The following story appeared as the lead item in George Kreker's column in the Decatur Herald-Review this morning. It is re-printed here in full:

DECATUR, Ill., Jan. 20.—Good Morning! We can't remember an incident since Bob Campbell, D. H. S. guard, was disqualified from the 1937 state tournament championship game against Joliet which has aroused the Decatur basketball fans more than the unfortunate situation which occurred in the closing seconds of last Friday's Decatur-Springfield game.

Controversy continued yesterday as Decatur folk still maintain that Johnny Wasilewski, Taylorville official, illegally took away a Decatur chance to tie the score seconds before the final gun. This happened, as most of you know, when Ev Inman, acting Decatur captain who had been awarded two free throws, stated he would shoot the first one and take the second out-of-bounds.

It is alleged that Wasilewski informed Inman that he didn't have to make his decision until after the first throw, but after Ev hit the first, then elected to shoot the other one, Johnny insisted on Inman carrying out his original choice. This brought a futile Decatur protest.

Opinion is divided on the correct ruling. Along with Eddie Cole, Herald sports writer, we talked to numerous officials and coaches and we found disagreement which suggests that it is a matter of interpretation. One prominent official in this vicinity, inclined to approve Wasilewski's decision, on the facts at hand, has written to the IHSAA office for clarification and this verdict will govern all future cases of this kind.

Two well-known Decatur officials said that the rule, 13, of the basketball rules book, clearly shows that a player can make his option after the first of two free throws and that anything said before the first one should be disregarded. Another said that he would rule the same as Wasilewski, basing his decision on an interpretation which appeared in a supplementary sheet issued by the state association last September which says: "If a captain has exercised an option it can't be changed unless some subsequent rules infraction changes conditions."

And so it goes. Some interpret the case one way and others disagree, but no one knows for certain because this is the first time such a case has come up in Illinois. Regardless of any official ruling from the state office the 19-18 Springfield victory will stand. Coach Gay Kintner yesterday branded as "ridiculous" reports that Decatur would protest the outcome. "It's a closed incident," said Kintner.

This writer, for one, was surprised at the conduct of many Decatur fans who remained after the game ended to lustily boo Wasilewski as he left the floor for his dressing room. We realize how such incidents can stir up emotions, but after all the official was honestly carrying out his job and it's quite possible that he ruled correctly.



# John Harris Glenn

710 EAST FOURTH ST. BEARDSTOWN, ILLINOIS

January 21, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

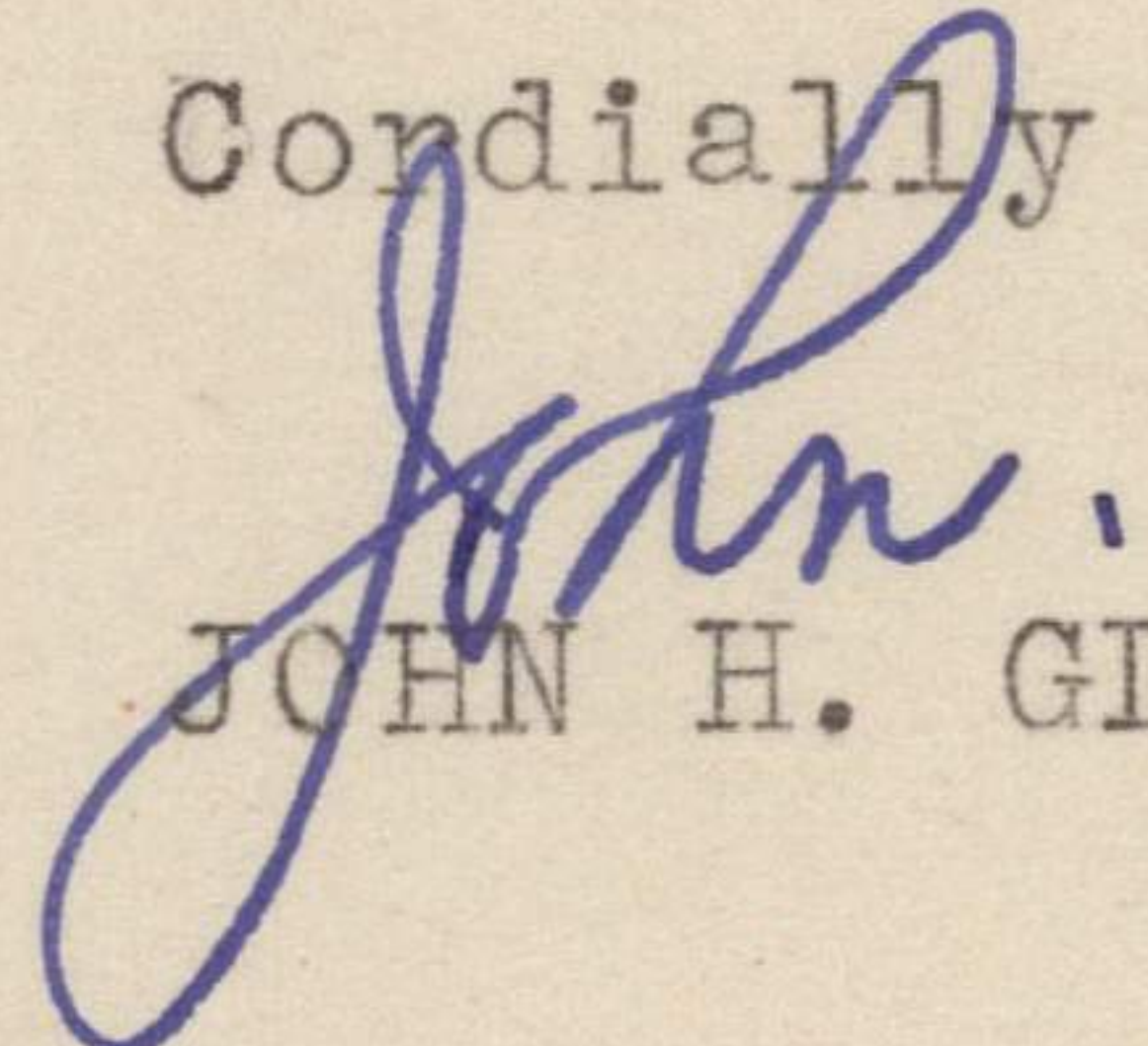
Just a few lines to inform you that I had breakfast with Jane last Thursday morning while on a business trip to Chicago. She is looking hale and hearty and seems quite interested in her work at the present time.

On Friday, February 21, I am planning on driving to Columbia to see the University of Kansas-Missouri basketball game. If you think it advisable, I will invite John Musgrove to make the trip with me as he is working this winter for a local utility company and intends to further his education next fall at some school other than Colorado.

I have been watching the progress of the Jayhawkers during the current season and would say blindly that it is a healthy one. Keep up the good work and it looks like another conference for the old Doctor.

I am enclosing an article read in the Illinois State Register which seems to apparantly have the officials in this community guessing.

Cordially yours,

  
JOHN H. GLENN

JHG/RH



January 31, 1941

Mr. Burton S. Gahm  
1253 Van Buren Street  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Gahm:

I delivered the four dollars in bills to Mr. Earl Falkenstein for tickets for the Nebraska game.

However, I do have a rather unpleasant surprise for you. There are no seats whatsoever on the first floor. Mr. Fred Ellsworth, the Alumni Association secretary, has been asked by the Chancellor to procure some of the seats sold to the Lawrence citizens on the first floor for members of the Legislature. The members of the Legislature are expecting to attend this game in a body, and, since all the seats have been sold, the only way you can get one is to procure it from some of the owners of the same.

However, Mr. Falkenstein did say that there are some seats on the first balcony, but none near the front. He is writing to you and explaining the situation. I trust the tickets he reserves for you will be satisfactory. There are some 65 or 70 seats left for this game, so, while they are not of the best, I trust he can pick some for you that will be satisfactory.

Also, there are few tickets left for the other games with the exception that the Legislature perhaps will not come down. Apparently there are other schools besides Kansas State who can use a good field house.

Thank you for your patronage, and I assure you that if there were better seats you could have them.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Earl Falkenstein

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach



*9-2-33*  
*W. S. Gahm*

1253 Van Buren St.  
Topeka, Kansas

Dr. F.C. Allen  
Director of Athletics  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thanks very much for the basketball schedules which I received some time ago. I placed the extra ones in the hands of other interested persons.

Please send me four (4) tickets for the Nebraska game February 10th. I would like some good first floor seats.

I am inclosing \$4.00 to cover the tickets. You may return the difference in 3¢ stamps.

Hope the Jayhawkers will come out on top again this year.

Sincerely yours,

*Burton S. Gahm*  
Burton S. Gahm '33



February 6, 1941

Mr. Ralph E. Graber  
Instructor, Dept. of Printing  
Liberty Memorial High School  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Graber:

Thank you very much for the lovely  
February calendars.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg



February 8, 1941

Mr. John W. Gates, Principal  
East Topeka Junior High School  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Gates:

In reply to your request please find enclosed a basketball schedule for the University of Kansas. I certainly appreciate your interest.

I have queried Mr. Falkenstein regarding tickets for junior high school boys and I have learned that they are unable to make any concessions to them because of the limited seating capacity and the large demand for seats. The price for all is seventy-five cents (75¢) in the first balcony and on the main floor and twenty-five cents (25¢) in the second balcony.

Please feel free to call upon me at any time if there is any more information I can supply you with.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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East Topeka Junior High,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dr. F.C. Allen,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen -

Would you be so kind as to send us a copy of the  
schedule of your remaining home games ?

What is the admission charge for junior high school  
boys and for coaches ?

Respectfully,

*John W. Gates*

John W. Gates, Principal.



February 11, 1941

Mr. Jack Gardner  
Head Coach of Basketball  
Kansas State College  
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Jack:

I have just spoken to Mr. Earl Falkenstien about reserving six tickets for our game with Oklahoma.

He tells me that all the tickets have been sold. I am referring the matter to Mr. Falkenstien and you will hear from him shortly. I am sorry we have such limited seating capacity.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

cc: E. Falkenstien



February 11, 1941

Mr. A. E. Garvin  
Editor  
The Raytown News  
Raytown, Missouri

Dear Mr. Garvin:

I am turning your letter and check over to Mr. Earl Falkenstien, financial secretary of the Athletic Association, with the request that he do the best he can for you.

However, he told me last night before the Nebraska game that the day before yesterday every seat had been sold for the Oklahoma game.

I do not know what he can do in regard to temporary seats, but I know he will do the very best he can for you, because he makes a definite effort to accommodate all the old Jayhawkers. You can count on that!

Thanks for your good wishes for the Allen family, and I assure you the wishes are reciprocal.

Yours sincerely,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

cc: E. Falkenstien



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Dorothy can not possibly  
to Columbia  
Come Friday. Hope you can  
go and have good time for me.  
Love, Bess Allen

Bess  
Beardston, 201.

Mrs. Forest C. Allen

301 Washington



March 3, 1941

Mr. Jack Gardner  
Head Coach of Basketball  
Kansas State College  
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Jack:

I find that I failed to answer your good letter of the 11th of February regarding tickets for the Oklahoma and the Oklahoma A. and M. game.

The tickets for the Oklahoma game were sold out out on February 9, the day before the Nebraska game, and we are still getting many requests which we have been forced to turn down.

We have taken four seats off the bench and allowed Earl Falkenstien to sell them. Long ago these four seats have been sold to our patrons for every remaining game. I am sure you will find some place to sit if you will bring your folding chair with you. It is a problem in our auditorium to find places for our spectators.

I regret that I can give you no better seats. With all good luck, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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KANSAS STATE COLLEGE  
OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE  
MANHATTAN

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

February 14, 1941

Dr. F.C. Allen  
Head Coach of Basketball  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Earl is holding standing room tickets for me to your Oklahoma and Oklahoma A. & M. games. I am wondering if you would be kind enough to save a couple of folding sideline chairs or places on the press bench for me as you did on one occasion last year. Naturally, I am anxious to see both ball games, and I hate to impose upon you but due to both yours and our limited seating capacity there is no other recourse for us.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Jack*

Jack Gardner  
Head Coach of Basketball

JG:LR



March 8, 1941

Mr. Ralph E. Graber  
Department of Printing  
Liberty Memorial High School  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Graber:

Thank you very much for sending us  
calendars for the month of March.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly ap-  
preciated.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg



March 18, 1941

Mr. Blaine E. Grimes  
1A Frank Strong Hall  
University of Kansas

Dear Blaine:

I desire to sincerely thank you for your fine work that you did for Ray Evans and Bill Brill, even though Bill Brill was unsuccessful in his quest of sufficient academic grades to make him eligible. Nevertheless, he feels that he made very rapid strides and he is thankful to you. He states that he is coming back next fall and I believe he will.

I want you to know that I feel that you did everything possible to help him, but Bill had not been accustomed to concentrating on his studies, hence he fell far behind before he learned how to concentrate.

Thank you Blaine, you did a swell job and I deeply appreciate it.

With all good wishes, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

*Office of the Superintendent*

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April 2, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

We are happy to know that you can be with us on May 19. As yet the meeting place has not been determined, but I will let you know in ample time.

I am sure that your usual good judgment will dictate the things of greatest interest to the group.

Sincerely yours,

*H. W. Gowans*

H. W. Gowans  
Superintendent of Schools

G:b



April 8, 1941

Mr. Gordon Gray  
University of Kansas

Dear Gordon:

It was a pleasure to make arrangements for a ticket for the N. C. A. A. playoff. Yes, I too agree with you that our fundamentals were better than theirs.

Gord, I appreciate your working with the boys as you did yesterday. I would like for you to go after Vance Hall and the rest of these boys and get them up and work on fundamentals. You did a fine job with Jack and Charles yesterday. Keep up this good work and occasionally I will slip in and work with you.

I think we should have a meeting and go over the roster of freshmen and returning Varsity men, with an eye toward working out certain plays with certain men. I will talk to you about spring practice also.

Let's get after Vance Hall and have him work with Ballard and Black. And by the way, Hutch Walker looked very good yesterday. Why not get those fellows working with the freshmen to pep them up a bit and to build up the morale a little more.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
LAWRENCE

April 7th. 1941

DEPARTMENT OF  
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

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

Dear Doc:

This note is to let you know I appreciated the thoughtfulness in your reserving a seat for me at the N. C. A. A. final play off game.

I was a little late getting there, due to the Wyandotte basket ball banquet, but I enjoyed very much the portion of the game I saw. However, I think we still play much better basket ball than they do, And fundamentally I am positive of it.

Again thanking you for your kindness I am,

Very sincerely,

*Gordon Gray*  
Freshman B. B. Coach



INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

Office of the Commissioner of Athletics

Hotel Sherman

Central 2824

Chicago

April 15, 1941.

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

Dear Phog:-

Thank you for your letter of April 14th  
recommending Don Elser as a basketball official.  
I am glad to have your estimate of Mr. Elser as  
an official and a man.

Yours very sincerely,

*John L. Griffith*  
John L. Griffith

JLG:F



April 16, 1941

Mr. J. W. Greene  
1248 2nd Street  
Phillipsburg, Kansas

Dear Bill:

I am glad to help you and while I never write letters of this nature I feel that it is justified in your case and I am doing so. I am sending you a carbon copy of my letter to Supt. Ernest Allbert so that you can see what I have to say regarding you.

I am very happy that you were reelected for next year, but like all young men you desire to go forward and I compliment you on seeking a more lucrative position.

We would be mighty happy to have you this summer but I am not offering Advanced Basketball. I am offering Theory and Practice of Athletic Training and Community Recreation, but you can let it go at that and I will give you some individual tutoring to help you out.

I too agree that you have the ability to coach basketball. I could assign you sections of my text and then help you on it so that you would be in a position to function as a coach, I am very sure.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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1248 2nd Street  
Phillipsburg, Kansas  
April 13, 1941

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

Dear Doctor Allen:

I have been notified by the Board of Education that my contract is to be renewed for next year. However, I am still anxious to get into coaching and I have placed my application with the Smith Center high school for the vacancy left when their basketball coach was called to the army. If you feel that you could conscientiously recommend me to the school, I would be grateful to you.

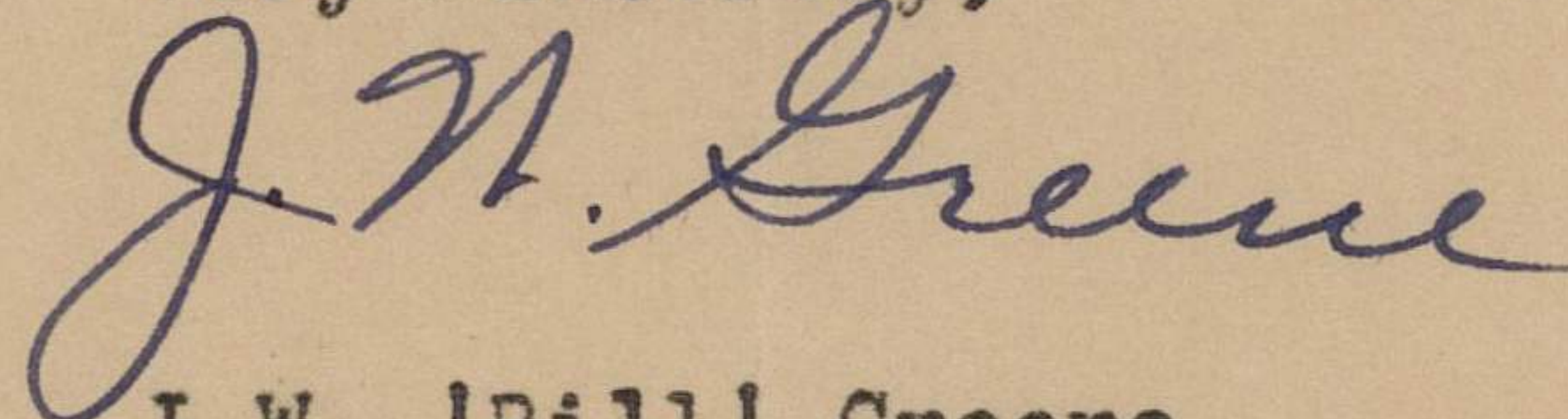
I have told the board at Smith Center that I would attend summer school with the purpose in mind of enrolling in your advanced basketball course. I feel that that training coupled with my present knowledge would qualify me for the job. My chances seem to be very good and your word in my behalf would carry a great deal of weight.

I realize that this request is unusual in lieu of the fact that I did not play varsity basketball under you. On the other hand I have confidence in my ability and this is an opportunity I may not get again soon.

If you find it convenient, a letter in the immediate future to Ernest Allbert, Superintendent, Smith Center, Kansas, would reach him before a final decision is made.

Should you feel that you cannot in all sincerity write Mr. Allbert in my favor I will accept your judgment without malice.

Very Sincerely,



J.W. 'Bill' Greene

JWG:RLG



UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
LAWRENCE

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

May 6th. 1941

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

Dear Doc:

Just a line referring to our conversation after basket ball practice the other night.

From all indications it looks like I will probably be back in school again this coming year. In the event that I am, I would be very happy to know that I had the privilege of working under you again with basket ball and any other work you might be able to give me.

As I have told you I have my application in for several positions in the field of recreation and physical education connected with the various air training fields. In case I am fortunate in landing one of these, naturally I will accept and go into that work.

I want you to know I have thoroughly enjoyed my work with you this past year, with the freshmen, and with the varsity. I know I have learned a lot of basket ball this year. A fellow kind of forgets some of it once he gets away from it, and it does him good to come back and have contact with a definite system of play. I have seen so much bad basket ball in the four years I have been away from school and I feel this year has helped me tremendously.

Thanking you again for the grand opportunity of being associated with you and hoping to again be extended the privilege I am,

Very sincerely,

*Gordon Gray*

Gordon Gray

P.S. My summer address will be 327 E. 16th  
Newton, Kansas. Anytime I can be of  
service to you just let me know.



May 22nd, 1941

Mr. Gordon Gray  
1129 Vermont St.  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Gordie:

Pardon my delay in not answering your letter of the 6th instant more promptly.

You did a swell job coaching the freshmen and I'm happy to say here and now that if you're free, we'd be delighted to use you next year.

When will you know for certain whether you'll be back or not? Of course I realize that you're hoping to land one of the P.E. jobs connected with various air training fields.

I would be glad to have you drop in the office and give me your estimate of the possible dead line that we might figure on.

Assuring you it was a pleasure to have you with us, and wishing you the best of success, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

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Education for Service

CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE  
WARRENSBURG, MO.

May 14, 1941

Dr. F. C. Allen:  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

The class of 1916 of our college has decided to have a get-together meeting on June sixth of this year, twenty-five years after graduation with the "sixty-hour certificate".

The group is almost unanimous in wanting you to be here to meet with us and to talk to us at the dinner at six o'clock that evening. The registration at ten o'clock will be followed by a noon luncheon, then the dinner in the evening. A considerable number of grads have indicated their intention to attend.

We should be very glad indeed to have you accept our invitation. In fact, many will be disappointed if you should be unable to be here. May I hear from you just as soon as it is convenient for you to reply.

Very truly yours,

*Noel B. Grinstead*

Noel B. Grinstead  
Chairman, Program Committee

You are free  
June 6th, Dr. Allen:  
Ruth



May 23rd, 1941

Mr. Noel B. Grinstead  
Chairman, Program Committee  
Central Missouri State Teachers College  
Warrensburg, Missouri

Dear Noel:

You'll pardon my delay in not answering your letter of the 14th, sooner? I have been out on a commencement address every evening for the past two weeks and my correspondence has suffered.

Nothing would delight me more than to be with you "old-timers" on June 6th. However, the University of Kansas has its Seventy Fifth Anniversary Sunset Barbecue at 5:30 P.M. on that date and I am at the present wavering between desire and duty. They naturally expect the faculty to stay on the job.

And, there is another thing and that is the item of expense in traveling. Ordinarily I would not mention such a thing but I'm called to go so many places that it's necessary to make my budget meet. I realize how limited your committee must be concerning funds, but frankly, I find it imperative that my traveling expenses be taken care of in some manner.

Please feel perfectly free, Noel, to say so if your committee is unable to make such arrangements. Nothing would delight me more than to be with you but I'm sure you can appreciate my situation when the State makes no provision for any sort of traveling expenses. And to, I receive so many calls for speaking dates that it's necessary for me to make both ends meet.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

FCA:rc



May 17th, 1941

Mr. H. W. Gowans  
Superintendent of Schools  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Harry:

I am coming down on the Sante Fe, Sunday night,  
and will get into Tulsa early Monday morning.

I shall go to the Tulsa Hotel because I will not  
leave Tulsa until early Tuesday morning on the Streamline.  
Shall call you at your office sometime after my arrival.

Just returned this morning from Caldwell, Kansas,  
on a Commencement Address. I was half-way down to your place  
but administrative duties caused me to return for today and  
tomorrow.

I only wish I might have driven on down from Caldwell  
and made it an easy trip.

Anticipating the pleasure of meeting you and our other  
fine Alumni, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

FCA:rc



# TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

*Office of the Superintendent*

April 26, 1941

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

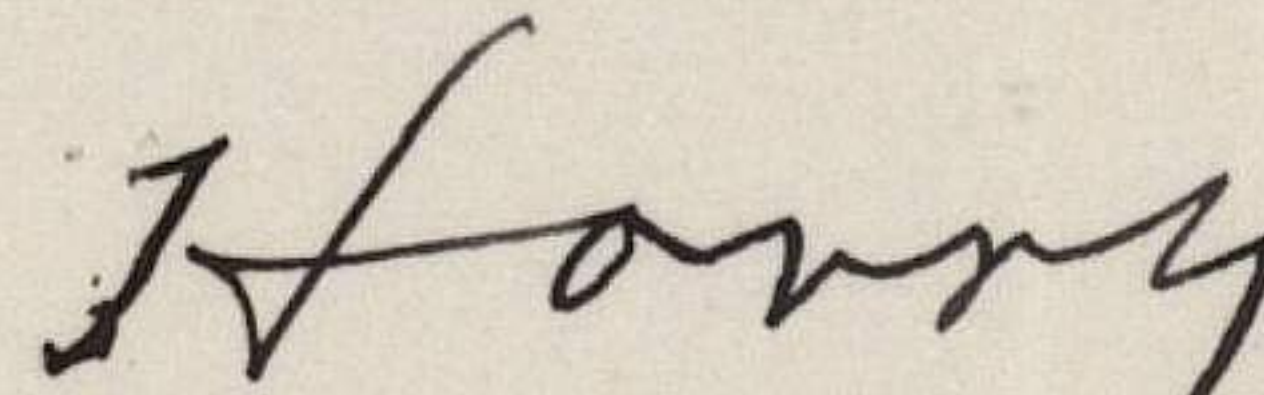
Dear Phog:

The date for the K. U. Alumni meeting in Tulsa is seven-thirty Monday evening, May 19, in the Rainbow Terrace Room of the Hotel Tulsa. A group of us met at luncheon yesterday and decided that all we needed on the program was you and some music.

We have invited the athletic department of the University of Tulsa and the men physical education instructors of the city schools to be our guests for the evening.

If you find it possible to come down earlier in the day, we shall be glad to have you. We are looking forward with anticipation to your coming.

Sincerely yours,



H. W. Gowans  
Superintendent of Schools

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TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

*Office of the Superintendent*

May 14, 1941

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

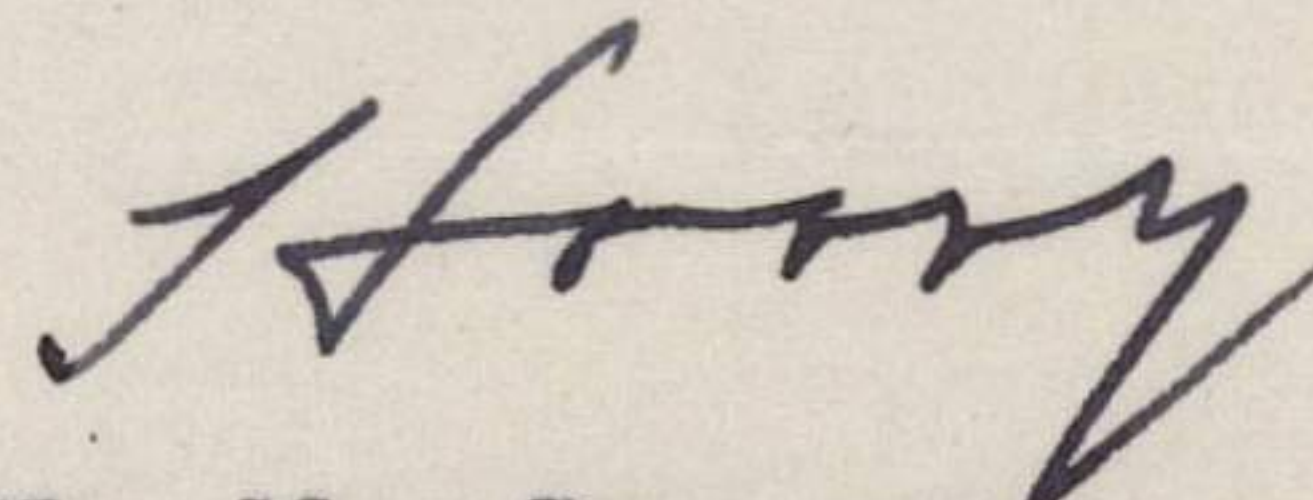
Dear Phog:

This is merely to confirm my letter of recent date that we are expecting you Monday evening May 19, for the K. U. alumni meeting in the Rainbow Terrace room of the Tulsa Hotel.

I shall appreciate it if you will let me know as soon as you arrive in Tulsa. Please call the Board of Education number, 4-6141, or my home telephone, 6-6805.

For your information, we have invited the physical education and coaching staff of both the Tulsa public schools and the University of Tulsa to be our guests at the meeting.

Sincerely yours,



H. W. Gowans  
Superintendent of Schools

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