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

Dear "Doc".

It makes me proud to read about "Phog" Allen and his fight for college basketball. I hope that the whole set-up of college athletics is put under the spotlight of public opinion along with basketball. For the past ten or more years it has seemed to me like college athletics has gradually been taken away from the ordinary college students. If you have started something that cleans up the situation, you will have given inestimable service to boys who like to play for fun.

I feel reasonably sure now that Duke is going to come to K.U. at the beginning of the fall session. He won't be 18 until April of 1946, so he may get in a full year of college work.

I just don't know how good Duke is in football, but his coach at Sewanee Military Academy told me that he is college material. The University of Tennessee Athletic Department has contacted him, so some one must have recommended him to them. Since Duke may get only one year of college athletics, I would like to send him up before school starts, if football practice starts then.

I am getting him some Beta dates, but would also like to have him meet two or three other fraternities. I would particularly like to have the Phi Psis, Sigma Chis and Phi Deltas give him a looking over. Outside of the Betas, he has no fraternity contacts at K. U. If he could get some dates with other fraternities, I would appreciate it, and it would help in getting him to definitely decide on Kansas. I would not hesitate to write Lawrence Woodruff, if it is in any way embarrassing to you.

Looks like you are up to form again with your basketball team. I hope that I will get to see you more often in the next few years. Thanks for the "Jayhawk Rebounds". Most of the names are too recent for me but I enjoy reading it just the same. It is a fine thing for you to do for the boys in the service.

Sincerely yours,

Harold A. Burt

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