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March 19, 1941

Mr. Darrel Hinkhouse
Beloit, Kansas

Dear Darrel:

Thank you for your kind words regarding our victory over Oklahoma.

You were very nice to pay tribute to our boys at Kansas. We are very proud of them, and the thing we are most proud of is their behavior on and off the court.

I don't know how to say the thing that I wish to say. I know the crowd at Lincoln was bad, and I believe unconsciously or subconsciously at least that their boisterousness affected somewhat the officiating of you two arbiters. Perhaps no person can be entirely non-affected but when one crowd behaves and the other crowd misbehaves, the visitor gets the worst of it.

I assure you that we enjoyed having you. You did a good job, but it was too tough for beginners to handle that Nebraska crowd.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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Beloit, Kansas
March 12, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Director
Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Congratulations on your victory last night. I certainly would have enjoyed seeing that game, but the distance and other work made it impossible.

Dr. Allen, I wish to take this opportunity to tell you that I surely do appreciate the opportunity of working for you and your team in three Big Six games this season. It is a pleasure to work for your boys. Each of them is a perfect gentleman.

Please extend my congratulations to Howard Engleman and your son, Robert Allen, as being chosen on the first Big Six team. Each of those boys deserves that honor. Thanks again, Dr. Allen. I am

Cordially yours,


Darrel Hinkhouse

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March 19, 1941

Mr. Larry Hensley
1503 Central Street
Dodge City, Kansas

Dear Larry:

It is all right, Larry. I am glad that you are happy and if you wanted to do what you did, it is perfectly all right with me.

I do feel, however, that it would have been a sporting thing for you to have told me when you went down with the basketball team to Wichita that you had procured a job. Howard came to me and said that you wanted to take the trip and I, very accommodating, wanted to please Howard so we took you along and, of course, put you in the game.

You know, Larry, I have lived long enough to know that doubtless you wanted to go to Wichita to find out about the job. and the fact that you could travel with the team would save you the expense. But I believe that you should have told me when you came back from Wichita that you had obtained a job and that you were not expecting to enter the University for the second semester.

I think it is youth more than anything else that causes a fellow to do that, but I want to assure you that it is perfectly all right with me and I am glad you got the job. I do think, however, that you made a mistake in entering professional ball before you completed your university education. It would have been a lot better to have told me and not kidded me along. Again, I say it is entirely all right and I have not the slightest ill will against you.

On the other hand, I have a very fervent desire that you shall make good and that you shall obtain the things you desire. Let me hear from you occasionally telling me how you are getting along. I am for you 100% and I trust you lam the life out of that ball.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Dear Doc:

I know what you must think of me for leaving without seeing you. But under the circumstances I just couldn't get in touch with you.

I have a job here in Wichita with an accounting firm, with a wonderful chance of working into something. The ~~to~~ head of the company likes me & he needed a man now very badly. By working now I can set myself up with a job in my off seasons and also if I don't make a go at baseball, a permanent job.

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I want to thank you for everything you've done for me + tell you that I think you are the finest man I know. If there is ever anything I can do to help you in any way + I can possibly do so, I will.

I'm not sure where I'll stay but can be reached through my folks in Dodge City, I didn't even get to talk to them but know they think this is all right.

Thanking you for your many kindnesses' + wishing you the Big-Six title, I remain
Sincerely yours
Larry Hensley

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April 5, 1941

Mr. H. R. Hensley
First National Bank Bldg.
Dodge City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Hensley:

Your son Larry came in yesterday afternoon to talk with me concerning the particulars of a letter that I wrote to him some time back.

Larry had written me a very fine letter thanking me for the courtesies that I had extended to him, and he was rather shocked at the tone of my reply. So he came in yesterday to go over the matter with me. After Larry had explained his honest intent and purpose in going to Wichita with the basketball team, I could see how he felt in regard to my letter to him.

There are so many boys that take short-cuts on such propositions similar to this that I wanted to frankly explain to him how I felt in similar circumstances. I have been the victim many times of such strategy. In this case, however, I am very sure that I missed Larry's honest intent.

Howard Engleman came to me and asked me if it would be possible to take Larry along to Wichita. I said yes. After matters turned out as they did, I naturally viewed Larry's trip there as one designed to primarily aid him and I frankly told him so. On circumstantial evidence it could easily have looked that way.

I believe Larry left here feeling that I was perfectly honest when I was with him yesterday as I endeavored to be in my letter which I wrote to him. I feel it is better to tell a boy exactly what you think and, he being honest, if there are misunderstandings they are soon clarified.

I explained to Larry that previous to this time I had had many pleasant contacts with him, but no intimate connections. He had never been on a team of mine. Although I had watched him play on baseball teams as a spectator, I had not had an opportunity to get under his skin as I do with most boys on my teams. I have always had a very high opinion of Larry and this occasion of yesterday has caused me to raise my estimate considerably. He is fine, clean, straightforward young man, and if at any time there is an opportunity that I

Mr. H. R. Hensley

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can help him progress in any way, it will be a pleasure for me to cooperate.

To you, Mr. Hensley, as father of Larry, I am writing this letter so that there will be no misunderstanding why I wrote the letter to Larry.

Mrs. Allen and I have had three sons and three daughters and we now have four grandchildren, and I have found that everyone of the children are different and until you intimately know their inner reactions, I find it is quite a difficult problem to adjust yourself to their ways of thinking and doing. There is no scientific way that I know outside of the trial and error method and as I said, I am sorry that I missed this one on Larry, but I am happy that he came back for a full understanding.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

FCA:mh
cc: Larry Hensley

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April 5, 1941

Mr. Larry Hensley
Unsonia Hotel
Fulton, Kentucky

Dear Larry:

I have just finished writing your father
a letter, and I am enclosing a carbon copy to you.

I trust that you will have every success
in your new venture and if at any time there is any-
thing that I can do, please feel perfectly free to call
upon me.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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June 20, 1941

Mr. Vance Hall,
Downs, Kansas.

Dear Vance:

I certainly was delighted to get your letter of last Monday and to learn that the farm work is agreeing with you to an unusual extent. The rain has ceased and I am sure that stacking alfalfa bales will put the old muscle on you to such an extent that you will devour copious amounts of feed to feed the body of one V. Hall.

I am happy to learn about the fine wheat crop. It is about time that western Kansas was getting something that should be coming to them.

I have told the family about your letter, and Mrs. Allen and Bob and the rest of the family wish to extend their best wishes to you and your family.

I will send you the basketball equipment when you write for it, but I imagine that you will want to get harvesting out of the way. I wouldn't fool with basketball until you really want to shoot some goals, and then the equipment will be forthcoming at your request.

I sincerely hope it will be a great year for you, and I am sure if spirit and training has anything to do with it, so far as you are concerned, we will have a great team.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Deems, Ks
Monday morning.

Dear Dr. Allen,

I thought I'd drop you a note to tell you how sorry I am that I didn't get to see you before I left. I stopped a few times the last week but you always were busy or out, it seemed. I did want to thank you for my job in the towel room as I certainly appreciate it.

Boy, we are sure getting our share, and more, of rain lately. It has been raining continually for two days now. I was supposed to go to work this ~~morning~~ morning, stacking alfalfa bales, but of course it is too wet in the fields. Harvest should start in about

eight days then I really will be busy. If it doesn't rain too much the wheat crop will sure be a large one around here. Labor is needed badly as many men have gone to the army.

I would like to have some basketball equipment later on, but I will write you about that sometime after we are thru with harvest and plowing.

Hoping that the year of '42 will be as happy as '41 and that we ^{will} have a great basketball season. I am

Sincerely yours,
Vance Hall

Please give my best regards to your family. Mother still talks of the way Mrs. Allen took care of me on our trip back east.

August 29, 1941.

Mr. Vance Hall,
Downs, Kansas.

Dear Vance:

I received your very good letter of the 17th instant from Lake of the Woods, Canada, and I assure you that I was happy to hear from you. I thought perhaps I had better send this letter to Downs and have it forwarded rather than take a chance on mailing it to Canada.

Last spring I made most of the arrangements regarding the supervisor's job. However, I want to have a talk with you regarding the possibilities of such a job in your senior year. You will remember that Mr. DeGroot complained quite a bit on several occasions about your lack of punctuality and perseverance on the job. While I have great confidence in you, Vance, I want you to realize that one of these jobs entails much concentration and punctuality. It is always difficult for an administrator to put anyone on the job requiring much more responsibility than he has assumed in his clerical work.

When you figure the time lost away from school on trips for basketball it does not amount to a great many hours. When you consider a nine months period and figure the few hours that you lose it doesn't run into a lot of money. And too, Vance, if you need money that badly we could give you some extra hours, if you want them, but generally we find students are cutting their hours pretty close so that they can get out and do something else. You know what I mean, do you not, Vance? There are so many wonderful things in college - dates, dances, ball games, and so forth, that are a part of student life, and a boy hates to pass them up. He realizes a responsibility in earning a living and he is very serious, but when he sees a pretty girl and has a coke date he is like the old inebriate who said, "You know, there are a thousand reasons why I should not take this drink of liquor, but darned if I can think of a single one of them just now."

I can pledge you, Vance, my friendship and my desire to help you. At the same time, unless I was utterly frank with you and would pass on as an inventory the criticisms that Mr. DeGroot made, then I would not be fair to you. Somebody of necessity must take the responsibility and the fellow who takes that supervisor's job has double trouble.

August 18, 1941

I took your letter home and read it to the family. Mrs. Allen considers you one of hers since she nursed you while you had the flu enroute to New York.

With every good wish, and hoping to see you real soon, I am

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

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Sunday 17th

Dear Dr. Allen,

You will please pardon my stationery but we seem to be out of all other paper, and, being where we are, it is difficult to get more right at the moment.

I am, as I told you I would be when I saw you ^{last} in Lawrence a short time ago, in Lake of the Woods, Canada with my good friends the Cushing, Mr. Cushing and Ned, whom you have met. They are certainly enjoying ourselves fishing and swimming. Governor Patton and his two boys, Dab and Geno were here visiting a week ago for a few days. They are certainly fine and we had much fun together. Mother forwarded me your nice long letter and I was certainly glad

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to receive it and the schedule. It looks like we will have a pretty tough row to hoe, doesn't it? I am glad we are playing Iowa for I have wanted to play a Big Ten school and see how we will cope with their style of Basketball - very well, I hope. DePaul University should give us a very busy night and we certainly do have a score to settle with Bruce Osborn and his Oklahomans!

I wonder if I might ask you for my travel - room job for the coming year. Perhaps one of the Supervisor's jobs, left open by Harley Anderson and John O'Hara is open. If so I would certainly like to apply for ~~that~~ one of those. If not open I thank you anyway and hope to work ten hours a week passing out the towels. I lost so much time last year, due to trips, and I thought perhaps the Supervisor job would be more satisfactory.

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Hoping that you and the family are all
fine, and being very anxious to get back
to school and basketball, I am

Very sincerely yours,
David Hall

[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

Sabeth L.S.

September 19, 1940

Coach Floyd Hanson
Sabeth High School
Sabeth, Kansas

Dear Floyd:

I am to be at Beloit Friday night and I plan to swing through your town Saturday morning on some of my business quests. There are some things concerning you and your future that I would like to talk with you and Mrs. Hanson about.

I am not exactly sure just at what time I will arrive, but I will be there in the morning and will make it a point to look you up as soon as I get in town.

You can rest assured that I am always for your growing success.

With all good wishes to you both, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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NEW ENGLAND BUILDING, TOPEKA, KANSAS

December 7, 1940

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

Dear Doc:

Some time ago I wrote you a note and promised to follow with a lengthy letter. This happens to be that letter. When Miss Laughlin gave me a job she did just that. My job here consists of Senior Supervisor (title) with eight other supervisors Under me to keep in line. In addition to acting of superintendent of the Topeka project, it is my job to see that the building remains in good condition. There are two buildings, one that is used as a shop in one end of town and the dormitory in the other end of the city. Each morning the boys, whose ages range from 17-24 years, are given bus tokens to ride to and from the shop. In the course of a month the government has purchased 8 000 tokens. To be specific that is \$500.00 worth.

There are at the present time 115 boys living at the dormitory. I serve as the disciplinarian and general counciler for the boys. We have what we call our House of Representatives that serve as the governing body. They have several committees that are appointed such as: rules and regulation committee, ways and means committee, judicial committee, permits and privilege committee and several others of lesser nature. My job was to organize and formulate this self government. It was some job to formulate the work but appears to be some task in getting it to working on all four. However we have been accomplishing something.

A committee on recreation has been appointed to aid me in carrying out some form of physical education. The equipment is the hardest item to get. The government has the money but in order to get the articles I want, a larger amount of red tape has to be unwinded. It is more work to get equipment than it is to actually set up the recreation program and supervisor the play. Most of the games that we have at the present are games that the boys have made themselves under supervision. We have made all our checker boards and checkers, chinese checkers, box hockey, shuffle board, and horse shoe equipment.

One thing that I have been trying to establish here is for the boys to be sociable. It is being run much on the order of a fraternity. Some of the boys pick this up fairly easily but some of the boys who are from the poorer and less refined families are a little slower. However we are progressing which is not at all discouraging. For breakfast and dinner the boys wear their work clothes but remain standing until the lady food supervisor is seated. For the evening meal the boys are required

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to wear a clean shirt and a necktie. This does not necessarily mean that they wear a coat as some of the boys do not have suits.

For entertainment we usually sing songs at the table that rang all the way from "I've been working on the railroad" to "God bless America." From all indications they enjoys this very much. One day about a month ago I got the bright idea when I heard one of the boys playing on his trumpet to form a swing band. At the present time that ~~idea~~ is not only an idea but a reality. You would be surprised to hear them. Some of them have actually played in swing bands before and know something about how to play. Before we could do much with the orchestra we had to have a piano so by some short curves with the State Procurement office I bought a dandy piano for us for only \$30.00. Next we lacked only the piano player, amusic and orchestra stands. I sent the ways and means committe to Miss Laughlin and she donated \$10.00 for music. The boys are building the stands out of scrap lumber. One of the members of the band knew a fellow in town who played the piano and who at one time had an orchestra of his own. He consented to play and instruct the boys and also he had several old orchestrations that he donated. That left the drummer without any drums and the guitar player with out a guitar. The piano player is a pawn broker and he furnished them with their playing equiptment. Now we have a bass fiddle player with out a bass fiddle and one of the boys here has offered to make him a base fiddle out of a wash tub and a broom stick. I don't know how it ~~xxx~~ will sound but they will have a lot of fun/

Because there is so much running back and forth I had to use my car but that was running up a gasoline bill,,and a repair bill that would make the war debt look small, I talked Miss Laughlin into giving me a government car. The car will be here about Monday. I tried to talk her into a raise in salary but could do nothing about that angle. However she did promise that as soon as the buildings were completed and all the construction and painting was done she would take care of me on this matter. The project at Eskridge Kansas has been causing her non to little worry and I think I picked about the worst time I could to talk finances with her.

I almost forgot to mention that we have formed a basketball team. The boys attend the church about two blocks away and have started to play in the church league. I got the Ripley gym for them once a week and work out with them if I have time. Some of the boys are fairly good. If I find any likely prospects I will send them to K.U. but I doubt if they are that good.

Here at the dormitory I eat, sleep, and play with the boys. I am on duty 24 hours a day. Several night I have been called out of bed at 2:00 or 3:00 o'clock in the morning to take care of a sick boy. That is all in a 24 hour days work. I think I will live thru it tho. If and when I leave this job there isn't many jobs that I couldn't qualify for. I am a doctor, an authority on Sheet Metal, Radio, photography, wood-working, cooking, machine shop and welding, and all problems dealing

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with boys problems. I think I could act as a social worker, a coach, a judge, and anything else that deals with people.

Doc, I have attempted to give some kind of a background of my work. It is very interesting. I have one boy who has been in the reform school and who is trying to work his way up again. I give him all the encouragement I can and he is doing a ~~sw~~ swell job. To put him to the supreme test I have put him in charge of my personal quarters. He has not taken one thing as yet. As far as work is concerned he really is a good worker. The only draw back he has is his temper but by talking to him I ~~ha~~ have gotten him to control it somewhat.

Another case that I have is a rape case. So far this boy has been a model boy. After I had interveiwed him for two hour he told me the whole story. The State office doesn't know about either of these boys and neither does any of the boys. As long as they behave and are making an effort to re-establish themselves I feel that It is my duty to see that they get that chance and aid them all that I can. So far everything has been swell.

The rest of the boys are a very high type of boy. Several of them have attended either colleges or University. Right off hand I know of two who have been to K.U. One has had three years there and another has had two years in the Engineering school. Both of them are ideal boys. Another boy attended Baker and played football there and another attended North Dak. school for Science and played football there. Only a few have not graduated from high school. I would say out of the 115 that I now have only 10-15 create any sort~~an~~ of a problem. Most of the trouble has been misdemeanors such as missing kitchen duty or failing to make their beds. The judicial court passes out all punishment to these kind.

Only one boy has been sent home. He came in drunk the other night and home he went. He had been insubordinate from the opening of the project and this was the straw that broke the camels back. He some way or other got the idea that he didn't have to work at the dormitory but only on his airport management duty. By the way ~~xxxxix~~ the airport management course is one of the courses that I left out that we have here. Cap Wells who used to manage the airport at Lawrence has charge of these 20 boys and is doing a swell job. They ~~hve~~ built an airplane ~~ixxi~~ that is as good as any you can buy. As a matter of fact if I didn't tell you you could never tell that it wasn't factory made.

Doc, I have been rambling on here about my job but in the way of business I would like for you to plan on paying us a visit sometime. Miss Laughlin asked me the other day when you were coming up. She thought it would be a good idea to have you up when the building was completed. However I would like for you to come up sooner than that on an informal visit and look the place over. You know that I can always use a few suggestions. I am sure that the boys would like to meet you. A little later on when everything is in good shape and everything is completed I would like for you and the basketball team to be our guests.at dinner some evening after the first of the year.

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A number of the boys here know that I worked under you last year and have been hounding me to death about some passes to one of your basketball games. We will have a bus of our own after the holidays and could get down fairly easy if any arrangements could be made so that it would be satisfactory or permissible to you. If there could be no arrangements made it still will be o.k. but this was just a thought that might be worked out.

Also the boys have this basketball team and do not have but one basketball. If you have an old one that is laying around and not getting any use you might throw it in the back seat of your car and bring it along when you pay us a visit. We surely would like to have you come up. I would like to talk to you about some ~~xxx~~ of the things that are being carried out and some of the things that should be carried out in this program.

Well Doc I have just about told all there is that is important up here. You might drop me a line and let me know what the prospects are for a basketball team. How is Johnny Buescher getting along with his grades? Is he as poor a student as I was? Tell him to hit the books for me that I am counting on him to be a good man for you. How are the last year frosh looking. I hope that do you a lot of good. Tell all of them hello for me and give the Big Six conference hell.

Must close this letter or the mail man will want to send this masterpiece by parcel post. Give Mit, Bob, and Mrs. Allen my regards.

Yours very truly,

J. Fred Harris
J. Fred Harris

Tell Mit to drop by and see me if he is ever up this way. My address is State and Twiss, Topeka, Kansas. It is over in the ~~Ok~~ Oakland district.

March 1, 1941

Mr. Lacy Haynes
Director of Kansas News Bureau
Kansas City Star
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Lacy:

Gee! It is good to have a letter from you back in good old Kansas, and I am further glad that you are on top of the heap again.

Thank you, Lacy, for your kind remarks regarding Kansas winning the hard way over Kansas State. It was hard in two ways because we got Bobby's elbow knocked and it will be a miracle if he gets to play in either one of our next two games. His elbow is healing too slowly, and I don't see how it is possible at all for us to win either the Nebraska or Iowa State games. But if we could whip Oklahoma for a tie, it would be a great tribute to the scrappiest little band of battlers that I have seen for a long time.

Thank you, Lacy, for your good wishes. When basketball season is over, I am going to drop down and have a visit with you; and if you will accept my invitation for luncheon at your good old hangout, the Muehlebach, then I will be happy.

When you wish us "Good Luck", I know good and well that you mean "Good Luck", and we appreciate it. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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February 26, 1941

Dear Phog:

It is good to get back in Kansas and to look at the old desk again. I am getting stronger rapidly; in fact, Phog, if I were a good Christian Scientist I would say I hadn't been so well in a hundred years!

It was fine to be received back by the news last night that Kansas had gained another triumph, the hard way. That will sure keep the boys in the right mental attitude for the Nebraska fight. Somehow I don't imagine they will forget the tactics of Nebraska you told me about in your fine letter. Anyway, I will be giving you all the "moral" baskets that can be provided.

Good luck to you and your gang through the remaining games!

Sincerely,

Lacy

LCH:VS

March 3, 1941

Mr. Carlos E. Hobbs
The Topeka State Journal
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Hobbs:

In reply to your letter of February 27, I beg to state that I would be very glad to sit down and talk with you regarding the boxing angle, and I assure you of my every cooperative effort. You can rest assured that you will get a sympathetic ear because I am very fond of boxing conducted on a high plane.

In regard to tickets for the Oklahoma and the Oklahoma A. and M. games, I have talked with Earl Falkenstien and he will have tickets for you in your name at the box office, two for each game.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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The Topeka State Journal

TOPEKA, KANSAS

Feb. 27, 1941

*Mr. Falkenstein
has seen this*

Mr. Forrest C. Allen,
Basketball coach,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Since Mrs. Hobbs has not seen K.U. play this year, and since I have seen but one game at Lawrence, I should like to have a pair of tickets for ourselves for the Oklahoma game and also for the Oklahoma A. & M. contest, March 7 and 11.

My Golden Gloves work kept me tied up thru January and half of February, hence I was forced to abandon opportunities to see the Jayhawkers. But Mrs. Hobbs, since the tournament is over, has been asking me whether we are going to see the Jayhawkers this year.

I didn't ask for tickets for the K-State game because I noticed where you were selling nothing but standing room, so decided I wouldn't try to crowd in. But I would like to see these two remaining games if possible.

I talked to you briefly about the Big Six rule about barring Golden Gloves boxers who are Big Six school members. Because you were in a hurry to get away I didn't get to go into it. I feel, Dr. Allen, that the Big Six is being unfair with that rule. I know other schools are not obeying it. I also know that you do not hold the Director title, but I do think you might be able to create some interest over the matter.

I think the rule is unfair in this respect. I don't think athletes in Big Six schools should participate in outside events during the term of that sport, but participation in an off season, it seems to me should be allowed. Especially do I think that's true, when I know that my show is as cleanly handled and as efficiently administered in regard to amateur rules as any show anywhere. I use every means at my disposal to find out the standing of competitors, and have kicked out more than one who really has a tinge of professionalism attached to him.

Possibly I shouldn't burden you with such a thing, but you've been considerate of me before, and I thought I might at least get a sympathetic ear, and perhaps a suggestion or two.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Sports Editor

Carlos E. Hobbs

March 4, 1941

Mr. Lee Hodgins
3927 Broadway
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Lee:

I am returning your check received this morning and am sorry to tell you that our tickets for the Oklahoma game were all sold out on February 9, the day before we played Nebraska, and the Oklahoma A. and M. tickets have been gone nearly as long. Just as soon as the Sooners began to slip the A. and M. tickets picked up.

I regret that you waited so long, but I frankly believe we could have sold five thousand more tickets if we had them.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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My Dearest Bess, & Forrest

Well I sure was glad to see Kansas take
Nebr. last night, I will leave for Cal. 15
I want to see you & Forrest again can you,
get 5 for the Oklahoma, ^{game} enclosed find
check 3.75 if you can do this I sure
will appreciate it want half to be bothered
with me again Aunt Maggie is fine Harry
is coming along, I sure think Bob played
grand.

Lots of love
Lee

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