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Mar 31-40

Dear Phog:-

You can't win
em all - but we're still
for you one hundred per
cent! - Ticked to death that
"moleman" and particularly
"Bob" made the all American
first team - Bobby was
really great - Regards
and thanks again for the
tickets -

Joe Gilbrnt

I still say you are the
world's greatest basket-ball
coach!

BETHEL COLLEGE

NORTH NEWTON, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 27, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

When you were here and spoke at our annual Buffalo Barbecue I was so extremely delighted with the message that you gave that I have been wanting to express my appreciation to you.

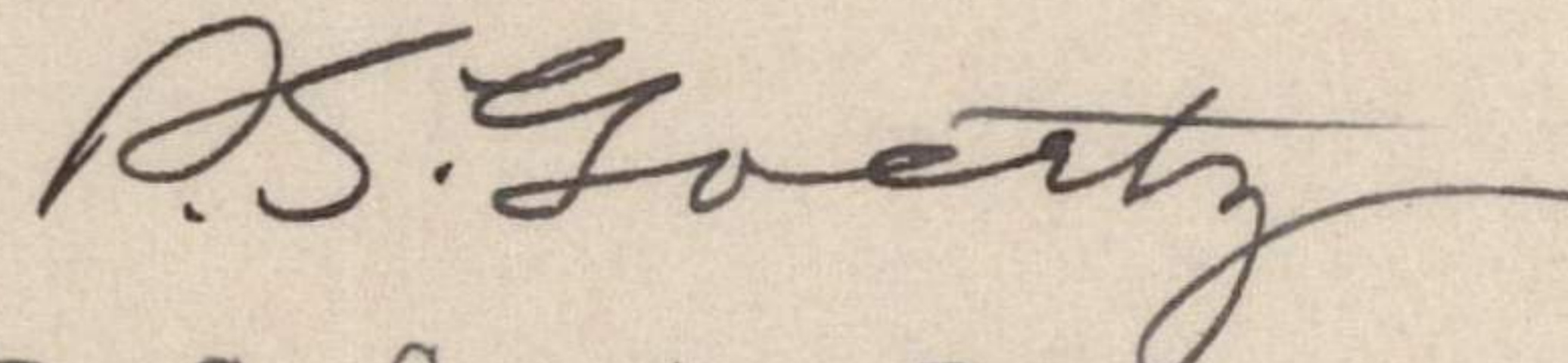
I am a little late in doing it but I am sure that you will still accept it. I feel like praying God's richest blessings upon a man of your training and in your position as director of physical education and athletics that stands for high principles of character which you enunciated here at our annual meeting.

I am sure you are doing the world a tremendous lot of good and I am also sure that you can do these things better than college administrators and even preachers.

A word of that kind from you will sink deep and bare much good fruit.

With my kindest regards to you, I am

Sincerely yours,



P. S. Goertz, Dean

PSG:ms

Tapeba, Kans.
April 28-40

Dear Phog:

I am sending into you the names of two very good prospects for basketball players.

Ralph Allen who is a Senior of the Corning High School, Corning Kansas. He is 6'1" in height. 180 lbs in weight and noted for his playing ability in basketball.

Jim Radrick who is a Junior of the Wetmore High School, Wetmore Kansas. He also is 6'1" in height. 170 lbs or 175 lbs. in weight. Has the prospects of being a very fine player if under a different coach than the one he has.

Sincerely
C. A. Graver.

April 30, 1940.

Mr. Lester Gillman, Coach,
Humansville High School,
Humansville, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Gillman:

I am very sorry that I have been out of town so much, coupled with our basketball play-offs, that it has been impossible for me to answer your letter sooner. I note that you have been under Coach Andy McDonald, one of my varsity players here at Kansas during 1921-22-23.

I have a new book that I wrote last year, "Better Basketball", which I think would help you tremendously. This book is published by McGraw-Hill Book Company, of New York, and sells for \$4.00. I am enclosing some descriptive material so that you will become acquainted with its contents. I am sure that from this book you will derive much benefit.

I have copies of the text here and if you care to have me autograph one I will be very happy to do so upon receipt of your check or money order for \$4.00. I will pay the postage.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

HUMANSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HUMANSVILLE, MISSOURI

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March 25, 1940

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Kansas University Coach
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

I need some advise on coaching and I would like to get it from you. I want to know whether I should train a High School team on set plays or on unorthodox offense.

I have had courses under A. J. McDonald Springfield Teachers College and "Little Bill" Miller of Tulsa. McDonald teaches us to coach set plays with lots of variations and Miller says the offense should be unorthodox. I also have read your "Basket-Ball Bible" and Nat Holman's "Winning Basket-Ball."

I have coached 10 years and tried several plans. I have had some good teams and some poor ones. From 1935 to 1938 I had exceptionally good teams, for a small town. In '35 I used a single pivot in the lane. In '36 and '37 I used the double pivot and in '38 I used 3 men in (similar to McDonalds teachers). Of course all those boys were well drilled on fundamentals. The last two seasons I have been located here and have had awfully poor teams. I have tried several set systems and also no system. All have failed. Of course there were no good players and very few of any kind here when I came. I am now conducting a spring practise and have twenty boys all of whom will be eligible next year. All are fairly well drilled in fundamentals and all have had a little playing experience. So of course the teams next year will be better but I want good teams.

Should I rely on experience, fundamentals, and a few general instructions for my offense or should I teach set plays? If set plays then what do you think of the ones I have used? The best teams in this section use no set plays on offense. In fact, about all they do is to put their best five boys on the floor and let them fight it out. They usually win and the fans like it so I am beginning to wonder if it is the best. Some of our opponents use a shifting zone,

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Mr. Forrest C. Allen

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some a man to man that backs up first and some a man to man
all over the court.

If you have a book or booklet on offense and defense
I would like to buy it. I have plenty of books on fundamentals,
strategy, training, etc.

Hoping that you may have the time and patience to answer
this and thanking you very kindly, I am

Respectfully yours,

Lester Gillman

Lester Gillman
High School Coach

May 6, 1940.

Mr. Gordon Gray,
Harlingen High School,
Harlingen, Texas.

Dear Gordon:

It was a great pleasure to hear from you again, and to know that you are planning to take advanced work toward your master's degree.

Yes, indeed, you may tell Superintendent Deering that we will do the best we can to find a good Jayhawker to send to Harlingen.

Gord, I am wondering if you would like to return to K. U. for your master's degree. I am enclosing some mimeographed material so that you will know what the requirements are. We have four graduate students in our department this semester who are finishing their work for the master's degree this spring. Although our program is fairly new, we are fast gaining a reputation for excellent work in this field. If you should come, I am sure that I could use you as freshman basketball coach. Let me know what you think of this idea.

I'll be glad to have you use my name as reference at any time you wish.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Harlingen, Texas
April 31st. 1940

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

Dear Doc:

Just thought I would drop you a line to find out if you could recommend a man to fill my position here in Harlingen.

The Superintendent of Schools, Mr. E. C. Deering, asked me yesterday to write you and find out if you could supply him with another Kansas Jayhawker.

He would like to have a man that had 18 hours in Mathematics, or a minor, as he would teach mostly Com. Arithmetic and Algebra as I have done. His job would be to assist in football, head coach in basket ball, head track coach with special emphasis on basket ball. He would teach five classes a day with one off period.

They have a new field house just completed last summer that has a 86' X 50' playing court, six baskets and seats around 2000. He would have a pretty fair team returning next year with five lettermen back. We won the conference championship again this last year.

I have resigned my position here after four years so that I can go to school again and get a masters degree.

Doc. I am wondering if I might use your name as a reference in case I need it?

Hoping to hear from you again, I am,

Respectfully

Gordon Gray

Gordon Gray
High School
Harlingen, Texas

D. M. DENTON,
PRINCIPAL HIGH SCHOOL
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PRINCIPAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

W. W. BALLARD,
PRINCIPAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
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PRINCIPAL MEXICAN SCHOOL

Harlingen Public Schools

E. C. DEERING, SUPERINTENDENT

Harlingen, Texas

March 26th. 1940

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

Dear Doc:

Probably be surprised to hear from a Yankee down in Mexican country.

Congratulations on another fine team Doc. I have been following your games closely and also my father has been sending me some clippings about basket ball in general. We Yankees down Texas way are pulling for you all in your series with Indiana University.

I think it would be a good time to spike all rumors as to which is the better basket ball state.

Would have given a lot to have seen your play off in Kansas City the past week. I know you were mighty pleased with the boys; and rightfully you should be for I know they are a mighty fine bunch. Doc I only wish I could instill my teams with that never die spirit. Kansas always plays hard, plays fair, and plays to win. A team that plays for keeps is a mighty tough ball club.

Just thought I would drop you a line. Wishing you the best of luck in your series I am,

Respectrully,

Gordon Gray

Gordon Gray
Harlingen High
Harlingen, Texas

P.S. Won the conference again this year. I am going to try to come north next year. Have done about as much as I can here.

May 15, 1940.

Mr. John H. Glenn,
Beardstown, Illinois.

Dear John:

Again I am tardy in acknowledging receipt of your splendid letter of the 27th ultimo. I am off on some high school commencement addresses, but I want to write you and tell you that our spring basketball practice closed yesterday. While we haven't let John come out as much as if he had been doing well academically, I assure you that he is passing in everything and that he is going to be all right.

John, I tell you that John Buescher is the best basketball player on the freshman team. He is getting better and saltier every day, and if he was as good in his grades as he is with this inflated sphere, - boy, he would be a Phi Beta Kappa. He has improved a hundred per cent, and is getting better all the time - athletically speaking, I mean, John. If he will pass all the work that he is now carrying I believe we can get him eligible, and don't think I couldn't use him.

Mrs. Allen has been in New York two weeks, and we are expecting her back in another week. She and Mary are having a grand time. Doubtless you have heard from her.

John, I want to thank you for stimulating John Buescher, and I am sure that you and your friends in Beardstown have had a wonderful effect on him.

I will write you again when I get back from this circle tour. I am going to Hill City, Kansas, today - about 315 miles west of here - for a commencement address, and tomorrow I go to Seneca, and then on Friday and Saturday to Lincoln, Nebraska, for the Big Six meet.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 27, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

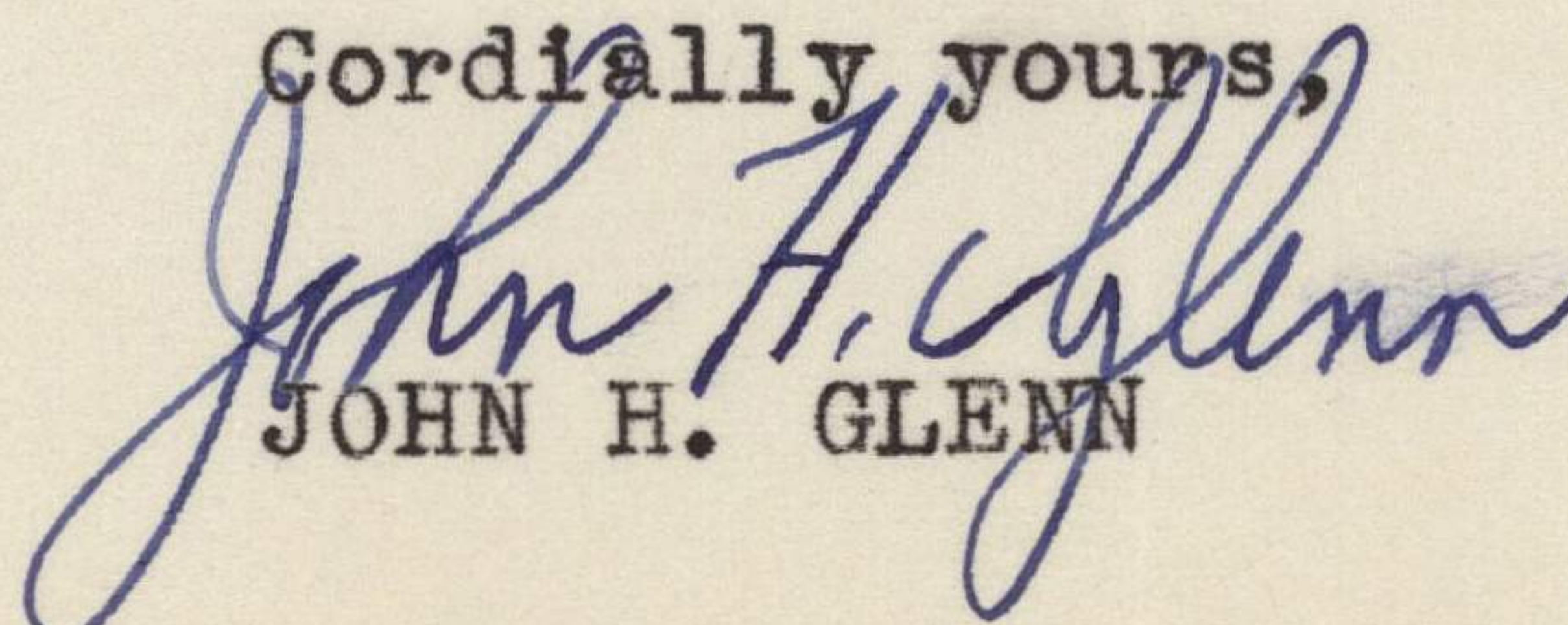
I have purposely delayed in writing you since my arrival home from the finals of the National Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament since I knew that you would be swamped with "fan mail" and also to prove to you that the time spent with your squad will not be forgotten in a short period of time.

It was certainly kind of your team to include me in the group to receive the gold Elgin wristwatch as well as your presenting me with a gold championship belt buckle after the Western play-off game with Southern California.

No doubt, you and Mrs. Allen have talked the scholastic standing of John Buescher over and have found some method of getting him past his low marks already established this semester. I have written John, along with several of my friends in Beardstown and I only hope that these letters have some effect on him. If he can only pass this semester, he should pay big dividends for you during the next three years.

Again, many thanks for the many kindnesses extended to me during the recent basketball tournaments in Kansas City.

Cordially yours,


JOHN H. GLENN

JHG/CK

May 15, 1940.

Mr. Gordon Gray,
Harlingen High School,
Harlingen, Texas.

Dear Gord:

There is a budget allowance for basketball of \$300. I have been paying most of the coaches on an hourly basis, and I am not sure that the Finance Committee of the Athletic Association would o.k. the \$300, but if they did it would be a nice break for you.

There is always work around the Athletic Association and the Physical Education Department that you could do. "Dutch" Uhlraub, who was my captain in 1921, is working on his master's degree here, and he is coaching the tennis team, getting 50¢ an hour from the Athletic Association, and we paid him 50¢ an hour for freshman basketball. Had we known of this earlier I believe we could have gotten him on the budget. He did not decide to come until so late that there was little else we could do about it.

By the way, "Dutch" is somewhat interested in the position you have at Harlingen, and I wonder if you would tell me what it pays.

I do not believe that we could help the young fellow whom you mention who has been coaching in the Junior High School. We have so many returning athletes who have graduated here who desire to work on their master's degree, and we want to use our own men wherever we possibly can.

The additional work that I was talking to you about was in the intramural set-up. If a fellow works part time it will take longer to complete the master's requirements. If you took two years, you would doubtless be able to do a better job.

Write me and let me know what you think of this basketball proposition with additional compensation for you in other activities.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Harlingen, Texas
May 9th. 1940

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

Dear Doc:

Mighty glad to hear from you Doc. Yes I am planning on taking advanced work toward my master's degree. I haven't decided just where I am going to school as yet, just sort of looking around.

I am sort of looking around to see if I cant get a fellowship or work enough to see me through. Do you think I could get something like that at K.U.? About what could I expect to get from helping with basket ball. Doc I sure would like to hear more about this as I believe I would prefer taking my work at Kansas more so than at any other school.

We have a young fellow here who has been coaching Junior High athletics for the past four years. He is interested in taking work in physical education and eventually getting his M.A. in same. He is a very capable young man and I was wondering if by any chance you would have a place for him in the intramural department or in some other phase of your work. He was an all conference full back in the Texas Conference, has played professional base ball and in general is pretty well qualified. He is especially good at officiating in football, basket ball and bask ball. If you think you could by any chance have such a place would appreciate your letting me know right away.

Would appreciate hearing from you in the near future. Thanking you for past favors I am,

Yours very truly,

Gordon Gray

May 17, 1940.

Ralph A. Ginn, Coach,
Tarkio High School,
Tarkio, Mo.

Dear Coach Ginn:

I expect to be out of town much of the time next week on commencement engagements, but, so far as I know now, I will be here Monday and Thursday. Thursday morning I have classes from 9:30 till 12:30.

Mr. Kyle has brought Tarkio boys to me for treatment and I have never heard a word from him. I feel that it will be necessary for me to charge a professional rate for the Tarkio boys.

If you find it convenient to come on the day suggested, I shall be glad to see you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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May 15, 1940

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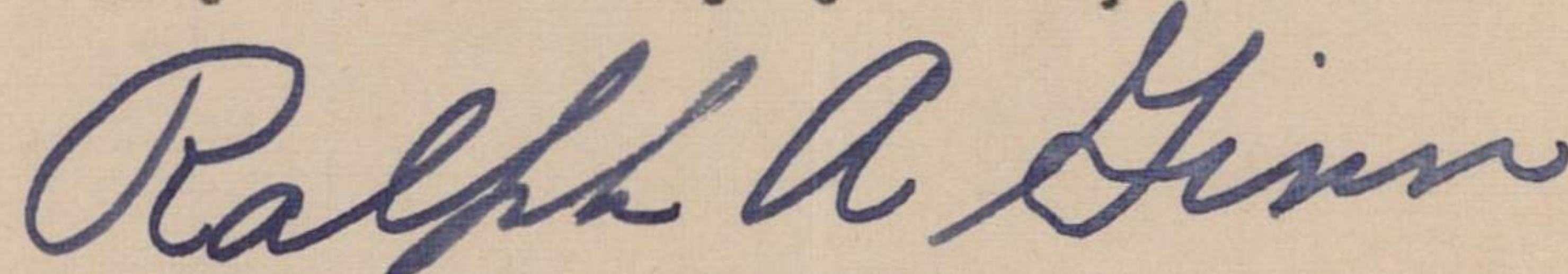
Dear Dr. Allen:

I am writing you in regard to making an appointment for one of our high school boys. This boy injured his knee last October in football and he has been told that the injury is in the cartilages and that he should have an operation, however, the boy and I would like to have you examine it and give us your advice.

It would be possible for us to come to Lawrence any time next week. Of course, due to the distance, it will be better if our appointment is not too early in the day. Mr. Kyle, coach at Tarkio College, and possibly a boy or two from the college with injured knees may accompany us.

We will appreciate it very much if you can give the boy an examination. Please advise us as to the time that would be best for you.

Very friendly yours,



Ralph A. Ginn, Coach
Tarkio High School
Tarkio, Missouri

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Harlingen, Texas
May 20th. 1940

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

Dear Doc:

You can count on my being in Kansas next year to start work on my masters degree. Yes that would be a mighty big break for me to get a budget allowance for basket ball. Will appreciate anything you are able to do for me. I am tickled pink at the opportunity to work with you again

About this job here. I was talking with Mr. Deering, the Superintendent, and he told me that they wanted a younger man for the job. I gave Uhrlaub a big boost and they seemed quite impressed with his record. The only kick back was his age. Doc. last year they paid me \$ 1512. I was supposed to have gotten \$ 1680 but they cut all of us. This is the same salary I have received the past two years.

I plan on being home around the 26th. of May and I may run up to see you. I see where you are on the staff of the coaching school at Texas University. Sure wish I were able to take that in.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Yours very truly,

Gordon Gray

209 E. Polk Street
Harlingen, Texas

P.S. After the 24th. of May
I will be at home 327 E. 10th.
Newton, Kansas

May 27, 1940.

Mr. Ralph A. Ginn,
Tarkio High School,
Tarkio, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Ginn:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, and am glad to know of your interest in doing graduate work here at the University of Kansas.

I notice that you do not list the grades received for the work you have completed at the University of Missouri. I would suggest that you have the University of Missouri and Tarkio College send to our Graduate School a complete official transcript of your work so that you may follow the regular procedure in regard to admission to the Graduate School. These transcripts may be sent to Dean E. B. Stouffer, of the Graduate School, University of Kansas.

It will be a pleasure to have you here this summer should you definitely decide to come.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Tarkio, Missouri

May 24, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am writing in regard to the graduate school of physical education in Kansas University.

I have completed two summer's work in the graduate school at Missouri University and I am now contemplating making a change as I feel that I can get work at Kansas University that will be more valuable to me in my profession. I am also writing the registrar asking that a catalogue be sent me so I can get information in regard to expenses.

Following are the courses that I have completed at Missouri University, listed as they are in the University of Missouri catalogue:

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Name of Course</u> | <u>Credit</u> |
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| D201S | -- Extra-Curricular Activities | 2½ |
| D215S | -- High School Supervision | 2½ |
| C210S | -- City School Administration | 2½ |
| A205S | -- The Psychology of Education | 2½ |
| B271S | -- Philosophy of Education | 2½ |
| * G19S | -- Educational Guidance | 3 |
| D200S | -- Seminar in Secondary Education | 1/2 |

I completed my undergraduate work at Tarkio College, graduating in 1930. Since that time I have been employed in the local high school. During the past five years I have held the position of principal of the high school as well as coach.

I would appreciate knowing about how long it would take me to complete the work for a Master of Arts Degree in Education with a major in physical education.

I enjoyed being in Lawrence and meeting you yesterday, and I certainly appreciated your kindness in seeing us and taking care of the boy.

Very respectfully yours,

Ralph A. Ginn

Ralph A. Ginn
 Tarkio, Missouri

June 3, 1940.

Mr. A. E. Garrison,
Oread Training School,
University of Kansas.

Dear Mr. Garrison:

I shall be very happy to speak to Phi Delta Kappa on the evening of June 17th on the subject "Recreation". I understand the meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in the Pine Room of the Union Building.

I assure you it will be a pleasure to meet with your group on that occasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

June 18, 1940

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

Dear Doctor Allen:

Your splendid recommendation to Mr. Shepherd played an important part in my getting the assignment as life guard to the city pools. As the pay is very good, I'm looking forward to a pleasant school term next fall.

Enclosed are two receipted bills which I paid for the department the day before I left. I hope the delay in returning them has not caused any great inconvenience.

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I really appreciate your help and shall do my best to merit your recommendation.

Sincerely

Curvin

Curvin H. Greene



June 22, 1940.

Mr. Max Gray,
209 East Polk St.,
Harlingen, Texas.

Dear Max:

A week ago I checked with the Correspondence Study department and found that you had enrolled. I am happy to see that you have done this. This morning I called them again to see if you had turned in any lessons, and they said No, none at all.

I am getting a little anxious, Max, about this because correspondence study is a thing that you have to peck away at - driving yourself to get the work in, else you will find that you are way behind and it will be impossible for you to get eligible. If I were you I would have an objective and in that objective would be a schedule definitely planned so that so many lessons would be sent in per week, say two a week, if possible. Now, I know that means hard work, especially when you are working with laborious things like large chunks of ice, but your troubles will melt away like your product when it is exposed to intense heat and energy.

I am not driving you, and I do not want you to feel that. I am trying to do something for you, so that when you do it you will derive large returns.

We are going to have a great trip and I feel that we are going to have a splendid team. I have a notion that you will play a definite part in the molding of this fine team. For that reason I am quite anxious that you methodically cut down the opposition - that is, your correspondence study. Won't you write me and let me know what you think of your assignment and what your schedule is regarding this work? Remember, you have eight hours, and that is forty lessons and two examinations, brother, and I am prayin' for you that you have the old fight and courage necessary to do the job one hundred per cent.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

June 24, 1940.

Mr. Gordon Gray,
327 East 10th St.,
Newton, Kansas.

Dear Gordie:

I have written another letter to Max which will answer the inquiry you made regarding his enrollment. I was happy that he had enrolled, but I am anxious about his starting work. Wouldn't it be a good idea for you to give him a friendly boost without letting him know that I wrote you?

I know how difficult this correspondence work is, and unless a fellow fights it he will not be able to overcome his inhibitions.

I wouldn't make a special trip to see Tucker, but I would like for you, if there is any way possible, to talk with him and act like you know nothing about the fact that he is supposed to go to Oklahoma University, at present. But it is a long time until September, and I am not worrying about it. But if he should go to Oklahoma I'll guarantee we will make it plenty tough on him if he has a Sobner uniform on.

Now, coming back to Max, I know how much you can do with him, so you give him a good old pep talk. I believe he has a good opportunity to play that back guard position on the Kansas team. He will be a very welcome addition to our squad. I can appreciate how tired a fellow is after wrestling with ice cakes all day. I did that during my summer vacations for several years when I was a kid, and I know what it means.

I am glad Ernie and his wife are getting along well. I am very fond of them.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Newton, Kans.
June 19, 1940.

Dear Doc:

Glad to hear from you and to have a copy of your letter to Max.

I wrote Max over a week ago and haven't heard from him. Was wondering if you had heard whether or not he had started on his correspondence course.

I am working pretty long and steady and don't have much time to write. By the way I haven't been able to get down to see Tucker at Winfield, but will try to do so before long. I want to keep right after

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Max and sort of prod him
along. I've do' quite a lot
with him. His work has
picked up a lot down there
and he may be too busy
and tried to answer his
mail.

Hoping to hear from you
soon, Sam,

very truly,
Gordon Gray
327 E. 10th.
Newton, Kans.

P.S. Saw Vanek and wife
two weeks ago. Stayed over-
night with me. Looks
Good.

July 10, 1940.

Mr. Max Gray,
209 East Polk St.,
Harlingen, Texas.

Dear Max:

I played golf the other day with Elwyn Dees and he made the statement that you had gone to the University of Colorado at one time. I called Gordon and he said this was not true.

I wish you would write me a statement, Max, giving me the facts so that I can have it on file here with my letter. Naturally, if you should come here and enroll next year there might be some who would say you had gone to Colorado. And I would like to have your statement of the true facts in the case.

Gordon said you had gone out there but had withdrawn within the two-week limit. Your father said they wanted too much money, so you came back here. I would be glad to have you write me.

I am glad to know from Gordon that you are taking unemployment compensation and that you are getting down to your books. We are counting on you doing it, and we are counting on you on the team. You know, the weeks roll by pretty fast, and if you do not get your lessons finished they will not extend your enrollment in order that you may finish your correspondence.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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