# THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS LAWRENCE

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

January 5, 1942.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education & Recreation and
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach
105 R.
Campus.

Dear "Phog":

I greatly appreciated your note of December 16. It was just another demonstration of your generous thoughtfulness. As a matter of fact, I felt that I owed you and the members of the basketball team an expression of thanks for the delightful time that I had in making the trip with you to Dodge City. It was so thoroughly enjoyable that it was really a vacation trip for me.

I also appreciated the last paragraph of your letter, although I was inclined to reply immediately that my aggressive foot seemed to have put just about the necessary weight on the accelerator to insure that we reached Lawrence in time for your basketball rehearsal at three o'clock that afternoon. On the other hand, I discovered a day or two later that I had worn a hole through the sole of my right shoe while the left sole was perfectly intact. So I decided that there might be some justification for your warning. In any case, I discovered that a certain big black Buick was close behind me all the way, except when it was setting the pace out in front.

Cordially yours,

Director.

HGI: jb

P.S. I had hoped very much that I would have an opportunity to see the boys perform in their first conference game this winter. But I am leaving today for a four-day conference in Memphis so will not have an opportunity to see the team in action until the 24th. But I am hoping to be in Lawrence on that day.

But even though I am not present in the auditorium, I shall be rooting for you and team. And I am confident that the first game will result in a victory for our boys, regardless of whether or not Tucker is in the O.U. line-up.

Mr. N. P. Isenberger, Phillips Petroleum Co., Corpus Christi, Texas.

Dear Mate:

Thank you for your good letter of April 16th recommending Dan Wagner, captain of the Schreiner Institute basketball team, of Kerrville, Texas.

Nate, I appreciate your writing me and I assure you that it would be a great pleasure to have this boy enrolled at the University of Kansas. Won't you contact him and let me know what chance there is of him enrolling here? You tell Dan that I would be delighted to have him. Won't you write me confidentially and let me know what his financial status is? The tuition for out of state boys is \$75.00 per semester and the out of state boy pays a \$20.00 matriculation fee. Kansas boys pay a \$10.00 matriculation fee.

Believe it or not, Nate, I am still going along in the old way and not offering any scholarships or any special inducements. I get a lot of letters from boys all over the United States asking if we give scholarships, and saying that they would like to play here. I tell one and all the same thing - that there is no one here at the University who subsidizes the boys and makes it easier for a basketball player than for any other student. Sometimes my mouth waters when I read of some of these prospects and realize what a fellow could do in an athletic way if he had some of these boys, and then I think also of how many kids have been spoiled by somebody telling them they were big shots and that somebody should pay their way through college. I have had youngsters of my own and in my own mind I always have a deep sense of pride when some of these boyd do something on their own hook and do not depend on somebody else baddling their cance.

I would love to have Dan Wagner up here and I know from what you say about him that he would have no trouble making our varsity with what fundamentals I could teach him and with his enthusiasm and leadership which he must have in being a member of this fine Schreiner team. I am very sure that he would make great going. I am writing him a letter and sending you a carbon copy of the letter so you can see exactly what I say to him and just how I feel.

Again thanking you, Nate, and hoping for your continued success, I am
Sincerely yours,

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

# PHIMPS PENROIDEM COMPANY

Corpus Christi, Texas April 16, 1942

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

Dear Phog:

This little note will acquaint you with the fact that I feel that I can recommend Dan Wagner, Captain of the Schreiner Institute basket ball team this year, as a very fine prospect. He is a forward of the George Rodey type and at present finishing his work at Schreiner which is located at Kerrville, Texas.

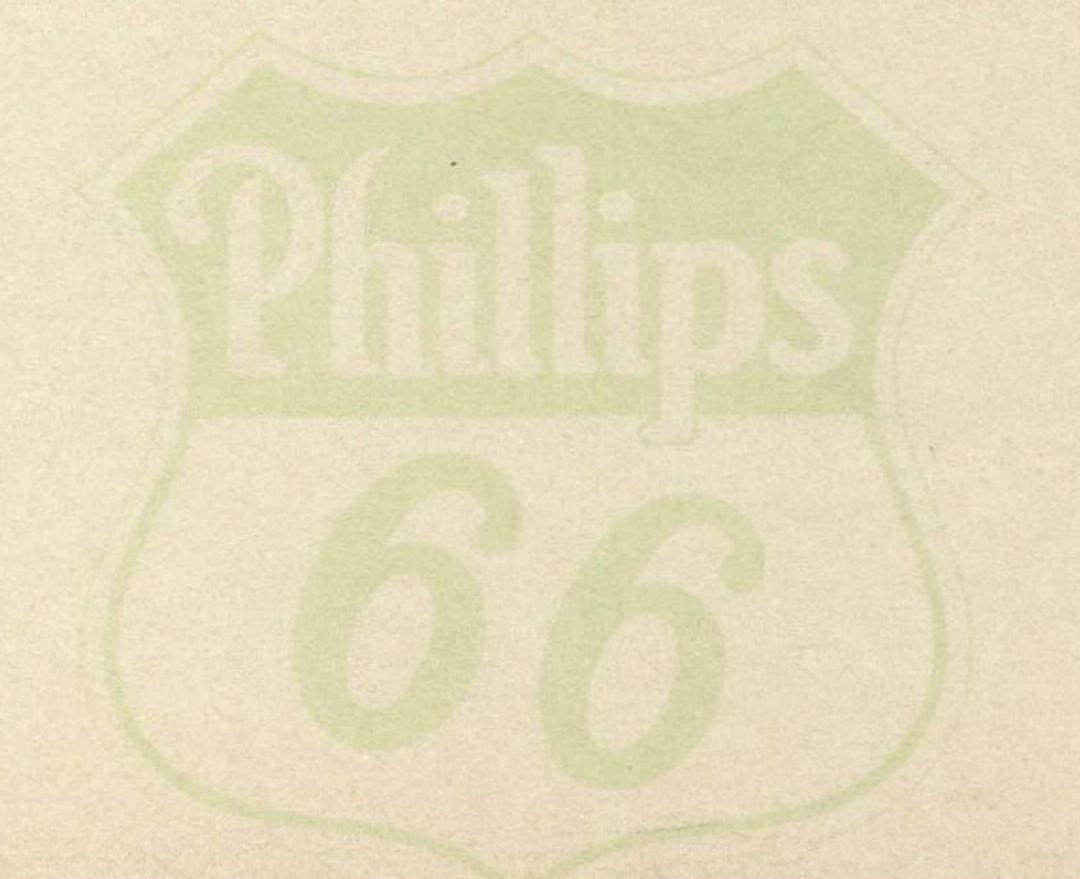
This is the first time I have ever recommended any one to you or any one else because of athletic ability but I feel that you should know about this boy. I do this only after he has told me he would like to play basket ball for you which means a lot to me.

Congratulations on your successful season and with best personal regards.

Very truly yours,

W.P. Isenberger

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Mr. Dan Wagner, Captain, Basketball Team, Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, Texas.

Dear Dan:

Mr. M. P. Isenberger, a very fine friend of mine, of the Phillips Petroleum Company of Corpus Christi, has written me regarding your prowess and skill as a fine basketball player on your Schreiner Institute team. Mr. Isenberger states that you are a forward of the George Rody type.

George Rody was captain of our Kansas varsity basketball team of 1922 when we defeated the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis by a score of 32 to 11. We won the Missouri Valley championship that year and George Rody played a very potent part in the winning of the championship. He was a "dead-eye Dick" goal shooter and a great floor man, although he was not especially large. He possessed an uncampy eye and splendid coordination, combined with fine leadership.

So when Mr. Isenberger recommends you as a George Rody basketball player I know that he is recommending a boy who can really play basketball. We have one Texas boy on the team now - T. P. Hunter, Jr., from Margaret, Texas. He has made three letters, this being his senior year, and he is a left hand pitcher on our varsity baseball team. He is one of the most popular boys that we have on our squad.

While you may think of Kansas as "way up north", I want you to know that we have many southern boys on the team, and Kansas is not nearly as Yankee as you might imagine. I would be happy to hear from you, telling me of your desires in the way of a college major. What do you expect to specialize in? I am sending you a general catalog and after I hear from you I will be very happy to send you any specific literature that you may desire which will enable you to earn your major in the professions or the arts.

Anticipating the pleasure of your coming, and congratulating you on your fine athletic achievements, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Warron Israel West 10th Lawrence, Mansas

Dear Warren.

Milton told me last night of the chemical explosion that occured and injured your eyes. I am awfully sorry to hear of this and wish that you had told me that the explosion kept you from Varsity basketball practise.

With best wishes for your complete recovery I am

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach

FC /pg

October 23, 1941 Mr. Warren Israel West Tenth St. Laurence, Kansas Dear Warron, You've been out but a few times this year for Varsity basketball practise. Our method is to call in the uniforms of the player who misses three practises in succession. You've missed many more and if you're interested, I'd suggest you see me at your earliest convenience. Otherwise we'll strike you from the squad roster. Sincerely yours, Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

Mr. H. G. Ingham, Extension Division, University of Kansas.

Doar Harold:

It was a delight to have a visit with you, and I want to thank you for your many courtesies.

The boys are going to stay here during Christmas week and we will take them to the show and feed them on the expense money we saved due to your kindness.

It was fine to have a visit with you, Harold, but be more careful about that aggressive foot that you put on the accelerator.

Sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH

Mr. Don Isett, Metropolitan Supply Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Don:

Thank you very much for your very fine letter of the 6th instant offering to entertain our boys for luncheon on January 29th when we play at Iowa City.

I have written to the Hotel Jefferson in Iowa City asking that they make reservations for our group. We will have ten or eleven players, Trainer Dean Nesmith and myself. We will arrive at 9:15 a.m. on the Rocket.

Regarding our diet, we live on simple food such as small steak, some head lettuce or celery, either a fruit cocktail or sump - just the ordinary run of things, and ice cream for dessert. Any vegetables or side dishes are taken in stride. We generally ask for broiled steak when we can get it. Most any noon day luncheon with a small steak is entirely satisfactory, and it certainly is not necessary to order a special meal because the hotels always run the price up on that sert of a proposition.

It is mighty kind of you to ask us, and I am sure that the boys will greatly appreciate having a short visit with you.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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



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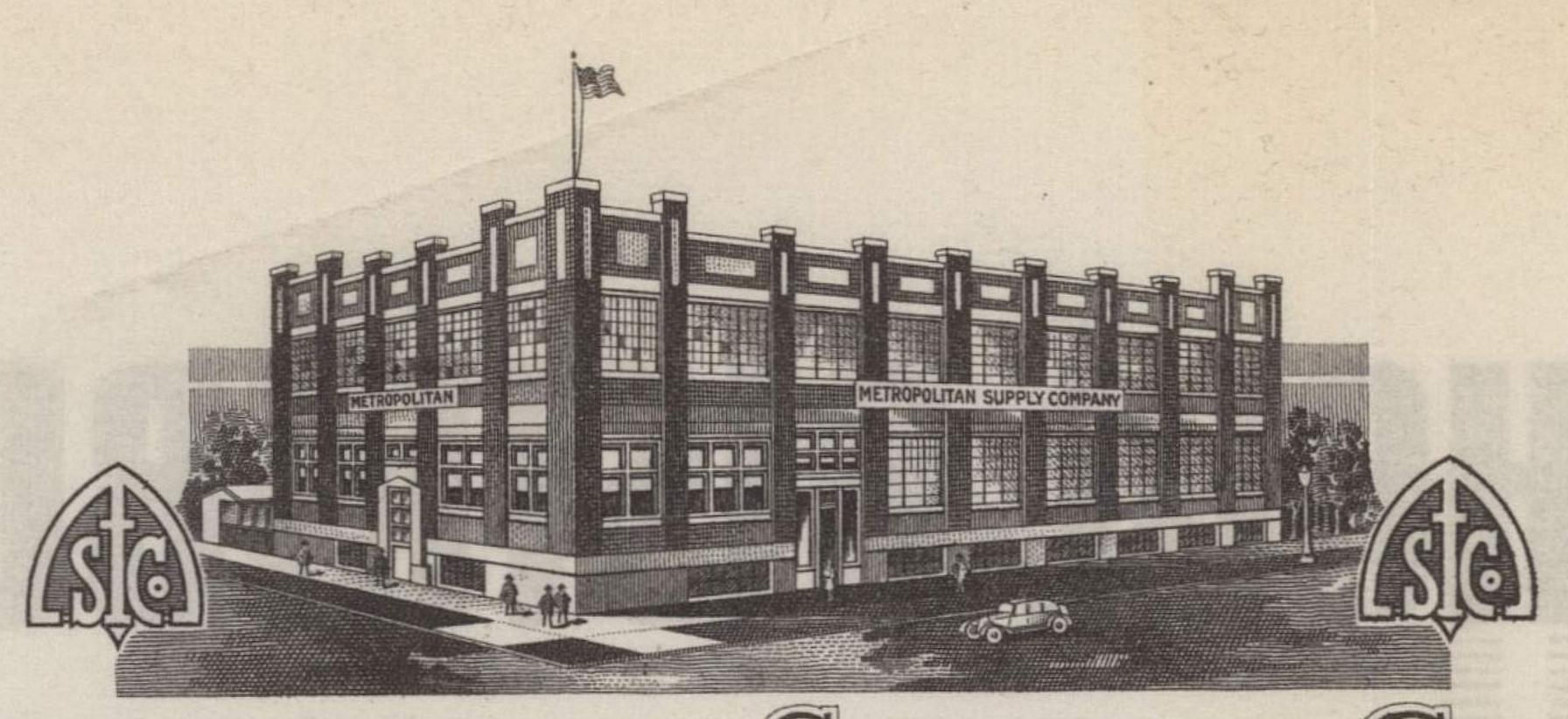
and was very active in athletics - halfback

on Football team, went out for Track, on

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CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa January 6, 1942

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

My dear Dr. Allen:

I notice by the University of Iowa basket-ball schedule that Kansas U. is playing Iowa on Thursday evening, January 29, in Iowa City, and I was very pleased to learn this, as it has been some time since I have seen one of our teams in action.

If it would be convenient for you and the squad, I would be very happy to entertain you at lunch or at dinner, whichever is most convenient for you, at the Jefferson Hotel in Iowa City on January 29. I know, from my own experience, that you prefer to keep the squad quiet before the game, but I would consider it a great privilege and pleasure if you could accept my invitation, and I would be very glad to arrange the meal so that the boys could have just the food you feel they should have prior to a game.

With kind regards to you and the squad,

I remain

D. G. Isett

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Very truly yours,

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Mr. Don Isett, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Don:

I just wanted you to know that we followed through on your suggestion regarding young Grutzmacher, of Onaga. I know his father very well, and spoke at Onaga at Commencement time a couple of years ago.

Charles Grutzmacher is a senior at the University, and I learn that he is not particularly interested in football. He is not very large, and although he may have been a high school star, he apparently did not care to compete at the University. Mr. Earl Falkenstien, financial secretary of the Athletic Association, whose home is at Onaga, has talked to the boy, as has Vic Hurt. So I believe we have done everything we can in the matter.

I was eager to do everything we could to help the boy, but since he is in his senior year he apparently isn't interested now in going out for athletics.

I want to tell you again what a pleasure it was to see you at Iowa City, and to thank you for your courtesy to myself and the boys.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

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Mr. Don Isett, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

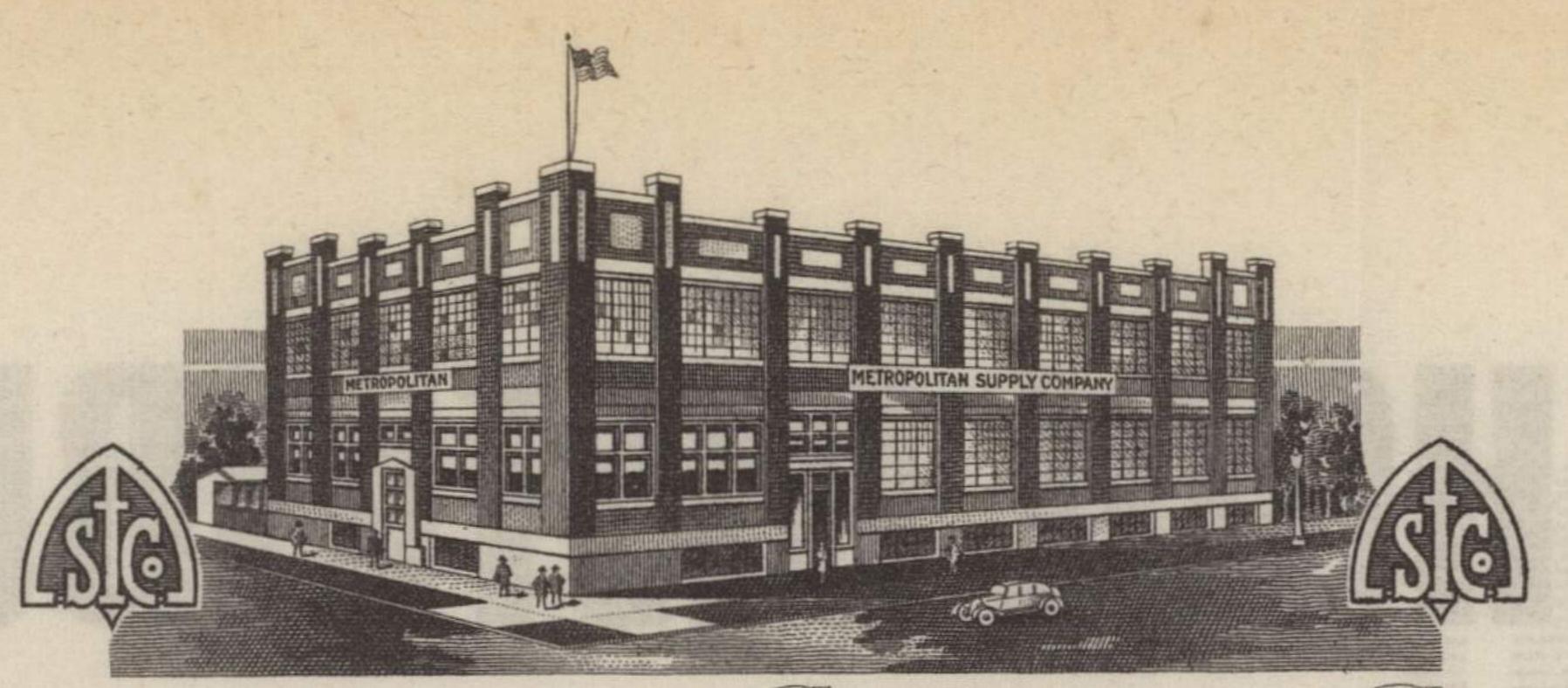
Dear Don:

Thank you for your letter of the 20th instant. Vic Hurt tells me that he saw the boy, Kirke Grutzmacher, and has talked to him about coming to K.U. We greatly appreciate your interest him, and hope that he decides to come here next year.

Very sincerely yours,

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



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602-616 THIRD STREET, S. E.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa February 20, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I was pleased to receive your letter of the 16th, and evidently you did not understandymy suggestion concerning young Grutzmacher. I know Charles very well, but I did not mean that he would be interested in football. It is his younger brother, Kirke Grutzmacher, who is a Senior in the Onaga, Kansas high school, of whom I was telling you, and whom I would like to see enter K.U. this next fall. He weighs about 185 lbs., has played tackle for four years in high school, and unless I am no judge of football players, will make somebody a mighty nice athlete. He does not need any financial assistance, which makes him doubly attractive to us, or to any other school.

I thoroughly enjoyed our visit in Iowa City, and it was a pleasure to entertain you and the boys, and hope I shall have that opportunity again in the future. The game was one of the roughest I have seen in years, but it gave me a lot of satisfaction to see us come out on the long end of the score. Knowing how you can bring a team along, and show improvement from game to game, where lots of other coaches start out a season well, but seem to slide back as the season advances, I still think you have a wonderful chance to win the Big Six title again this year. I am sure you enjoyed turning the tables on Iowa State at Lawrence recently, and by such a convincing margin.

I saw Clarence McGuire in Chicago this last week, as well as Bill Rice, and both were looking fine. Bill told me you delivered my greetings to him, and I was very pleased to know that you remembered it.

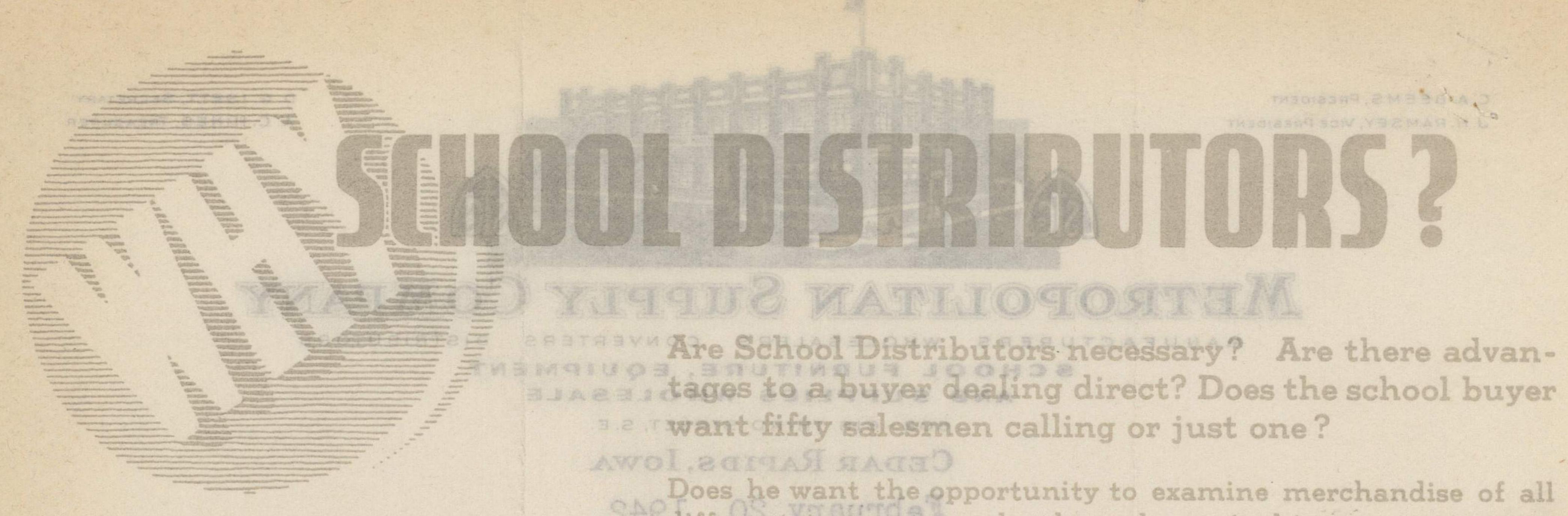
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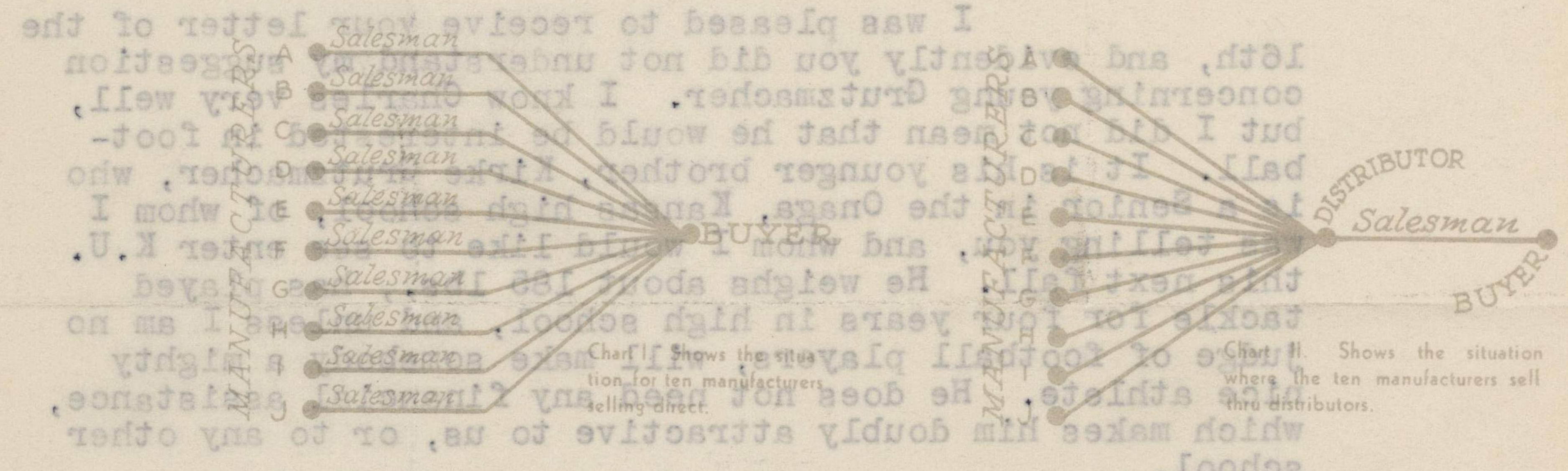
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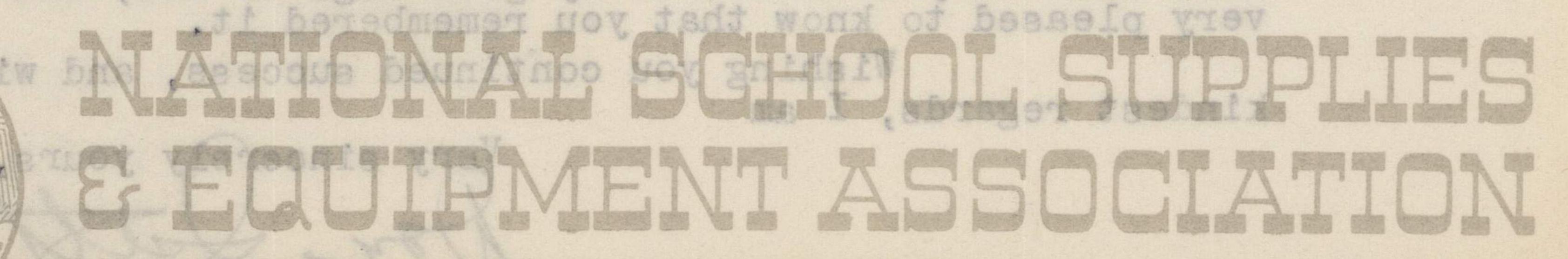
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ROOM 307-SHOP SECTION .. PALMER HOUSE; CHICAGO.ILL.

Mr. Ned Irish, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, N.Y.

Dear Ned:

I am sorry for the delay in answering your letter of February 24th. We are still tied up in basketball, and play the Oklahoma Aggies in Kansas City tomorrow night. I hadn't written you before because I was not sure whether we were going to tie for the championship.

But now, as champions of the Big Six, we would be interested in playing Fordham if the dates could be worked out. We also would perhaps be interested in playing Canisius. Will the agreement be the same as when we were there before? We will have a pretty fair team, although we will lose Miller, one of our aces.

I will not be at New Orleans, and I didn't send anything to the coaches meeting because I haven't been very active.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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### NEDIRISH

NINE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK CITY

February 24, 1942

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

Dear Doc:

At the present time there seems little possibility that I will be able to attend the coaches meeting in New Orleans. Nodoubt your team will be active down there at that time. The uncertainty of transportation from New York to southern points at the present time, plus the fact that the local college tournament which is sponsored by the New York schools will be in progress at the same time makes it unlikely that many athletic officials from this section will be able to get away.

Since these men will not be in New Orleans I was wondering if you have given any thought to an eastern trip. You apparently have a much stronger team than your combination of last season, and I thought if you were interested in returning this way I would be glad to pass this information along to any of the local schools that you might be interested in competing against on such a trip. During the Christmas holiday week December 26th, 28th, and 30th, the following teams have each been alloted one game: New York University, Long Island University, Fordham, Manhattan, St. John's and City College.

It is my understanding that New York University has a tentative agreement to meet the University of Washington and Long Island University a similar arrangement with So. California during that week. St. John's has been playing Colorado University for the past four or five years during that week, and I am under the impression this relationship will be continued. I do not think Fordham, Manhattan or Gity College has yet made any definite commitments for that week.

If you are interested in an eastern trip I would also suggest that you not overlook the possibility of stoping off in Buffalo where they have opened a new magnificent auditorium seating 10,000. Canisius College of Buffalo leased this building this year and Dr. James Crowdle, its athletic director, conducted nine nights of basketball in this building.

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NINE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK CITY

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They averaged slightly in excess of 5,000 a night with several crowds in excess of 8,500. Canisius played on all the programs with other schools in the vicinity including Niagara, St. Bonaventure and Syracuse completing the other half as home teams.

Do you have anything which you are bringing up at the coaches convention that I could put in the bulletin which is now being assembled to get into the hands of the coaches within the next ten days. As chairman of the rules committee it occurred to me that you might have a synopsis of research material which will be discussed at the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Basketball Madison Square Garden

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Mr. Ned Irish, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Irish:

Your letter of February 24th has come to Dr. Allen's desk during his absence with the basket-ball team in Oklahoma. He will return Saturday, and you will doubtless hear from him some time next week.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen.

Mr. Henry P. Tha, Director of Athletics, Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Dear Henry:

Thank you for your letter of the 25th instant.

On August 7th I wrote you that "complications were such that it was impossible, without injuring some feelings pretty badly, to not have Missouri play on January 29 and 30 with Iowa Pre-Flight School and Great Lakes end Kansas."

Doubtless if you will check back in your files you will find this letter.

But I do thank you for your willingness to cooperate because really I would have much preferred to have you and your team on the program.

I wonder if it would be convenient to see you in Kansas City any time on the 7th, instead of the 6th. I would certainly enjoy having a talk with you, but I have a conflict on the 6th.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA: AH

## ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

(INCORPORATED)

Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College

STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA

August 25, 1942

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

Dear Doc,

I plan to go to Kansas City on the 6th and 7th and if my plans go through as scheduled, I would be glad to see you on Sunday if you are going to be in Kansas City.

I suppose that the double-header is going through with Missouri and Kansas as home teams, as I had a letter from Jack Gardner recently and he didn't mention any change in the setup.

Sincerely yours,

H. P. Iba, c. Director of Athletics

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Mr. Ned Irish, Director of Basketball, Madison Square Garden, Nine Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, N.Y.

Doar Mr. Irisha

Dr. Allen is out of town at present, but before he left he asked me to acknowledge your very kind letter to him of January 6th. He hopes to have time next week to answer it fully.

I can assure you that Dr. Allen thinks very highly indeed of you, and he certainly would do nothing to injure the tournament. That, of course, was not the purpose of the letter he wrote to Mr. Grayson. Dr. Allen will write you, I am sure, in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen.

### NEDIRISH

NINE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK CITY

January 6, 1942

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

Dear Doc:

I have read with quite some interest a lot of the material which you forwarded to Harry Grayson at N. E. A. A good deal of this is very interesting and well taken. On one point quoting you, however, I would like to clear up a misunderstanding on your part so that in the future you would realize that I have nothing whatsoever to do with the officials or officiating in Madison Square Garden.

The conduct of the games in all phases is entirely in the hands of the colleges competing. The officials in this case come within that classification. The College Basketball Bureau under the direction of Asa Bushnell of the Central Office for Intercollegiate Athletics is the only authority in this section which has anything to do with college basketball officiating. This bureau was founded by the ten metropolitan colleges who comprise the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Committee. These colleges, seven of them using the Garden court as their home court for all major games, derive their revenue for the support and maintenance of the official bureau from the National Invitation Tournament which they conduct in Madison Square Garden every March.

Mr. Bushnell's bureau appoints all officials for varsity, freshman, and junior varsity games, including the games in Madison Square Garden. Mr. Bushnell has two former officials, Dave Walsh and Ellwood Geiges as his field observers. They inspect the actual work of the officials and conduct three clinics for instruction during the course of the season.

I attended one of these clinics last night and from my own observation I would say that the question of "intent" nolonger is a factor in Eastern officiating. I do not believe any foul is called where there is no substantial body contact and where it was not in direct violation of the rules.

I have observed games in the Middle-West, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, and in Philadelphia so far this season. Other than exceptions which you expect between any two officials work, I have not noticed any particular variance of interpretations.

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Some games are rougher than others and the same team on different nights will commit more fouls, but I do not think that is strictly a local problem as you will probably agree.

Your views are always interesting and certainly have done a great deal to get basketball the attention it deserves in the press of the country. I certaily hope that you will continue your fine efforts along these lines since many other coaches seem to be content to let things drift along.

My best wishes to you for a successful season, although I think Bruce Drake will make a lot of trouble for the teams in the Big Six with his new pivot man Gerry Tucker. Tucker gave an exceptionally brillant performance here against St. John's, and Bill Reinhart tells me he was just as good against his team in Washington.

Nels Norgren has asked me to get together some material and put out a publication as soon as possible for the National Association of Basketball Coaches. If you have anything that you think would be interesting to the coaching fraternity I would appreciate it if you would send it along.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Basketball Madison Square Garden

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