

January 9, 1943.

Mr. Elmer F. Hier,
Hotel Muehlebach,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Hier:

I have a letter from Mr. W. C. Epperson, of Junction City, Kansas, who is an uncle of Charlie Black. You remember when I was in your office I spoke to you about Charlie Black's uncle leaving \$2.75 in a Muehlebach envelope. When Charlie inquired for it, it was not there.

I am very sure that Mr. Epperson left it and I am very sure that Mr. Black did not get it. Do you not think that your hotel is responsible for this amount? I am enclosing the letter that Mr. Epperson wrote me and I will thank you to return it after you have read it.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

January 9, 1943.

Mr. Elmer F. Hier,
Muehlebach Hotel,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Hier:

I am still anxious for you to buy me that Stetson hat. We played on February 5th with Great Lakes, and we stayed at your hotel, and on March 17th we played Oklahoma A. & M., and on March 20 and 21 we played Colorado and Rice.

If you will kindly look up these dates I will be happy to wear that hat.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Perry O. and Ruth E. Hanson

302 EAST STREET

Jola, Kansas



December 16, 1942

FIRST OF ALL, our hearty Christmas and New Year Greetings to each one who receives this letter.

IT WAS IN JANUARY, 1904, that our first "Report Letter" was sent from China to our friends in USA. It is interesting, for us, to look through this long series of reports now, with the record of our experiences through the years. The letters also record the history of the Shantung Annual Conference as we are the only missionaries to have had uninterrupted contact with that great field from the time when there was but one Chinese ordained Pastor to the time of organizing the Annual Conference, 1925, when there were 25 ordained men. There has been continued growth since that time.

ONE YEAR AGO, DECEMBER 1941, our last letter went to you. What a year it has been. Then I wrote "Victory is sure for us and our Allies. A new and better world is in the making." This truth I have not ceased to voice during the year no matter what temporary discouragements appeared. Our nation's spirit and our nation's achievements during the year surely make me proud to be an American. Statesmanlike post-war planning now brings assurance that just as our war between the states brought forth our "United States of America" with permanent peace and prosperity, so we may believe that the "United States of the World" with similar high ideals of mutual helpfulness will result from the present great travail.

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY YEAR for us. We have had many wonderful opportunities to speak for Missions and interpret the Orient in conferences, institutes, churches, clubs and schools. About two-thirds of my time has been spent traveling and Mrs. Hanson has also filled a very large number of speaking engagements. We have found that there is real need for this type of work because the Missionary enterprise is certainly not well understood by our Christian people in USA.

SOME CHANGES IN OUR FAMILY have occurred since our letter of a year ago. In the first place, three Grandchildren have been added, making a total of ten. Our son Hobart enlisted at Fort Leavenworth and is now in Georgia, perhaps to sail soon. Betty's husband, graduate of Harvard Medical, is now Lieut. E. M. Hayes, M. D., about to sail from Norfolk, Va. Richard is still a missionary in China, but we hope he may be on the next repatriation ship, (he has not seen his son Richard Jr., now almost 17 months old.) Perry Jr. is on the Staff of the Church of All Nations, N. Y. City; Perry O. III is one of the new arrivals. Eleanor and her family are here but a few steps from our apartment; Ada Ruth and her family are in Vermont and Margaret continues her work in Cleveland with the Child Welfare Board.

WILL YOU INVEST ONE CENT and one minute in helping us to re-write our letter list. Just drop a line saying whether or not you wish to be continued on our list and give your latest address. We often drop names only to learn later that the person concerned was really interested in reading our reports but had not let it be known. Please co-operate with us and as promptly as possible. Thank you.

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VERY MUCH JOY AND SATISFACTION is missed because of wrong attitudes of Christian people toward the great question of World Fellowship, sometimes called the Missionary Movement in the Church. Doubtless there are many millions of American Christians who pay "apportionments" that have been "handed down", that being their chief relationship to this great enterprise. The Bible says "Where there is no vision, the people perish"; we realize that our people need a real vision of the world and its needs. Just now when daily headlines in the papers widen horizons of our people, it is well for Christians to know something besides the news of destructive activities in other lands by becoming intelligent with regard to the constructive Christian programs overseas. Clear understanding of the Missionary Program of the Church will make financial cooperation a joy.

PASSENGERS COMING ON THE GRIPSHOLM from China last August reported that after the declaration of war, the Japanese took full possession of our compound at Taian, our home since 1903. Chinese workers were driven out and not even allowed to use the church for worship. Our home and the other buildings, hospitals, schools, etc., are all used as military headquarters. Of course we have no hope of seeing any of our personal things again. Most important is the report that our Chinese Christian leaders are carrying on as much of the work of the Church as is possible; they certainly need your prayers during these hard days.

MISSIONARY WORK AFTER THE WAR will offer an unprecedented challenge to all Christian people. There must be no delay now in the preparation for a great forward movement to be launched as soon as war clouds lift. As a matter of fact, some new missionaries are even now in training preparing to join the older workers as they go out to help China and other nations during the great days of reconstruction. Personally, we feel especially that the great China which will emerge from this war must be led to become a Christian nation. For our own field, the Shantung Annual Conference, we are eager to have our friends prepare for us the funds required to make possible the use of every trained Chinese worker, re-open schools and develop medical work.

MADAME KIANG KAI SHEK is now in this country. We hope that after all her hospitalization she may have a great hearing around this country. No doubt you will all watch for the opportunity to hear the inspiring messages from this great woman. Her constructive writings in magazines and books along the line of "China Resurgent" and "China Shall Rise Again" are most thrilling as she shows undaunted faith together with statesmanlike programs to be followed immediately after the war. It is for us Christians to see that the Missionary Movement in China will not lag behind other activities in the reconstruction era.

We are always glad to receive your letters.

Ever loyally yours,

PERRY O. HANSON.

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INCORPORATED

December 29, 1942

Mr. Fred Ellsworth
Alumni Association of the University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Fred:

Phog Allen has asked me to report on the gathering of K.U. Alumni following the K.U. - Fordham basketball game at Madison Square Garden, Monday, December 28th.

A considerable number of former K.U. students and Kansas rooters were at the game -- which I shall leave to some more competent person to report.

After the game a dozen or so gathered at the team's hotel -- Hotel Belvedere to say hello to the team and "Phog" and Mrs. Allen.

Names that I noted although I missed several include:

Dr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Boroman, Chester Shaw C'____, editor of News Week, Mr. Dwight W. Norris, Mr. John Madden C'14 and niece, Mr. and Mrs. ___ MacCurdy (nee Elizabeth Dunkel), Mr. Howard Frank C'1926 and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson 'C23.

Sincerely,

Ted Hudson

E.F. Hudson

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CC: Dr. Forrest C. Allen, ✓

*Thanks again, Phog,
for those tickets and
your Southern Hospitality*
Ted H

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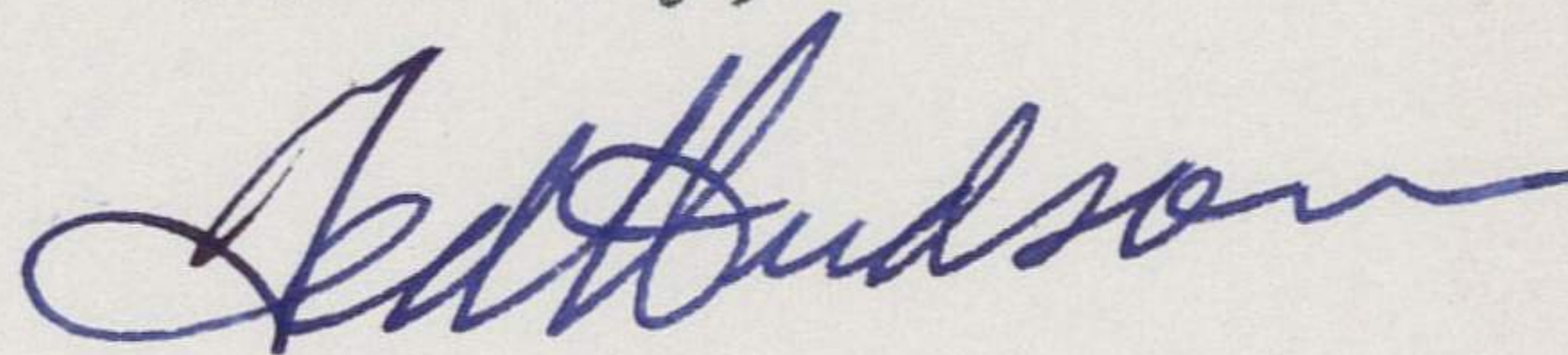
Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Thanks for your swell letter of December 16.
I'll call you for two tickets.

I am calling several K.U. people to see if we
can't get together for luncheon with you and
the team on Tuesday, December 29th. I should
warn you that every Tuesday is meatless day in
New York so you have your choice of chicken,
fish or oxtail goulash.

Sincerely,



E.F. Hudson
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Season's Greetings

Dec 19, 1942
Saturday

Dear Doc:

Received your splendid & newsy letter the other day but this is the first time I have had a chance to answer. Was very glad to know Mit was doing a swell job. I always thought he would make a good lawyer.

I ran across Chubb Meisenheimer the other day. I don't know if you knew him or not. He used to be coach at Bonner Springs several years ago and for the past 3 or 4 years has been personnel officer for the W. Y. A.

Under Miss Laughlin. Chubb
is at Miami Beach taking
officers training in physical
fitness work.

The athletic officer came
to our station last week.
He was a blocking back at
Vanderbilt in 1936 and is
really a swell fellow. We
needed him badly. We could
do the job but since we were
not officers we didn't have
a say in anything no matter
if we knew the answer or
not. That's the only feature
I don't like about military
life you can't say what you
feel and know is right.

After six months I can
apply for a commission and
probably get it because the
4 of us in our program rate
plenty high in the Captain's
estimation. What kind



Season's Greetings

of duty and what rank we
get will determine whether
we will accept or not. I
am better off in every way
as a Chief Petty Officer than
an ensign. If they give
me a Lieutenant Junior
Grade it will be worth
accepting. We even make
more money clear than an
ensign. Believe it or not.

We are building an athletic
field and it is a huge undertaking
but lots of fun. I am as tired
on the back & legs as a nigger
and feel fine. Weigh around

180 lbs. The navy must agree
with me don't you think?

We have a movie tonight
and since this is my duty
night I have to be in charge,
so I must close and get
to work. Write soon and

Holiday greetings

Yours very truly

J. Fred Harris

December 24, 1942.

Mr. Arthur F. Hughes,
Sports Editor,
St. Joseph Gazette,
St. Joseph, Mo.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Your letter of December 22nd has been received during Dr. Allen's absence. He left Tuesday noon with the basketball team on their Eastern trip, playing in Buffalo, New York City, Philadelphia and St. Louis. They expect to return to Lawrence on January 2nd.

I am forwarding your letter to Dr. Allen so that he may reply as soon as possible. I am also sending you one of our basketball schedules.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen.

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September 6, 1943.

Mr. Lacy Haynes,
Estes Park, Colorado.

Dear Lacy:

Just a word of caution, Lacy. If you pick on any of those bears, pick on the smallest one in the background. I see one little cuss back there that I believe I would tackle if the old mother bear wasn't around.

I am reminded of a story by your challenge to wrestle one of these quadrupeds. When I was in Warrensburg, Missouri, there was a merchant there named Harry Clark, a big, fine, but rather corpulent fellow, who had a wonderful personality and was a hell-fellow-well-met. I have never seen him angry. Rather, he was one of those cheerful, back-slapping, hand-shaking type that would rather shake hands than shake a fist. But one day some rather scrawny chap came by and vexed him no end. Clark was in the shoe business and was a very well-te-do gentleman.

A pair of shoes didn't wear any too well and this fellow told him off in no uncertain terms. In response, Clark said, "Why, you little shrimp, if you weren't so small I would beat the tar out of you." No blows were struck, and the weasel chap left without being pummeled.

The next day one of Clark's friends met him and said, "Harry, I heard that altercation and my advice to you is not to pass up any of those little fellows if you want your batting average to be five hundred. You take them as small as they are and don't look for the big ones - you'll have better luck."

So, Lacy, that is why I am picking the little bear!

I know this rest is going to do you and Mrs. Haynes a lot of good and we will be looking forward with eager anticipation to your coming home.

We are as busy as the dickens, but happy. The weather has been good to us on the whole. I get out in the afternoon and play golf and do most of my work in the morning and early afternoon. I have a 7:30 class (early rooster's club, as Fred Ellsworth calls it in his Graduate Magazine), but it is good for a fellow. It starts the day right. With all of these fine young chaps in the University

it still gives you a definite faith in youth. I have never lost it and don't expect to.

We are building an obstacle course here that is as fine or even better, I think, than the Iowa Pre-Flight course. Its a dinger! I am going to talk to Wayne Davidson about it and I believe someone from your paper will want to get a story because there will be nothing like it in the colleges around here, in the Missouri Valley, at least.

I received a note from Mrs. Brannum, of Winfield, and I wrote her a letter. I am sending you copies of both. Confidentially, I asked Fred Ellsworth to get the dope on these boys and this is what I received six or seven days after I wrote Mrs. Brannum:

"Both boys are good basketball players.
Both have another year before becoming 18.
Both visited the U. of Kentucky one week.
That University refused to accept them. One of them took work in English this summer at Southwestern to make up $\frac{1}{2}$ unit therein and failed.
Both have good minds, hard to manage at times.
One is maddied."

I haven't heard from Mrs. Brannum as yet, but I had known that Adolph Rupp, who is Dean Lawson's brother-in-law, called on them and had made them a proposition. Adolph's home was in Halstead. He played on my 1923 team. He came by this summer and told me he was going down there to talk to them and wanted to know if I objected. I told him I certainly did not. We would not make any proposition to them. What Adolph was afraid of was that I would open up on him as I did on Frosty Cox. He didn't want that extra fire, but at Kentucky they pay them and make no bones about it. I don't believe Dean Lawson would approve that.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Haynes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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May 31, 1943.

Mr. Bus Ham,
Associated Press,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bus:

I am glad to have your letter of last week. I thought your story got a pretty good play. I have received a letter from a fellow in Providence sending me Bill Cunningham's full column write-up. Doubtless you have seen it. I am going to write Bill because I think he has some fine logic in his write-up. I think I can point out some things that might cause him to do a little crusading in that it will be necessary for the American Association of University and College Presidents to initiate this thing if it is to come to pass. They have their chance now, and if they do nothing about it then it could be charged up to administrative negligence.

The college administrators have often complained about the difficulty. Certainly everybody who is on the inside knows that the public has lost confidence in the wholesomeness of the administration of college athletics. It is not football alone, but the whole set up is tinctured with proselyting, subsidizing and chicanery.

You asked me what new angles I had. I don't know that there are any at all, but I think this is one thought that we could put out without reservation. It is this. Let's win the war first, and let's not put the winning of athletic teams as of paramount importance in this war time. And too, it is more important that we continue athletics in colleges for the morale of the boys in foreign service - not for the boys here on the home front. Their morale can be built up in many ways, but the boys who are overseas want to know regarding the athletic victories of their old school, and so forth.

Therefore, it is of primal importance that we carry on athletics on their account, and secondly on our account. Here's the other conviction that I have. It is much more important to carry on in interscholastic athletics with a full program than it is to carry on intercollegiate athletics with a full program. These boys coming up need to be toughened and hardened. There is practically a war college now on every campus, and these men are under military discipline. They are required to take their physical conditioning so many hours per week, and then there is a lot of marching and military administration that they are forced to take. So it is more important to the conditioning of the high school boys that we give them athletics and combatives and aquatics and gymnastics to build them up so that there will not be thirty-three and one-third per cent rejections as there has been up to the present time.

You and I both know that there are some coaches and athletic directors now that are out scouting, and in addition to that, using political machinery to get certain service men in their school so that they can use them on their athletic teams this year. This type of fellow ought to have the yellow ribbon for first place instead of the blue ribbon because he is still selfishly putting his athletics first and not the war effort first. He is a slacker in the sense that he is trying to build himself up rather than his country's forces. I know whereof I speak and I am not guessing, and you will find the coaches that have outstanding teams, by and large, are those that built them in the war years rather than to build physical conditioning for everyone.

Of course, there may be exceptions to the rule here and there, but generally speaking this will be very true.

Yes, I read your interview with Paul O'Leary. He is a very good friend of mine, and the O'Leary family are very fine friends of the Allen family. He is a very brilliant and intelligent fellow. His older brother, Dorman, was also a quarter miler, and Ted could have been one of the greatest but he went out for basketball and tennis.

You asked about Jack Engle. It was Verne Engle who was the basketball player. Jack, I think, was a track man. Give him my kindest regards, will you, please?

Now, you ask what is going to happen to Big Six football. They will play it but some of these schools are playing because they have an activity ticket and they can charge the students the full price of the activity ticket and they will pay the interest on the stadium and make a small down payment. Frankly, I think some of the boys, if it weren't for the Navy that is coming in, would cancel the football program.

Nebraska is weak and will be. Glenn Presnell and A. J. "Lew" Lewandowski have both signed up with the Navy as lieutenants, junior grade. That takes the entire staff. And Cy Sherman is one of the boys that is all out for the war first, and forget about athletics.

Kansas State will endeavor to carry on, but not very strongly. I look to see Oklahoma make an effort, but I do not believe they will win a championship. Iowa State will be strong on account of their veterinary medicine and agricultural deferments for the students. The Kansas Aggies may prove to be a dark horse from this angle. Missouri is the school that still has a coaching staff and boys in the Navy in emphatic numbers.

I am afraid Henry Shenk is not going to have enough material here to shout about. All of our basketball men are gone. In fact, they left the day after our last game. Many were called before. Oklahoma's Bruce Drake has McCurdy in the medical school, and Allie Paine in 4-F. I think his basketball will be strong, unless George Edwards may come up with something, and Louie Menze may surprise with his Aggies. As I said, I

wouldn't be surprised to see the Aggies come very strong in athletics on account of their agriculture. Our deferments are in chemistry, medicine and engineering, and only engineering will give enough students to university competition to amount to anything. It is like drawing numbers out of a hat. You may draw something, or you may draw a blank.

Now, Bus, I have given you about all that I can think of at the present time. We are up to our ears in this physical conditioning program - the three of us, and I have a 7:30 and 8:30 class every morning in physical conditioning, so you see I am starting the morning right.

I am glad you like Washington. I like it, too, and also like this little quip that someone gave me - "There is only one place in the country where the inmates run the asylum". I know it must be exciting, and during the war time it must be a parade. That merry-go-round would make me dizzy, in no time.

Lots of good luck.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 12, 1943.

Mr. Eddie Hickey, Basketball Coach,
Creighton University,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Eddie:

I have been intending to write you for quite some time to express my condolences, should I say, on your unfortunate game in the Garden. The same two officials that worked for you worked for us, and both Charlie Black and Dixon went out in our game.

I talked to some fellows in Philadelphia and they told me that the two officials worked wonderful games in Philadelphia but they had not been able to say much for the games they worked in the Garden for the visitors. I know that you do not care to say anything, and I certainly would not want to be quoted, but I do appreciate the difficult time that you had. Of course, all that is over the dam.

There is one thing, Eddie, that I want to say to you that I would like for you to understand, and that is that I have had no connection with the N.C.A.A. to the detriment of the Missouri Valley Conference or to Creighton or the Oklahoma Aggies. I understand that you were given credit for the statement about "Allen and the N.C.A.A. crowd". This is untrue and I want to straighten you out on this matter.

You will remember that Kansas played Creighton two games when the Big Ten and some of the Big Six schools did not schedule you. Therefore, I do not want to be maligned in one case and praised in the next by you. When I was representative from the Fifth District of the N.C.A.A. I thought I gave the Missouri Valley every consideration, or at least I tried to, and I was honest in doing it.

Sometime when I have an opportunity to talk with you I will clarify these points for you. If there is anything I dislike it is double talk, Eddie.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 30, 1943.

Mr. E. S. Hickey,
Basketball Coach,
Creighton University,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Eddie:

First, I want to congratulate you on your enlisting in your country's service. I wish that I were young enough so that Uncle Sam would think me worthy of doing the very thing that you are doing. Good luck to you in every way.

Regarding my exception that I might have taken to your statement, it was the part where you said "the N.C.A.A. Committee was listening to Allen and leaving us out in the dark." I think your letter was unfortunately phrased. The N.C.A.A. has never listened to me in the last few years, nor have I listened to them.

In one of your enclosed letters you state that "Allen stated he would not compete this year", which was correct. I made identically the same statement last year and did not want to compete, but the N.C.A.A. officials importuned our higher officials here, and also, the members of our team desired to play. That put me in a very embarrassing position of being against everybody, and I naturally could not take that position. I cared nothing for the N.C.A.A. the way they were running the tournament, and so flatly stated.

So I want you to know that the only reason that I can ascribe to their picking Kansas was the fact that they thought we would draw them a better crowd in Kansas City than Creighton would. They had as a basis of their reasoning the Iowa State - Creighton game the year before, and this is mere conjecture on my part, but I believe rather sound logic.

Now, another reason why I think they eliminated Creighton was that Kansas had defeated Creighton one game just as you defeated us two games this year.

I am honest in saying that in my opinion Dr. King and some of the other members of the committee would have picked Creighton this year over Kansas if you had defeated us but one game. The Big Six has a reasoning, whether faulty or not, that if any one team defeats the other regardless of location, that the defeated team is out. They even go further than that. If teams are tied for the championship they settle on the team having the better offensive-defensive ratio, as was done when Iowa State played and as was done last year when we played in place of

Oklahoma. You remember both years we tied first with Iowa State and the next year with Oklahoma. Oklahoma objected strenuously.

The Big Six are against play-offs. They want to cut the N.C.A.A. contests down to the fewest possible games because they realize that the Big Six must always each year meet the representative Missouri Valley team, unless those Missouri Valley teams have met the Big Six teams and the N.C.A.A. committee can decide the championship some way.

Frankly, I think that Henry Iba's action in playing only four men in the game prejudiced McBride against Iba's tactics - maybe not against Iba, but he didn't like it.

I have been as frank with you as possible, and I believe I am honest when I say that anyone who would read your letter would construe it as not too complimentary a remark regarding me. However, I assure you that I have entirely forgotten the matter, but I always believe that it is best to clear these things up and in the clearing of them I believe I have explained to you some things regarding the N.C.A.A. committee that may rather temper your reaction toward them. I am speaking about Dr. King. I think he is one of the fairest men that I have dealt with and he is a good sportsman.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

E. S. HICKEY
HEAD COACH OF BASKETBALL

April 29, 1943

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

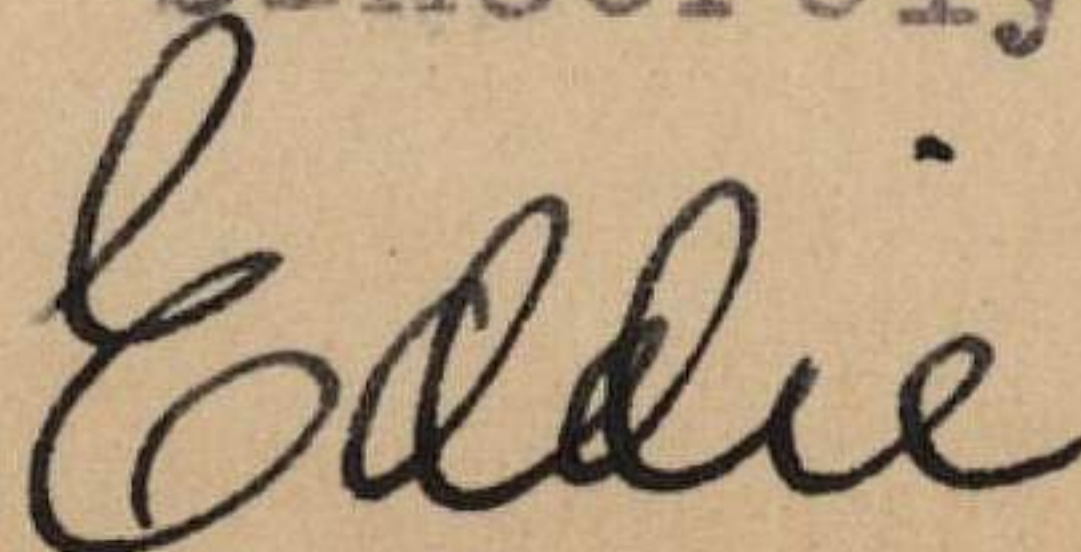
Dear "Doc:"

I was very pleased to have your reply of April 23. It is true that I failed to remember any letter to Dr. Nigro wherein you were discredited in any manner. Possibly I failed to recall this to mind because of the fact that the letter itself does not bear out the statement that Dr. Nigro has apparently made to you. I had hoped to enclose photo-stat copies of the only correspondence that I have had with Dr. Nigro but in the press of affairs here I have not gotten to it. I am, however, enclosing copies and have also written to Dr. Nigro. I am sure that he will bear out the original of the letter that I refer to. A copy of my letter to him is also enclosed.

I appreciate my language in the hurry up letter to Dr. Nigro is not expressed any too well but I certainly do not read in it any maligning of you and in fact none was every intended. I am positive the N.C.A.A. members were greatly influenced by your position relative to playing Creighton. Certainly this does not work to you discredit and our thoughts on this matter were clearly expressed in my previous letter.

I am surely glad to have this matter straightened out and I sincerely hope that I have thoroughly explained our position. As I view it, Dr. Nigro, unfortunately has misinterpreted my letter; or in any event, has read into it a statement that was not written and this phase of the situation certainly needs correcting. I again repeat our feeling as respects our past relations in basketball and I shall look forward to resuming these games when it is possible for us to play in the future. I should be glad to hear from you at any time. With very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,



E. S. Hickey
Basketball Coach

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NATIONAL ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIC LEAGUE LETTER HEAD

Kansas City, Missouri

Hello Ed:

Congratulations on your season

Enclosed write up from K.C. Star

Hope you can come down for some of these
games.

Good luck in N.Y.

Regards in haste.

(Signed) Doc Nigro

THE CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

E. S. HICKEY
HEAD COACH OF BASKETBALL

March 12, 1943

Dr. D. M. Nigro
Argyle Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Doctor:

Thanks a million for your kind letter of a few days ago and the enclosed clippings. McBride probably didn't like our going East; especially since he is on the Committee. Actually our heart would be in the Kansas City Tournament but we could not turn down the group that took us in last year when the NC-AA Committee was listening to Allen and leaving us out in the dark.

I hope that we can do a good job back east and that everyone in the middle west can benefit by our games. I surely would like to see some of those games but with our own program and preparation to leave Monday it is impossible to get away.

Sincerely,

Eddie Hickey

THE CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

E. S. HICKEY
HEAD COACH OF BASKETBALL

April 5, 1943

Dr. D. M. Nigro
525 Argyle Building
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Doctor:

I greatly appreciated your note and the enclosed clippings. They certainly needed answering and also our thanks to McBride. There has been times that he has not leaned very strongly in the direction of the Mo. Valley Schools and I was most happy to have these items.

I knew that he felt that we had snubbed the N.C.A.A. by our action but have since tried to put him right on our situation. The fact is that the Committee snubbed us a year ago when we were the defending Champs and when they didn't incline in our direction we accepted Irish's tournament bid. Then this year when the East invited us again we accepted before we had heard from the N.C.A.A. With Allen stating that he was not going to play they could have asked us earlier if they really wanted us; and I think they really did. But it is too late now.

We had a bad game with W. & J. We were leading 38-26 with 10 minutes to go when it appeared the officials went technical and started calling fouls right and left. We can't blame it on the officials because we should have adjusted to the play and an effort was made to get this done. But we lost a regular through a sprained ankle; another was not allowed to return because of an error (later admitted) in the scoring records so all in all we just ran into a terrific bad situation and our rookies failed to carry on the lead of seven points when Langer (third regular to leave) fouled out of the game.

I have written to McBride and I hope it will reflect favorably on our attitude because we would like to have him as our friend and will go the limit in doing this. We won't have a team for some time to come and I hope to get into the Service along with the boys and then come back and start all over again in the near future. Kindest regards and it is really a godsend to have one in the Kan. City district who thinks of us and helps us out as you do.

Sincerely

Per Self

April 29, 1943

Dr. D. M. Nigro
Argyle Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Doctor Nigro:

I have recently learned that Coach Allen has gotten the impression that he was being associated with the "N.C.A.A. crowd" in a very uncomplimentary manner by reason that I have had some correspondence with you. I have tried to correct this wrong impression and have sent copies of our letters to Dr. Allen.

I sincerely hope that you will show Dr. Allen a copy of our correspondence when it is convenient for you. I did write, "...the N.C.A.A. Committee was listening to Allen..." but I fail to recognize any uncomplimentary statement by this expression of fact, as was evidenced by the many press notices at the time. We have appreciated our relations with both the N.C.A.A. and also the University of Kansas. We hope to again compete with Dr. Allen and to have a team that will be eligible for competition in the N.C.A.A. However, we did find fault with the statements that said that we were snubbing the N.C.A.A. Also we are fully in sympathy with the Missouri Valley Coaches in the ideas they expressed during the late part of the past season.

I have always appreciated your thoughtfulness in remembering us when we played in Kansas City and I sincerely hope that this impression that Dr. Allen had received may be fully corrected.

Sincerely yours,

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Copy to Dr. Allen

E. S. Hickey
Basketball Coach

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May 1, 1943.

Mr. Bus Han,
Associated Press,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bus:

You asked me for some data on the post-war planning concerning intercollegiate athletics. I told you that I had seen several years ahead when I made this speech at the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, in the fall of 1941. You will notice that I set up a scheme for a national czar of intercollegiate athletics. This would mean that this czar would have the same powers as Judge Landis, and my idea is that he would not be a commissioner or an athletic director, or anyone now connected with intercollegiate athletics. He would come entirely from the outside of any administrative work so that he would have no background or impediments or encumbrances.

He should be a lawyer, and preferably a judge who has already established himself for fearlessness in rendering decisions. He might be a dean of a law college, but he should have a national reputation for fairness and justice.

The income should of necessity be lucrative, say at least \$50,000 a year. The conferences of the nation could pay this fee without any difficulty.

He, of course, would have commissioners of each conference under him and they would be subject entirely to his decisions. He would have the power to dismiss any athletic director or coach, or to declare any athlete ineligible for further participation. He would also set up the scholarship or stipend that each athlete could receive because different areas have different agreements for their conferences. Yet he would correlate all of these so that they would be compatible with each other. After this agreement of income was set up no athlete could receive any income from any source unless it came through the university channels. This would stop these secret subsidizations that have always caused so much trouble of one outfit raising the ante on the other.

This high commissioner would have the power to suspend an institution if they did not conform to the rulings. The reason that I say this man should be a lawyer is because it would be absolutely necessary for him to set up just laws and exact just findings in case of a fracture of the rulings.

The American Association of University and College Presidents would of course be the ones to initiate this move. It is the only source from whom this power could come to such commissioner.

I told you when you asked me for this that I was not desirous of trying to initiate this move at all but I set out to the public a plan whereby confidence could again be restored in intercollegiate athletics. People now have no more confidence in the integrity of intercollegiate athletics than they had in professional baseball after the Black Sox scandal. And if athletics are to be put on a high plane, as they should be, it would of necessity take just such action as this.

After the war we will have our stadium overflowing with spectators. Our colleges will be bulging with students returning from the war. And in my opinion this is the only way that we can clean up the nasty mess that we have gotten into. Then, and then only, can coaches show their true coaching skill. As it has been, it is merely the assembler of athletic talent that determines the winner.

Remember, Bus, that the day of the coach who works three hours a day for three months is out. The American college president will smash this just as sure as you live. He is tired of the fellow drawing \$15,000 working two or three hours a day for three months. They will never come back.

Some schools are in the athletic business, some alumni are in the athletic business, and some gamblers have been getting into the college athletic business. Why not clean it all up and start anew? There will be enough bugs get into the new scheme of things after it has run a generation.

Now, Bus, I believe if you will read this article very carefully, practically everything in a skeletal form is there for the setting up of this program. But if there is anything in this paper or in my letter that is not clear, I would be glad to have you interrogate me on these different points and I will see if I can not clear them up for you before you write your article. You will understand this is for all sports, not just football, but for everything in intercollegiate athletics. It is the policing of the entire program, just like our World Court is planned. There is enough power to smash at the recalcitrant individual or college that tries to break over so that orderly business should continue for some time. But it will cost money, but it will save thousands and thousands more than it costs.

These small schools like Kansas, Kansas State and Iowa State will be in the running with the Big Three. The people everywhere will come out to see their schools perform because a new deal is on and they for a while will believe they have an equal chance, whereas now there is too much money against them and nobody attends the games because they are underdogs. It would build up the weaker clubs and whittle down the stronger ones, and the income at the gate would be tremendous

for everybody concerned. It would revive intercollegiate athletics all over the nation and would not determine the schools that have been successful because "big time" athletics, in the sense of buying football teams and other athletic talent would be out. Don't you see this? If not, please state very frankly your viewpoint and I will endeavor to give you mine.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.

January 27, 1943.

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

Dear Art:

Thanks for your good letter of the 24th instant. Mr. Falkenstien, our financial secretary, has a report from the Auditorium and I am sure that he will mail the check if he has not already mailed it.

Milo Farneti, our sports editor, printed some of the things that you had to say regarding our trainer, Dean Nesmith. This plaintive wail sounds so much as if it came from DeVictor of Missouri that I am wondering if you didn't get some of those ideas from him. I do not know whether you know it or not, but at each time out the trainer or any representative member of the team has a perfect right to seek permission to either go on the court or go to the end line and minister to his men.

Dean Nesmith has never played basketball and does not profess to know the fine points of the game. He takes the towel and water bottles and the smelling salts and makes them as comfortable as he can. This, as I said, he has a perfect right to do as often as he wishes. I see no reason nor would I object if the trainer went out to his own men each time that time is out.

Another thing that I am not sure whether you have kept up with the rules or not, is that a player reporting to his teammates may communicate with them any time he goes in. I have fostered this rule to do away with the very charge that you wrote - that we were communicating with our players. If a player going in from the bench can freely communicate with his teammates, then what information could a trainer convey to the players? And further, I have always gone on the theory that if the boys couldn't play the game out there on the court certainly the coach would be doing a poor job to expect them to receive information from the bench. What type of coach would it be that would coach a team and still have a trainer who would know as much as he did? In that case I would hire the fellow as assistant coach rather than trainer. The trainer is hired for entirely different purposes.

I want to clear this up because I do not believe that what you wrote helps the game very much.

Another thing, the boys are coached to jump from the bench at any time a goal is made by their fellows. That is the type of loyalty and enthusiasm that is developed and certainly is not objectionable to anybody that knows it. I do not permit my men to address any personal remarks either to the officials or players. If anybody did this they would speak out of turn and I assure you I for one am not going to permit them to carry on that sort of an activity.

I think the Kansas teams throughout the years have been pretty much of gentlemen, both on and off the court, and I would not want them to get the wrong sort of reputation. However, I do feel that the boys can follow their own activities so long as they do not conflict with the rules as written in the book and as outlined by good sportsmanship.

Very cordially yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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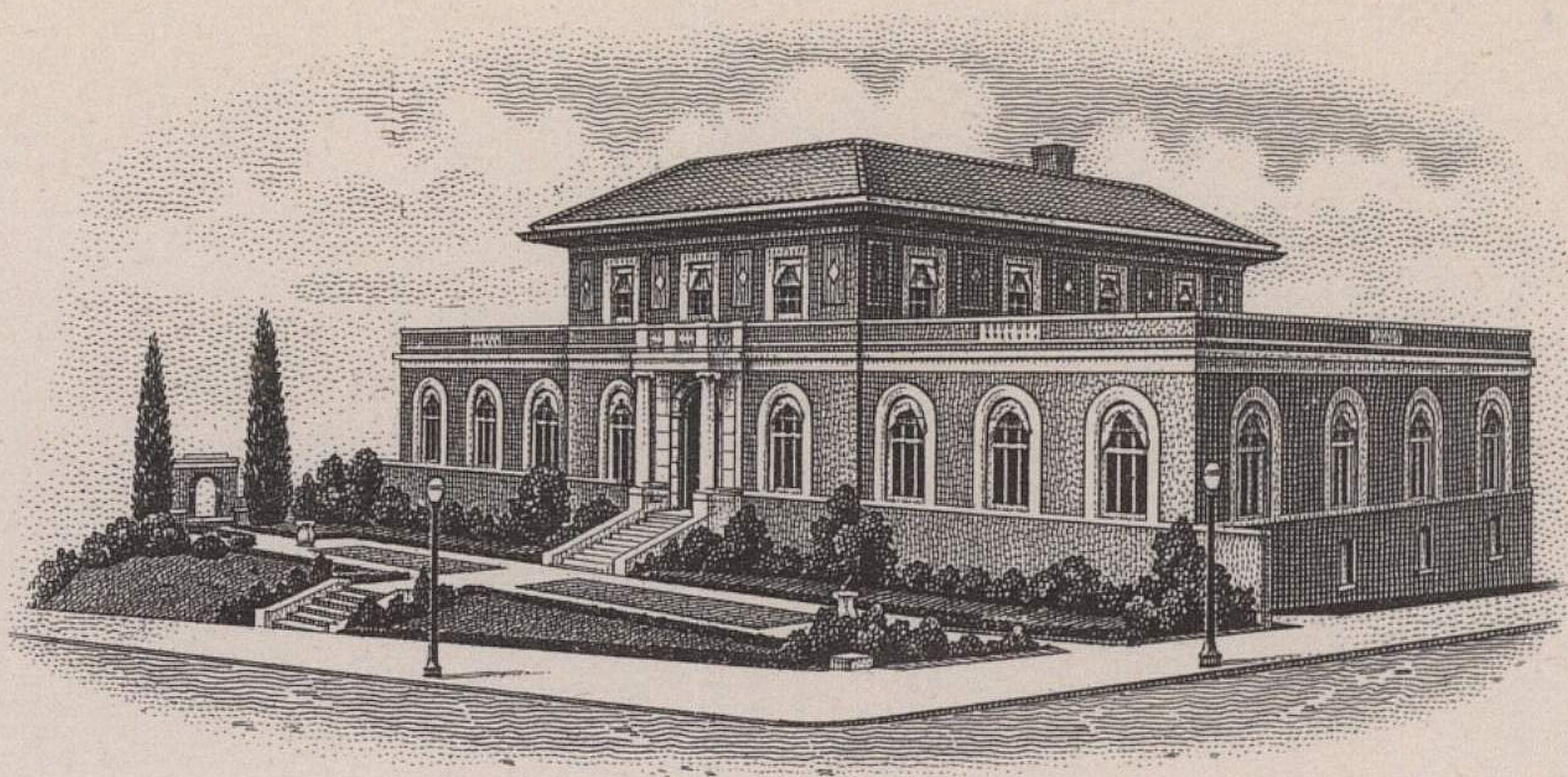
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EDITORIAL ROOMS
ARTHUR V. BURROWES, EDITOR

Jan. 24

Dear Phog;

Had meant to write you sooner expressing my appreciation and that of the boys for your courtesy in giving the Flyers a game. They really enjoyed it and appreciated ^{J.} Their only regret was that they were unable to give you a better game. They lost two good men the week of the game and Johnny McKee, who captained the team against you, left the next Monday for officer's training camp. It looks as if they would lose Rentz, Douglas and Ward this week as their crews are about ready to take off for someplace, east or west.

They can use the money and I think it has been spent already for a loud speaker system for the recreation hall. They are just getting their special services division set up but will have a full program and a welfare fund before long. They have a nice bunch of boys and I have been enjoying my contacts with them.

They plan to play baseball and football but of course there is no telling at this distance just what they will have. If you are running baseball again this spring they would appreciate a chance to play you. They should have a pretty fair ball club if too many of the men they are counting on aren't shipped out and there are some pretty fair football players among the permanent personnel. Tell Gwynn Henry that if he has trouble filling his schedule he can get a game here.

Are they planning on holding the relays this spring?

Sincerely

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Arthur F. Hughes

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April 15, 1943.

Mr. Paul H. Helms, Sponsor,
Helms Athletic Foundation,
117 West 9th Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Helms:

I have failed to acknowledge the great honor paid me by your Foundation in selecting me as one of the top coaches of the nation. My failure to answer should not be construed as lack of gratitude, but rather I was so overwhelmed at the selection that I could scarcely believe it.

However, I am none the less appreciative and I am writing you to tell you that I doubly appreciate this signal honor.

You have been very generous and considerate in giving Kansas players recognition in your splendid publication. For this we also thank you sincerely.

If at any time we can be of any service to you in rendering any information that you deem necessary, it would be a pleasure to accede to your request.

Again thanking you for this great honor, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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