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Mr. Forrest Allen

University of Kansas

Lawrence,

Kansas

Iola, Kansas
Dec. 19, 1942

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your statements concerning the merits of walking. Thank you kindly. They were very helpful.

Respectfully,

Melvin L. Hayes

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March 24, 1943

Mr. Arthur F. Hughes,
St. Joseph News-Press
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Art:

Thanks for sending me the clipping in the Gene Sullivan's Wise Owl column, I appreciate all the nice things Gene had to say about me, but this is once where he is as substantially correct as a fellow I heard about in describing to his friend the fact that John Doe, his friend, madea hundred thousand dollars in one year in a shirtwaist factory in Baltimore, Maryland,

He said, "Isn't that right, Bill?" "Well, " Bill said, "That is substantially correct. Instead of Baltimore, Maryland, It was Kansas City, and instead of a shirtwaist factory it was an overall factory, and instead of making a hundred thousand dollars the first year he lost a hundred thousand dollars the first year."

I can just tell you on the record and off the record that I never have been as happy as during the past seven years when I have had nothing to do with the administration of athletics here at the University of Kansas.

You have heard about the fellow that met Bill Jones going down town, and he said, "I think I should tell you, Bill, that I just came through your neighborhood and I saw a big, striped, Bengal tiger jump in the kitchen window of your house. I thought maybe you would want to hurry out there and protect your wife."

Bill said, "Now, listen. That tiger got in there and he can just get out the best way he can."

That is the way with me. I got in there once and I am out, and I am not getting back. Some people really feel that a fellow would jump into a job like that if it were offered him. Well, I am not one of those fellows that cares for as much grief as that type of job can muster.

In the fall of 1920 I coached the football team with not one penny of additional salary. In December, 1919, I took over basketball with no increase in salary. In 1921 I started the building of the stadium, and in 1923 I founded the Kansas Relays. My basketball teams have been fairly successful, yet when I was endeavoring to build up a football team because the basketball team was winning many of my pseudo-friends were declaring that I cared nothing for football. Well, after having done all those things I have arrived at an age that convinces me it isn't worth a candle and I wouldn't take the job at twice the salary.

You are dealing with an emotional, slap-happy, crackpot bunch of fanatics who know all about winning football games. So not for my peace of mind or any money that anyone might gather up in an endeavor to tempt me. It just wouldn't work.

So thank Gene for his kind words, but these are not idle statements. They are facts. Very cordially yours,

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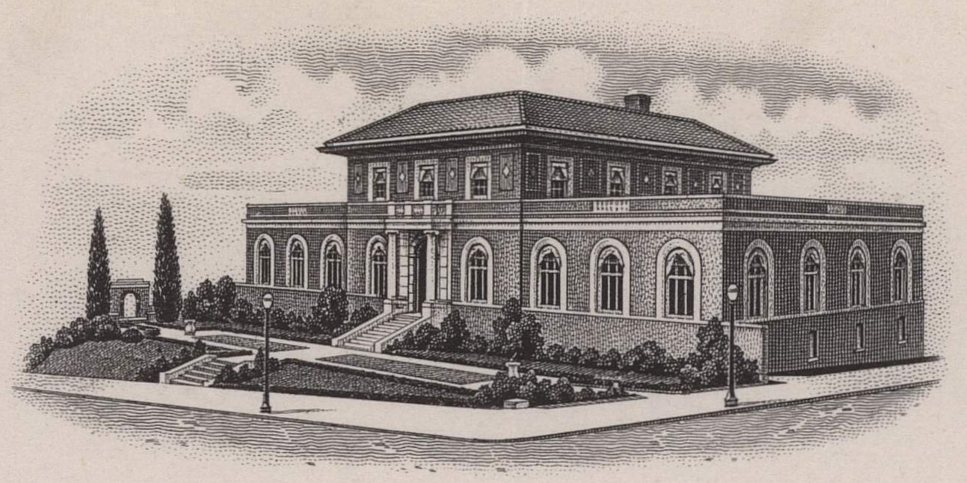

March 16

Dear Phog;

Thought that you might be interested in this clipping.

Sincerely

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Arthur F. Hughes

WISE OWL

By GENE SULLIVAN

News-Press Sports Editor

GWINN HENRY'S SUCCESSOR

We have the perfect successor to Gwinn Henry as the head football coach at the University of Kansas. He is Dr. F. C. (Phog) Allen, who needs no introduction to readers of sports pages. Doctor Allen is eminently qualified for the position. We mean it. In the rather dim and distant past Doctor Allen proved his ability as a football coach at Kansas. In the pulsating present he has shown a knack of attracting young men of marked basketball talent to Mount Oread. The same talent-getting flair has been demonstrated by few football coaches in the entire history of the gridiron sport up at Lawrence on the Kaw.

Yes, sir, Phog Allen is the man who should have the job. Phog Allen would get Kansas a winner in football just as he has given the Jayhawks a long succession of champions in basketball. Phog is that kind of coach. To be a success in the peculiar profession of preparing young men for athletic combat you have to be a crank for perfection, a practical psychologist, a politician, a father confessor, and a showman who combines the better theories of P. T. Barnum and Billy Rose with a touch of mortgage-holding villain of the old mellerdrammers. And that, ladies and gentlemen, is Phog Allen, the maker of basketball champions.

Phog Allen

It would be no trick for Phog to transfer these talents to the football department. He knows the gundamentals of that game almost as well as he understands the basic principles of basketball. Giving the grid sport his full time and attention, he'd be a wow. Of course he'd have to do this in season because no school would be silly enough to suggest that a Phog Allen give up basketball coaching. That would be like asking MacArthur to become R. O. T. C. instructor at Paducah High School. But Phog could find the time for both jobs. Didn't he only recently say that the era of the two-hour-a-day coach was passing?

And while the Kansas board of regents is handing over the football coaching reins to Phog it should also reinstate him as athletic director. This, of course, would just be a technicality anyway. Being shorn of that authority didn't slow up Phog one whit. He continued to attack the N. C. A. A. on all fronts, predict the end of intercollegiate football within a decade and ask pointed questions of young men who moved from one Big Six school to another in his best athletic director manner while being only the Jayhawks' head basketball coach. But we still cling to the theory that the jobs of head football coach and athletic director should always be invested in one man and we make no exception in the case of Phog Allen.

We realize, of course, that this suggestion will meet with little support in many sections of the University of Kansas Alumni Association. Some of those boys have taken a very stubborn attitude toward Phog. They've blamed him for everything bad that has happened in Douglas County with the exception of the sack of Lawrence. Phog got out from under the blame for that by claiming he was speaking at a high school athletic banquet that night and was busy working his way through the chicken a la king when Quantrell and his boys worked their version of the T formation on the Kansans.

However, university authorities could go farther and do worse than name Phog Allen athletic director and head football coach. And it is just not because competent football coaches are hard to find in a country at war. Everything Phog Allen does he does right. There are no halfway measures with him. And a man who operates on that principle can't help but be a success regardless of what he is doing. The Jayhawks have long been seeking a football Moses. Now they can get one right on their own front doorstep. Let them forget their Rock-Chalk for a time and have for their new battle cry, "Pulverize 'Em With Phog!"

January 11, 1943.

To Whom It May Concern:

Marshall Hulett, who is employed by the Department of Physical Education, worked in the towel room in the gymnasium during the 10:30 hour on December 22. Mr. Hulett stayed during this hour because other employees went home for Christmas vacation, and there was no one else to serve the physical conditioning classes.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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January 12, 1943.

Mr. Austin Harrod,
Basketball Coach,
Bagdad High School,
Bagdad, Kentucky.

Dear Coach Harrod:

I am glad to have your inquiry of the 7th instant, and feel sure that my text, "Better Basketball" will answer many of your questions. I am enclosing some descriptive material which will give you information on the contents of the book.

"Better Basketball" is sold by most leading sporting goods firms, and is on sale at many book stores. The price is $4.00. If you should desire an autographed copy I will be happy to send it to you postpaid upon receipt of your check or money order for $4.00.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Bagdad High School
Bagdad, Kentucky
January 7, 1942

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

Dear Sir:

I am interested in securing some material on the Zone defense style of basketball. I understand that you have written some books on basketball possibly describing the Zone system. Will you please write me where I might purchase one or more of these books. I am particularly interested in those which contain material about the "Zone". Also quote prices, Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
Austin Harrod,
Basketball Coach of Bagdad High School

January 12, 1943.

Rev. Robert A. Hunt,
First Methodist Church,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Hunt:

It was very nice of you to write as you did concerning our eastern basketball trip. The boys, of course, had a good time, and we are happy that they were successful in all their games.

With kindest regards to you and yours in the year 1943, I am

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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January 5, 1943

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

My dear Dr. Allen:

Congratulations on the success of your Basketball Team on its' eastern trip.

I was pleased to see that you reversed the score and then some on the Olathe Clippers last evening. I hope that your entire games in the Big 6 Conference will be as imposing in the score in your favor.

I am sending the clippings concerning your team to Robert, who will be quite interested in what you are doing this year. Robert is doing nicely as far as we know and we trust that he will continue where he is.

With best wishes and regards to Mrs. Allen and the family, I remain,

Most cordially,

Robert A. Hunt

Robert A. Hunt, Minister

January 12, 1943.

Mr. C. N. Hoffman,
Mr. W. O. Hunter,
Apartment 302,
1929 Whitley Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Friends:

Thank you very much for sending the clever newspaper clipping about the Kansas basketball team. We have posted it on our bulletin board where it has been much enjoyed by the students passing by.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Apartment 302
1929 Whitley Avenue
Los Angeles, California
January 1, 1943

Dear Phog,

Here is a newspaper item which you may enjoy seeing. It certainly can't be denied that Kansas University turns out some versatile teams.

Please pass this on to one of the campus publications, if it merits publication.

Very sincerely yours,

C. N. Hoffman

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Jan 13th.

Dear Coach:

Many thanks for your book which will have a most valued place in my library.

I hope this note finds the team doing right by you.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Joe

Joe Hasel.

January 22, 1943.

Mr. Lacy Haynes,
Kansas City Star Bureau,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Lacy:

It was fine to see you, if only for a few moments. I will make it a point to have a chance to talk with you at greater length than we did the other night. Some time I will run in to Kansas City when you are free enough that we can discuss things with less haste.

I understand that Kansas Day on the 29th will detain you and I do not see how you will be able to make it, but I will be glad if you can be with us on the 30th. We have a tough assignment and we need the old maestro there to fix us up. We certainly hope you can come down to Lawrence to see one of our games, at least, but I know the gasoline problem, and that is a real problem.

I saw Mary Jane in the hall between games but did not get to see the Mrs. My kindest regards to you, old fellow.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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January 15, 1943

Dear Phog:

There isn't anything in the world I am not always happy to talk to you about. When you get into this "important" stuff that is kind of out of my league; but I will give you a minor leaguer's opinion on anything that affects the man I think has done more for boys in this section of the country than any other athletic man.

We certainly had a grand time as your guests at Madison Square Garden, and Lacy appreciated very much the opportunity to keep Chuck with him overnight.

I will be seeing you on the 16th, and of course we probably will miss you on the 29th of January which I will hate to do -- but that is the date of the Kansas Day celebration. However, I can get back for the 30th, and it is just possible I may get through in time to catch a train if they are on schedule, to see the game the 29th. I hate like the devil to miss your basketball games, and I have to figure up some way to get up to Lawrence, even if it means putting the car up for a month so I can drive up.

Thanks a lot for all the fine things you say about me, and don't hesitate to call on me any time.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Lacy

Lacy Haynes

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Kansas City, Kansas
January 25, 1943

Dear Phog:

You call the turn, as usual.

I had hoped to make arrangements to get down for the night of the 29th, but due to the transportation situation, decided to abandon that. But I will be with you on the 30th, and I am sure we will win; just tell Ray I will be shooting with him.

After Camp Crowder, I am sure the boys will be on that floor giving them the devil! I think you are the world's wonder at timing.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Lacy

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Yours very truly,

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January 27, 1943.

Mr. J. Fred Harris,
1020 S. W. 23rd Ave.,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Freddy:

I am happy to have your letter and to know that your father got lined up.

If at any time you need a letter of recommendation let me know and I will be happy to respond at once. It will be a pleasure to write in your behalf.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director Of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Season's Greetings

Jan 22, 1943
1020 S.W. 23 ave
Miami, Florida

Dear Doc:

I received your air mail letter last Friday and I want you to know I sincerely appreciate your efforts for my folks. You are a true and loyal friend and I shall never forget this deed. Your calling on them and offering dad the job was a splendid gesture and I am positive your talk helped them to see the light a little better. It took a large worry off my mind to know that you called. I only wish Dad had taken the job you offered

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as that is just what he needed. He would be around young men and has always been interested in athletics a great deal until the last two or three years. I believe this sort of a job would do more for him to find himself than any thing I know.

Most every one in Lawrence now, I gather, is looking for the big money at the ordnance works. Dick is no exception but he has few qualifications to cash in on it. The folks haven't written but my sister wrote me from Chicago that he had a job a Packlers. I don't know what kind of a position he has but I never did think much of that company. They have always had a reputation as being cold blooded but I guess he should be glad to get anything. So much for this and more on the newsy side,

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Season's Greetings

We have a basketball team here on the station that plays in a navy league. We don't have much but they made me come out of retirement and play. I'm sort of slow and have lost all my timing but I know what to do and just can't get the job down. However, I manage to hold my own and can still handle the ball which is something you don't have a lot of down in this territory. I still foul out. Mit probably be interested in that.

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We played the Sub Chaser school and they had the all American Center from Wisconsin and several college men. We lost by 14 pts. When we played Miami Air Station in the first game we ran into an old Celtic player. Last night we lost to the District team by 32-26. They had four members of the last year Miami University team. We should have won this one. We managed to win over the Army air corp. so our record is won 1 lost 3. We now start playing some of the weaker sisters and should win a few games. I hope I can hold out but my ankles are bothering me a lot. They are not sprains but swell up and ache. must be old age catching up. I feel fine otherwise and am in good shape. I weigh 180 lbs ~~too~~.

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Season's Greetings

I see in the papers down here where you have been winning your share of the ball games. So far I have only seen one loss and that to Creighton. Congratulations to you and your team and I'll be expecting a lot of victories.

I don't know how much longer I'll be stationed here. They are moving them out pretty fast. I look for some foreign duty before long. I can apply for a commission and if I see I'm going to be shipped out will

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apply. I need three good letters of recommendation from prominent people and could I call on you for one when the time comes.

I think I'll apply in February or early March, if I can get a Lieutenant Junior Grade. I am as well off now as a Chief Petty Officer as I would be if I win an ensign. It is fairly certain that I can get the commission if I get all the necessary papers together. I think the duty will be in South America or some small islands close by.

I must get to work so will call a halt. Give my regards to Mit and family and thank him for his help in my folks behalf. The best of luck to you and thanks again.

Your friend

Freddie Harris

P.S. Haven't had a chance to answer sooner because our hours are long 8 a.m. to 11 P.M. Wrote this while on duty at the deck.

January 29, 1943.

Mr. Sidney H. Haysler,
Supervisor of Investigations,
Hercules Powder Company,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Haysler:

I enjoyed very much the meeting with your group last evening at the Hotel Eldridge. It was a great pleasure, and I want to thank you for this opportunity to visit with your men.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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LAWRENCE, KANSAS

January 25, 1943

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

The men of the Investigation Department are getting together for a buffet supper and smoker at the Hotel Eldridge Grill Room, Thursday Evening, January 28, 1943, at 6:30 p.m.

We would consider it a pleasure to be honored with your presence at this informal gathering.

Very truly yours,

HERCULES POWDER COMPANY
SUNFLOWER ORDNANCE WORKS
George R. Foulke, Jr., Mgr.

By Sidney H. Haysler
Sidney H. Haysler
Supervisor of Investigations

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January 26, 1943.

Mr. Sidney H. Haysler,
Supervisor of Investigations,
Hercules Powder Company,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Haysler:

It gives me great pleasure to accept your kind invitation to attend the buffet supper and smoker at the Hotel Eldridge Grill Room on Thursday evening, January 28th, at 6:30 p.m. I shall be happy to be there.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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November 29

Dear Dr. Allen,

I am still in school and am working toward my degree. I am lucky enough to receive word from my local draft board that I will be able to finish my school year.

At present their is an opening at the Warrensburg Public High School. I have a chance to continue my work in school and also teach physical education and coach basketball. The Placement Bureau has ask me for some recommendations in letter form. I am writing you for such a letter. They want information that will place me as a teacher and a coach. your letter is to be addressed directly to the Placement Committee at the C.M.S.T.C.

Thanking you again for what you have done for me and for this favor.

your former student,

Ray Harris