Bruce Drake,
Basketball Coach,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Okla.

What time does game start Saturday night? Is it true there is no place to stay in Norman? Do you advise us to stop in Oklahoma City and come down later. Please wire collect.

Forrest C. Allen.

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Oklahoma City, Okla.
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Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

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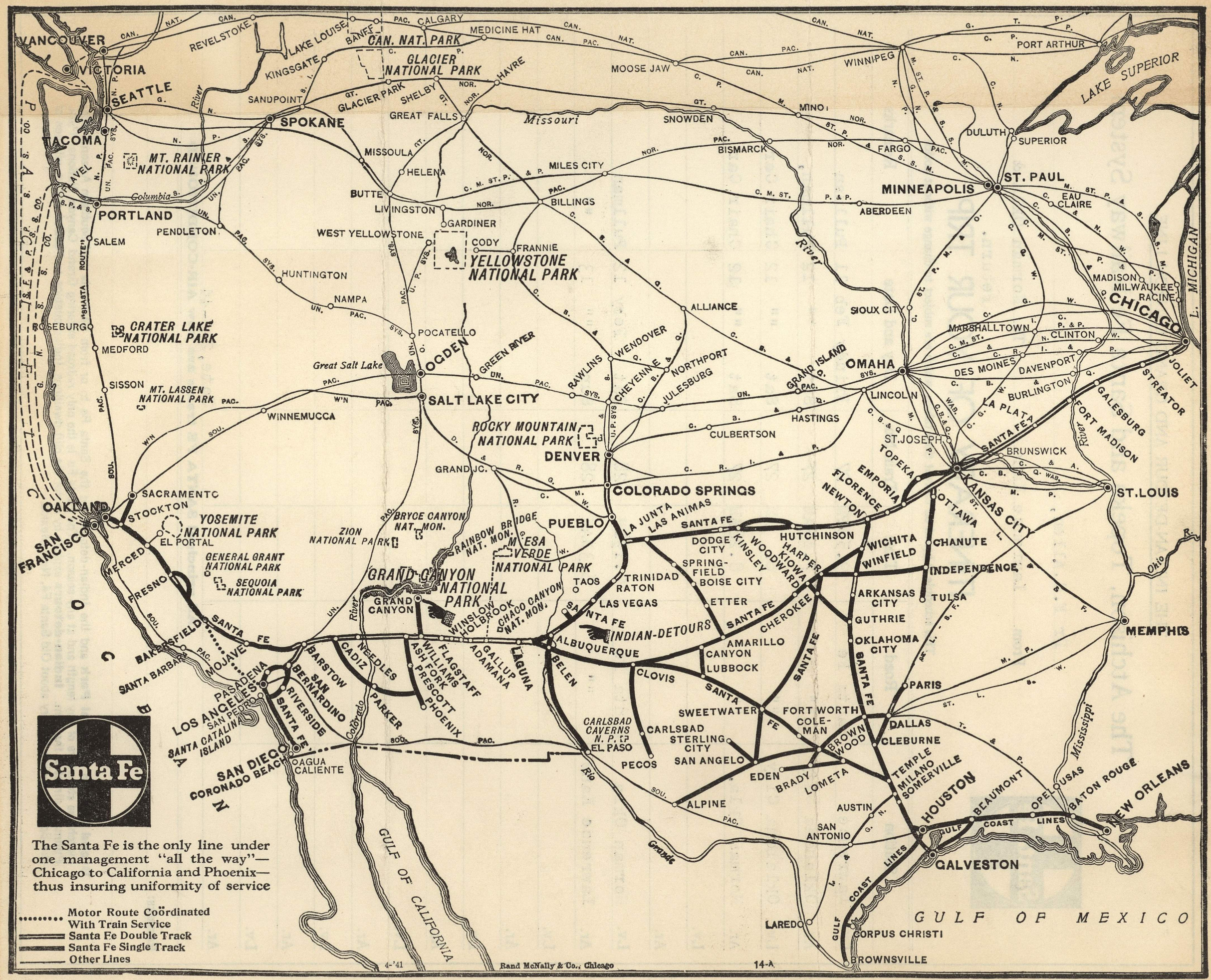
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Nov. 19, 1943

Mr. Mike Ahearn
Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Mr. George Edwards
Mr. Louise Menze
Mr. A. J. Lewandowski

Gentleman:-

I'm very happy to pass on some information concerning railroad transportation out of Norman which will prevent that mad rush to Oklahoma City after the game. The Santa Fe is now running a North bound train thru Norman that is scheduled to leave at 9:17. However this train on the average taken by me for the past week has been on an average of 18 minutes late. I'm sure that this new schedule will work out to your satisfaction.

Concerning feeding your team after the gam. I will be more than glad to fill whatever menu you desire in the way of a box lunch and have it in your dressing room, for I know it will be impossible for you to secure food immediately here after the game. If you are interested just let me know and I'll do whatever I can to iron out this extraordinary difficulty that has caused you so much grief in previous years.

Sincerely,

Bruce Drake

Bruce Drake
Coach of Basketball

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February 10, 1944.

Lieut. C. A. Michelman,
Navy V-12 Unit,
University of Kansas.

Dear Lieutenant Michelman:

The basketball team will play the University of Oklahoma at Norman, Oklahoma, on Saturday night, February 12. The team will leave Lawrence at 9:58 p.m. Friday, February 11, on the Santa Fe, and will return at 6:30 a.m. Sunday morning. We will stay at the Hotel Kingkade at Oklahoma City, taking the interurban from Oklahoma City to Norman.

I am sending you the names of seven V-12 boys who are members of the team, six of whom will go on the trip. I desire to turn in this blanket list because at this time I am unable to make a decision between two of these boys (Frank and Diehl) and a civilian.

Don Barrington
Homer Sherwood
Harold McSpadden
Louis Goehring
Bob Turner
Willard Frank
Don Diehl

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

November 17, 1943.

Mr. Bruce Drake,
Basketball Coach,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Bruce:

We are happy to shift our game with you at Lawrence to Friday night, January 21.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

INTERCOLLEGIATE
ATHLETICS

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

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Nov. 15, 1943

Dr. F. C. Allen
Director of Phy. Ed.
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:-

So that Kansas State would fit into a schedule, I have shifted our game with you from Sat. January 22 to a Friday nites game January 21 as previously mentioned to you. I hope this meets with your approval.

OK

Talked to Mike on the phone the other day and he tells me that he has all the games booked. I'm suprised that we diden't have to have another meeting.

Please confirm this change of date, and good luck in your game with Missouri Sat.

Sincerely,

Bruce Drake

Bruce Drake
Coach of Basketball

November 3, 1943.

Mr. Bruce Drake,
Basketball Coach,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Bruce:

We have checked with the University authorities on Hoch Auditorium for Friday night, January 21. Our calendar is clear, and we are therefore holding both nights, January 21 and 22, until further word from you. Please let me have your reply as soon as possible, as we must release one of these dates.

Thanks for your "cheerio" letter!

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

The University of Oklahoma

Norman, Oklahoma

Nov. 1, 1943

PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR MEN

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

Dear Doc:-

I'm sorry that we coulden't get together in Kansas City. Felt that we both could gain on such.

In making room for Kansas State could you play our game in Lawrence on Friday January 21 instead of the 22nd. I know you had rather play on a Friday. From all indications I guess Kansas State is coming in. I'm sure glad that the league will be in tact. There is nothing definate on the days that I can play Kansas State, but I'm trying to have as many open dates as I can for them to make it possible for a complete schedule.

Yes Tucker is here at Norman, and of course I'm planning on playing him should the Army lift the present restrictions on such participation. We no doubt would all profit by such a move, but I'm not counting on it. Whether or not your statement, "I would not accuse anybody of playing politics in athletics, but that has been done in some cases". was an implication that I was pushing such a move, I doubt, but so that you will understand my stand, I'm just sitting here taking what comes my way and getting some 1,000 soldiers in shape. Did you think I had something up that well known sleve? Doc if I had sleves as large as yours, and all those basketball tricks that you have accumulated over the years, what could I possible have that you diden't have twenty years ago?

Well I'm sorry that our plan in K. C. fell thru. Maby it was best that way. My regards to your fine family, and good luck to you.

Sincerely,

Bruce Drake

Bruce Drake
Basketball Coach

October 28, 1943.

Mr. Bruce Drake,
Basketball Coach,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Bruce:

About a week ago Mr. James "Jimmy" Nixon, formerly Municipal Auditorium publicity man and assistant to the manager, called me and told me that he had gone into business for himself as a booking agent. He stated he had an opportunity to get the Andrews sisters, of New York, a fine theatrical attraction, for the Municipal Auditorium on December 18th. That meant, of course, that we would relinquish our date. I told him to give me twenty-four hours to think it over.

After thinking the matter over I decided that perhaps our two games at Lawrence and Norman will be sufficient for this year. With Missouri and Nebraska out of the foursome, it might be construed that Oklahoma is traveling a great distance to put on an exhibition game.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

October 20, 1943.

Mr. Bruce Drake,
Basketball Coach,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Bruce:

I do not like to bring this up but I want to put all my cards on the table. The Chancellor was insistent last year that we not schedule any more games with Oklahoma Aggies on account of the last two exhibitions here in Lawrence. That is why it would be impossible for us to play in the Oklahoma City tournament, if we were inclined to travel that far during war time.

Besides, the auditorium is not open on December 10 and 11. They have closed with other people. They have the 11th only open, and of course the 18th.

Again, I want to be very frank with you. I saw in the paper where Gerald Tucker was temporarily located at Stillwater and is going to be moved to Norman. I hear rumors on very good authority that doubtless the Army will permit their men to play. I would not accuse anybody of playing politics in athletics, but that has been done in some cases. I am just asking you directly if you are planning to use him this year.

Yes, I still talk for the czar in intercollegiate athletics. There has got to be a force and a power stronger than any proselyting agency. It is the only way some people know how to conform.

I, too, feel sorry for Lew at Nebraska. Regardless of material or no material, a losing team always draws criticism.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

The University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

Oct. 18, 1943

PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR MEN

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

Dear Doc:-

I have been more or less waiting on you to see if something coulden't be worked out in relation to the Kansas City games on Dec. 10th. and 11th. I'm still holding these two dates. I could play you a single game on Dec. 18 in Kansas City.

I was talking to Hank Iba this morning to see if he would be interested in playing on the 10th or 11th. He tells me that he would play on the 8th. and 9th. With Missouri Kansas and Oklahoma, I think we all would make some money on the games. I would be available for these two dates, if all will agree on it.

Now if you have made other arrangements, please let me know right away for I want to play at least one game in Kansas City.

After playing Tulsa University, I can understaad the value of Czar over intercollegiate sports. Brother they have them from the four corners of the earth. Feel sorry for "Lou" at Nebraska and from all indications, I don't see where he will win a ball game. Let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Bruce Drake

Bruce Drake

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September 27, 1943.

Mr. Bruce Drake,
Basketball Coach,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Bruce:

I would like to arrange a set up with the three Big Six teams and a Big Ten team, if possible, for the 10th and 11th of December. However, I doubt if the Big Ten team will receive permission from their commissioner to make these extra trips. You will remember last year Iowa called off our game in Lawrence on account of the long travel, and I believe they will have the same reaction toward travel this year.

Of course, it was perfectly all right for any of the Big Six teams to travel to the Big Ten territory, but the Big Ten could not afford to travel to Big Six territory because it is so much further from Iowa City to Lawrence than it is from Lawrence to Iowa City.

Anyhow, if we cannot arrange a double-header for the two nights, the 10th and 11th, let's play in Kansas City on December 18th. I have written the hall people asking them to hold these dates tentatively until we can get together.

When are you starting on your Christmas vacation trip to the East?

I heartily agree with you - I am in favor of making some money for our own account, and not for the big-wigs travel tour.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

INTERCOLLEGIATE
ATHLETICS

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

NORMAN · OKLAHOMA

Sept. 25, 1943

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

Dear Doc:-

Just got my letter from Reaves. It looks like the four team deal is washed, for I know Nebraska has games on either the 10th. or 11th. of Dec. I can play on those two nites or can play on Dec. 18th. Why coulden't we bring some Big Ten school in for those two dates in place of Neb?

What do you have in mind. I could play you with a couple of high school games thrown in as a warm-up, on Dec. 11 or on Dec. 18th. Now Doc don't you freeze me out on these dates for I'm counting on both of us cutting this mellon without the N. C. A. A. their usual 5%.

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Sincerely,

Bruce Drake

Bruce Drake
Coach of Basketball

September 10, 1943.

Mr. Bruce Drake,
Basketball Coach,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Bruce:

I certainly was surprised to read the changes in eligibility regulations as of February 27, 1943. However, I am not sure regarding the interpretation that certain august gentlemen might still place upon them should they desire to do certain things.

I agree with you that two big games in Kansas City on two nights would be swell but what about the 48 hour Navy rule? And too, Bruce, I would say that you better consider Missouri in that deal, and not Iowa State, if you want to make the thing work, because Mr. Shirkey is the interpreter, and my idea, Bruce, would be to play during Christmas week and call them exhibition games - not championship games. That would take any criticism away from the people at home as to taking championship games off the campus.

I just had a letter from Louie Menze and their athletic board is considering the possibility of a double round robin or a curtailed schedule. I am sure it will be a curtailed schedule, taking shorter trips. Louie speaks about meeting the 19th of September, which is on Sunday. I don't believe they will get around to it before that time.

You spoke about the A.A.U. and your getting a cut from the Eastern play-off. You didn't mean the A.A.U. played in the Eastern play-off, did you? That was the Sport Writers' Tournament. I don't see how you made $90.00 off your allowances unless they got more generous than they were when Kansas made a trip. I am sending you a letter that George Edwards wrote Gwinn Henry regarding taxicab expenses. We took the streetcar and he objected to taxicab fare. Also, my reply to him is enclosed. When we meet I will talk to you about that goal-tending. I think it is the bunk. There is only one way, and that is to raise the basket. I'll bet Hank isn't for raising the basket until his big boy gets through, so the only proper administrative rule would be to set a day ahead three years and say after such and such a date the basket will be raised. That would not eliminate any of the boys who are now playing. The rule-makers have been so asinine by trying to put in the goal-tending rules, and so forth, when they could raise the basket so easy, that

I have ceased to become interested in any of their reverse English ways of thinking. I have not been a member of the Coaches Association for three years, nor have I attended their conventions, because there are a lot of little fellows with big noses who have been trying to run the thing and other coaches apparently are not interested in changing the rule to suit them or to help the game.

So, in my old age, I am taking things easy and letting the brain-storm~~e~~ers make the rules the way they like them.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE
ATHLETICS

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

NORMAN · OKLAHOMA

Sept. 6, 1943

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

Dear Doc:-

I'm happy to report to you that according to the minutes of the Big Six that it is possible to play where you wish this year. Under "Changes in Elgibility Regulations, as of Feb. 27, 1943", b.---That each institution be free to work out its athletic schedules as to time, place, and number of contests in such manner as to fulfill its regular student and to its Armed Force components".

With the rules as they are and Kansas City so centrally located what do you think of playing two Big Six games in Kansas City on two nites. Say bring Kansas, Iowa State and Nebraska in with us and shift the second nite. It would give us a chance eliminate that long hop to Iowa State, and also an opportunity to cash in. I don't think our athletic department would permit us to take too many of these games away from our campus, but I'm sure that this could be worked out to our satisfaction.

Of course you paid us more money at your place this year than we paid you here, but don't forget that you had the ball club last year and with that kind of a team if they don't bring them its a sad story. I was speaking of the schools that cannot seat enough people ever pay us more than our guarentee. This diden't include Kansas as you well know.

As for the A. A. U., we got a cut from the Eastern play-offs held at Madison Square Garden. I made about 90.00 on our allowances made us while in K. C. and the rest came from the office of the hoarders. We waited six months for it, but when it came it was a pleasant suprise.

At the time I wrote you concerning the possibility of playing A. A. U. teams I was thinking of Kansas and Oklahoma playing two such teams in Denver. I know that Wyoming and Phillips cleared $10,000. in two games in Denver. As for playing in Denver, I don't think it would go unless teams around there are strong enough to warrent support. So if you think it woulden't be advisable to bring up the A. A. U. I'll just forget it.

The University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR MEN

I hope that we meet this Sat. as out Army classes will not start until Monday. However Sept. 18 can be worked out O. K.

I'm having quite a time with my games with A & M. I suggested to Hank that we try out the new suggestion regarding "Goal Tending". He only laughed. As yet I haven't any games scheduled with him. However I will go ahead and schedule them regardless of the rules. I'm wondering tho how this ~~will~~ rule or suggestion will ever be tried out when the coach that has one of these big men refuses to try it. However I'm going to insist that we use three officials for our games with them. It's impossible for the official under the basket to be in a position to see when he sneaks his long arms in the imaginary cylinder as did Kurland on several occassions.

My best wishes for your continued success. Regards to the boys and Mrs. Allen.

Sincerely,
Bruce Drake
Coach of Basketball

P. S. After my last letter to you I talked to Dale Arbuckle our director, and wish to state that he isn't in favor of the double game business.

February 22, 1944

Lieut. C. A. Nicholman,
Navy V-12 Unit,
University of Kansas.

Dear Lieutenant Michelman:

The University of Kansas basketball team will play Kansas State at Manhattan on Wednesday night, February 23rd. We will leave Lawrence via Union Pacific at 11:05 a.m. Wednesday, February 23, and will return on the Union Pacific due at 6:55 a.m. Thursday, February 24. We will stay at the Gillette Hotel while in Manhattan.

I desire to take the following V-12 boys:

Don Barrington
Harold McSpadden
Willard Frank
Louis Goehring
Bob Turner
Don Diehl
Homer Sherwood

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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KANSAS STATE COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE
MANHATTAN

DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

November 12, 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Phys. Ed.
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog"

Thanks very much for your successful efforts to arrange a basketball date with us at Lawrence on January 18th. We feel that the directors of the Big Six and the basketball coaches have been very considerate in holding basketball dates for K-State.

With every good wish I am

Sincerely yours

M. F. Ahearn

M.F. Ahearn
Director

MFA:lh

November 9, 1943.

Mr. M. F. Ahearn,
Kansas State College,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Mike:

We are very happy to play you on our court here January 18th. I called Marty Peters at the Olathe Naval Air Base and he consented to make the change.

We will play you on February 23 at Manhattan.

It is not necessary to forgive you your facetiousness. I enjoy it.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

KANSAS STATE COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE
MANHATTAN

DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

November 3, 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allan
Director of Athletics
Varsity basketball coach

Dear Phog:

I trust that you will forgive me for being facetious in my last letter. It was just a bit of the Irish meanness in me cropping out. I very well knew that you were quoted as saying our Kansas cousins and not our country cousins. With that in mind I am wondering if we can decide on February 23 as the date for our basketball game at Manhattan. Could we play you at Lawrence some time between January 15th and January 22nd? I am requesting this favor because our examinations are during the week of the 22nd to the 29th. Rest assured that we will be truly grateful to you if you are able to give us the date at that time.

Jan. 18?

With all good wishes I am

Sincerely yours

"Mike" Ahearn

M.F. Ahearn

MFA:lh

November 1, 1943.

Mr. M. F. Ahearn,
Director of Athletics,
Kansas State College,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Mike:

I am sorry that I have delayed answering your good letter of October 22nd. I thought I would have a chance to talk with you when you were here at the football game but I failed to locate you. I am sending you our schedule, beginning January 3, and you can see that every Saturday night is taken from January 8 until March 4th. It happens that we play Iowa State here on Friday, March 3, so the 4th of course would be out.

It looks as if the way the schedule is drawn that we will have to play during the week both at Lawrence and Manhattan. I believe that Kansas State played the last game here last year, so it would be up to us to entertain you here first this year, and play our sedond game at Manhattan.

How about a game between the 22nd of January and the 29th, here at Lawrence, and between February 5th and 12th at Manhattan? Or, between February 19 and 26, at Manhattan?

I just want to correct one statement in your facetious remarks, Michael. I said we would be happy to play with our Kansas cousins, and not "country" cousins.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

KANSAS STATE COLLEGE
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DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

October 22, 1943

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

Dear "Phog"

I was gratified to read your comment in one of the daily papers concerning your willingness to schedule basketball games with your country cousins from Manhattan on the Kaw. I am just starting to make out a schedule and if you will send me the dates which are most satisfactory to you I will try my best to get the approval of the Athletic Council for them. Naturally I would like to schedule our home games for Saturday night if possible as we have the problem of getting our bleachers in place. Every day of the week except Saturday we have classes every hour until 5;40 in the evening however if we do not get the bleachers up our spectators will be obliged to watch the game from a standing position.

Sincerely yours

Mike Ahearn

M. F. Ahearn

MFA:lh

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January-344.

Dr. F. C. Allen
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Doctor:

We have reserved rooms for your basketball team beginning January 7th.

We appreciate this reservation and always glad to have you and your teams with us.

Happy New Year

J. C. Goodman

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P. S. Rate for single beds with bath $I.50.

January 4, 1944.

Mr. W. T. Bowen,
Tiger Hotel,
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Mr. Bowen:

Mr. Karl Klooz, our Athletic Director, will accompany us to Columbia on Friday, and would like to have a reservation with the basketball team.

We will be there two nights, getting out of Columbia at ten o'clock Sunday morning. The pullman reservations are so bad and train travel so spotty that we will stay over Saturday night.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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