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# KETCHIKAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HAROLD A. HOEGLUND, SUPERINTENDENT

KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Kindly permit me to ask a favor of you. But, first of all, may I introduce myself. You will not remember me, but I spent the year, 1933-'34, and four succeeding summers at K.U. One summer (one of the hot ones--about '36) I had the pleasure of playing badminton with you and others on the occasion of a picnic out at a grove south of Lawrence-- Brown's Grove, I believe it was. They finally gave me a master's degree at K.U. in 1938. My present position is superintendent of schools at Ketchikan, Alaska. I think I am the first and only K.U. man to ever hold a superintendency in Alaska.

May I tell you my reason for asking a favor of you at this time. If we win the basketball championship this year, we will be champions of Southeastern Alaska for the third consecutive year. Our chances of doing so are good insofar as experience is concerned because we have seven of the original championship team back again this year, quite an unusual circumstance, considering the war. But, the boys are not training. As chief reason, I would blame the backwash of the war; more specifically, twenty-seven saloons and liquor stores in this town, besides the honkey-tonks and the accompanying vices. Ketchikan is definitely a basketball town; the old blood and thunder type of fanfare.

As an incentive to get our boys out of the doldrums, we are offering to take them to the Washington state tournament next spring if we can qualify.

The favor I am requesting is two-fold: (1) Will you be so kind as to explain the procedure leading up to the national tournament, giving also, rules, qualifications, place, etc? (2) Will you include in your letter a statement or two emphasizing the necessity for rigid training by teams who desire or contemplate participating in contests leading toward the national basketball tournament.

Kindest personal regards, with many happy memories from Mt. Oread.

Sincerely yours,

Harold A. Hoeglund  
Superintendent

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