

November 21, 1928.

Major John L. Griffith,
Commissioner of Athletics,
6 North Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Major Griffith:

Although we have decided on Schommer to work our Notre Dame games, we have not yet received his acceptance of the assignment.

As soon as we hear from him, we will notify you.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

Director.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS
6 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE
CENTRAL 2824 CHICAGO

November 19, 1928

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Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 15th in which you advise me that Schommer has been selected to work your Notre Dame games December 28th and 29th. I will make note of this and see that Schommer is not assigned to any other games on those dates.

With kind regards, I am

Yours cordially,

John L. Griffith
John L. Griffith.

JLG:HJ

INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE
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6 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE
CENTRAL 2824 CHICAGO

November 7, 1928

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have been making some inquiry regarding the college fencing rules per your letter of October 31st. Mr. Merrill, in charge of the fencing at the University of Chicago, advises me that the Western Conference has been using the old rules of the Western Intercollegiate Gymnastic, Wrestling and Fencing Association, which association had charge of all gymnastics, wrestling and fencing meets in this section prior to the time that the Conference took over these meets and made them closed meets for Conference institutions only. Mr. Merrill tells me that there has been some discussion about changing to the rules of the Amateur Fencers League of America, which rules I understand are used by the colleges in the east. I am writing for some copies of these rules and will be glad to forward you a copy when I receive them if you wish. Further, I am enclosing a copy of the old rules of the Western Intercollegiate Gymnastic, Wrestling and Fencing Association.

Yours very truly,

Helen E. Jones

Secretary to
John L. Griffith.

December 26, 1928.

Major John L. Griffith,
Commissioner of Athletics,
6 North Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Major Griffith:

Thank you kindly for your
letter of December 21. I appreciate the fine
spirit of cooperation of Mr. St. John and your-
self.

If I am not nominated from
this district I assure you that I appreciate
the courtesies and friendship of both of you
men.

With kindest regards and
best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

FCA:MEB

December 21, 1928.

Major John L. Griffith,
Commissioner of Athletics,
6 North Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Major Griffith:

We are to play Illinois this year in football. When we played Wisconsin, we did not understand the arrangement regarding the selection of officials by the commissioner of athletics of the Big Ten. We do now, so we want to know what date the selection is made.

Do we submit the list of officials that we desire or do you pick them from the available list that you now have on hand. We would like to have Jim Masker, or some of those splendid officials work for us. I am just merely writing you for information.

I know of the ruling that no official can work in the Big Ten unless he has had a previous game in a non conference game in the Big Ten. We of course receive many letters from officials who want to work and in this way it will relieve us of the burden. However we would like to know the fundamental way of doing the thing so that we may cooperate with you in the fullest.

Very cordially yours,

Director.

FCA:MEB

January 2, 1929.

Major John L. Griffith,
Commissioner of Athletics,
6 North Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Major Griffith:

This will acknowledge receipt
of your letter of December 28. I am having the
information and pictures which you requested
sent to you under separate cover.

With kindest regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Director.

FCA:MEB

February 4
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Maj. John L. Griffith,
Commissioner of Athletics,
9 North Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Maj. Griffith:

Please pardon my delay in
answering your letter of December 27th.

I have received a letter from
Robert Zuppke in which he advises me that
they usually have you select officials for
their games. This is agreeable with us
and we shall be glad to have you do it.

I have consulted Coach Hargiss
regarding the matter and he would prefer
to have some of the following Conference
officials used: Jack Grover, A.A. Schabinger,
Leslie Edmonds, C.E. McBride. Of course, it
would be satisfactory with us to use some of
the Big 10 officials also. We should be
glad to have officials from both Conferences
in the game. Most of the above named offi-
cials, however, are referees.

We should be glad to be advised
of the men who are selected for this game.

Thanking you, I am

Very cordially yours,

Director.

FCA:IH

January 2, 1929.

Major John L. Griffith,
Commissioner of Athletics,
6 North Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Major Griffith:

This will acknowledge receipt
of your letter of December 27.

Dr. Allen is now in California
with the basketball team and will not return un-
til January 8 at which time your letter will be
brought to his attention.

Very cordially yours,

H. H. Gurtler.

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Spoken to Jack Power

~~Les Edwards~~

Les Edwards

Schabinger Crighton

INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE
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6 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE
CENTRAL 2824 CHICAGO

December 27, 1928

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

I never pick the officials for non-conference games unless requested to do so by both coaches. I would suggest that you and Zup pick whoever you want for your game with Illinois. If I can help you by saving any of our men let me know.

Yours very sincerely,

John L. Griffith
John L. Griffith.

JLG:HJ

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February 6
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Mrs. Alice K. Griffith,
The Athletic Journal,
6858 Glenwood Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Griffith:

Through an oversight our check was not enclosed in our letter of February 2nd. Thank you for calling this to our attention.

It is being enclosed herewith.

I trust that this error has not greatly inconvenienced you.

We will want the two-thirds page space in the March and April issues of the Athletic Journal again this year. I am having copy sent to you and you should receive it in a few days.

Very cordially yours,

Director.

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THE ATHLETIC JOURNAL

6858 GLENWOOD AVENUE

CHICAGO, ILL.

February 5, 1929.

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

This letter will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 2nd. May we call your attention to the omission of your check. If this was enclosed please stop payment on it at once.

Will you advise us at once if you want the two-thirds space in March as used last year for your Relays and summer school at Lawrence?

Yours very truly,

(Mrs) Alice K. Griffith

Alice K. Griffith.

AKG:MP

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THE ATHLETIC JOURNAL

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CHICAGO, ILL.

January 30th, 1929 .

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Athletics,
Kansas University,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Re: Relay Advertising.

Dear Dr. Allen:-

Last year you used two two-thirds pages in the March and April issues. You will want this amount at least, again this year, will you not?

I like the style of your ad copy and hope you can send us as attractive copy again this year. You have good action pictures and not too much reading, two requisites of good advertising. Let me know at an early date if you want this space reserved.

Yours very truly,

Alice K. Griffith

Alice K. Griffith.

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Gen II

February 18
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Mrs. Alice K. Griffith,
"Athletic Journal"
6858 Glenwood,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Griffith:

Enclosed is the copy for two-thirds page add in March issue of the Athletic Journal. Copy for the April issue will come along later. Please have the cut for the March add made from the enclosed photograph.

Will you please mail to us as soon as possible a glossy print of Major Griffith's latest photograph for use in the Kansas Relays Program, as he is to be referee of that event this year. We would appreciate prompt attention to this photographic request as we are getting out some literature within a week in which we desire to use his picture.

Very cordially yours,

Director.

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THE ATHLETIC JOURNAL

6858 GLENWOOD AVENUE

CHICAGO, ILL.

February 15, 1929.

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Upon receipt of your check we entered up your subscription and found one had been received December 24, 1928., for the Athletic Dept. at Lawrence. Is there to be one addressed to you personally and one to the department? Please reply on the enclosed card.

Yours very truly,

Malanie Preiss.

Malanie Preiss,
Subscription Dept.

MP

Griffith

March 9th
1929

John L. Griffith,
Commissioner of Athletics,
9 North Michigan St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Maj. Griffith:

This will acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 1st inst, offering to publish the proceedings of the Basket Ball Coaches Association.

It is very nice of you to do this and I assure you that every member of the association will appreciate it. I certainly do not know of any of the men who would object to it.

I am writing Coach Schabinger although I imagine that you have written him as well, but I am sending a carbon copy of your letter to Schabinger with the suggestion that we accept your kind invitation.

Very cordially yours,

Director.

FCA:IH

INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS
6 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

CENTRAL 2824

CHICAGO

March 1, 1929

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

The Football Coaches' Association asked me to publish the proceedings of their last meeting in the Athletic Journal, which we did as you possibly have noticed in the February number and the reprint, copies of which we sent you. We printed our eight thousand copies of the Journal and sent a copy to all of the members of the Football Coaches' Association as well as to our subscribers and further run off the reprints sending a number to each of the officers of the Football Coaches' Association and one to the members of the association as well. The Football Coaches were glad to have us do this because it saved them the work of getting out the proceedings and saved the money which they otherwise would have had to spend. At the same time we were glad to do this because it not only helped the Journal but it, I am sure, was a good thing for the high school and college coaches who are not members of the association to receive the proceedings. We have about decided to send a copy of the proceedings to all of the college presidents. I think it would be a good thing because if the presidents will read the reports they will see that the football coaches are doing some clear thinking regarding the development in their own game and that they are a safe and conservative crowd.

The purpose of this long letter is to suggest that should the Basketball Coaches' Association care to have us print the proceedings of your coming annual meeting that we would be glad to do it. If any of the men, however, objected I would not want to see the matter pushed. This then is just an offer to help if you think it would be any help to the Basketball Coaches' Association.

Yours very sincerely,

John L. Griffith
John L. Griffith.

JLG:HJ

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Schabinger

March 9th
1929

Mr. A. A. Schabinger,
Creighton University,
Omaha, Neb.

Dear Mr. Schabinger:

I am enclosing herewith a copy
of a letter I have just received from
John L. Griffith.

He has offered to do for the
Basket Ball Coaches Association the same
as he did for the Football Coaches Associa-
tion. I think it would be a very fine thing.

With best regards, I am

very cordially yours,

Director.

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Griffith

March 9th
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Mrs. Alice K. Griffith,
The Athletic Journal,
6858 Glenwood,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Griffith:

Enclosed is the copy for the
two-thirds page add which we wish to have
run in the April issue of the Athletic
Journal.

Very cordially yours,

Director.

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Enc. 1.

THE ATHLETIC JOURNAL

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CHICAGO, ILL.

March 12, 1929.

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

Enclosed please find check for \$1.50 refund
on the second subscription which you asked under
date of February 19th to have returned to you.

Yours very truly,

M. Preiss

M. Preiss,
Subscription Dept.

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March 23
1929

Athletic Journal,
6858 Glenwood Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith copy
of the April add for the Athletic Journal
which I have O.K.'d.

Very cordially yours,

Director.

FCA: IH
Enc. 1.

John L. Griffith

May 25, 1929

Major John L. Griffith
The Athletic Journal
6858 Glenwood Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Major Griffith:

In reply to your letter of May 20, we shall be glad to have you list the information as contained in your letter in the June issue of THE ATHLETIC JOURNAL.

Please make out your statement for this charge to the Director of Summer Sessions, University of Kansas, and mail it to Mr. H. E. Chandler, room 107 Fraser Hall.

Very cordially yours

Director

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THE ATHLETIC JOURNAL
6858 GLENWOOD AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILL.

May 20th, 1929

Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Director,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Dr. Allen:

We have had so many inquiries regarding summer schools that we have had to send tear sheets of the Journal of the various schools. We have therefore decided on a final listing in the form of a Directory in the center of the June Journal. The cost of this listing is but \$10.00 and the information that we have regarding your summer school is as follows:

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kans.
June 11 to July 20, 1929.

Foot Ball-Howard Jones, University of
Southern California.

Coaches-Hargis, Waldorf and Bunn.

June 24th to July 6th.

Basket Ball-July 8th to July 20th-Dr.
Forrest C. Allen.

Track-June 12th to June 22.-Coach Huff.

Director-Dr. Forrest C. Allen.

Tuition-Matriculation fee \$10.00. Registra-
tion fee \$25.00.

Please make any corrections necessary if you want to be represented and send us your order forthis by return mail.

Yours very truly,

John L. Griffith
John L. Griffith.

JLG:VW

*Chandler -8- Dir of summer school
H. E. Chandler*

Maj. Griffith

May 7th
1929

Maj. John L. Griffith,
6 North Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Maj. Griffith:

In compliance with
your request I am having sent to
you several copies of the Kansas
Relays program, so that you will
have copies for your files.

Very cordially yours,

Director.

FCA:IH

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS
6 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

CENTRAL 2824

CHICAGO

May 1, 1929

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 26th. I would appreciate it if you would forward to me another copy of the program of the Relays since the copy which I had was soaked.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

John L. Griffith
John L. Griffith.

JLG: HJ

October 20, 1927.

Mr. L. N. Flint,
Department of Journalism.

Dear Mr. Flint:

Thank you very kindly for the tickets to the dinner given by the Kansan Press Club for the High School guests. I regret exceedingly that I can not attend as I am leaving tonight for Kingman and will not be back until Saturday morning.

Assuring you that I appreciate your kindness very much, I am

Very cordially yours,

Director

FCA:DMW
Enc.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

October 19, 1927.

DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

Dr. F. C. Allen,
Robinson Gymnasium.

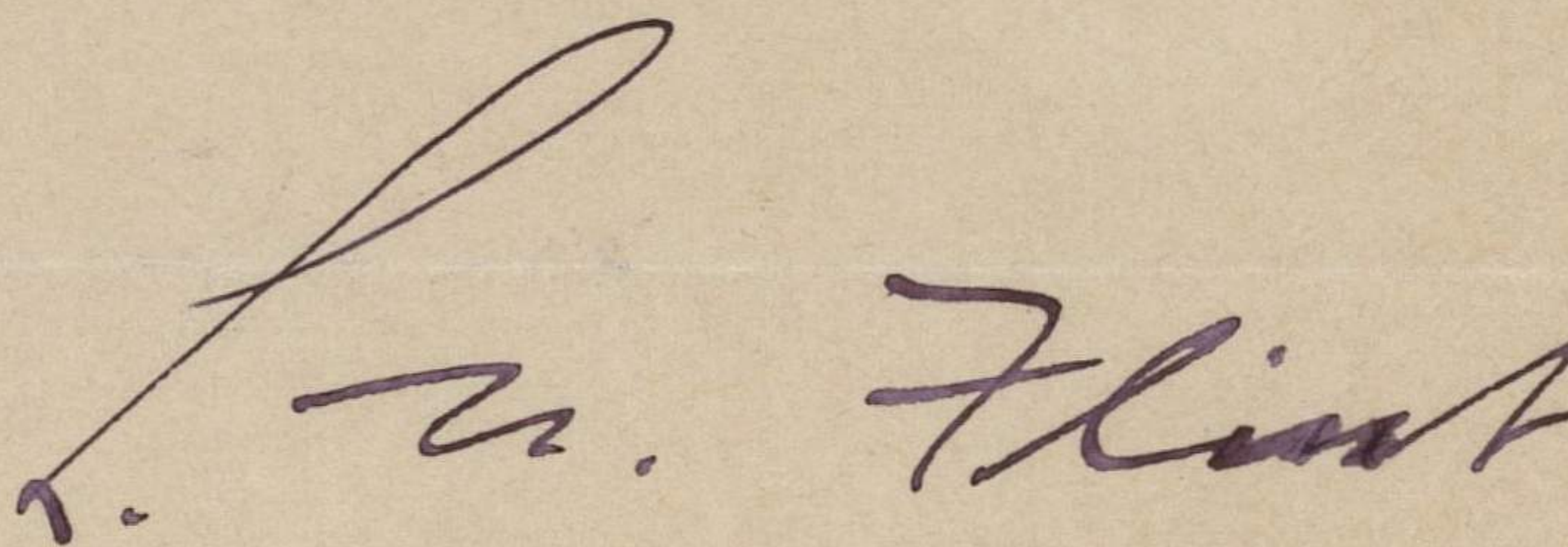
Dear Doctor Allen:-

The Kansan Press Club
will be glad if you can accept tickets to
the dinner for High School guests, next
Friday evening, at 6 o'clock.

The Topeka Press Club will not be
present.

Sincerely yours,

L.N.FLINT:JSS

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L.N. Flint". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "L".

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

October 19, 1927

DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM
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Dr. F. C. Allen

Robinson Gymnasium

Dear Doctor Allen:-

The Kansas Press Club
will be glad if you can accept tickets to
the dinner for High School guests, next
Friday evening, at 6 o'clock.

The Topeka Press Club will not be
present.

Sincerely yours,

L. N. FLINT:323

c
November 17, 1938.

Major John L. Griffith,
The Athletic Journal,
6858 Glenwood Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Major Griffith:

Thank you for your kind letter of the 10th instant, and in compliance with your request I am sending a short article on "Booing, A Real Menace".

We have never had difficulty with booing at the University of Kansas because we have always had letter men at the University, and others, to cooperate in educating the basketball followers here on the better points of the game, which when understood by the spectators will reduce the senseless outbursts against good officiating.

Upon only two occasions in 20 years has it been necessary for the varsity basketball coach at Kansas to politely yet firmly call the attention of the Kansas audience to the fact that the game was in good hands when handled by officials agreed upon by both institutions.

I trust that the enclosed article will be satisfactory. Assuring you it is always a pleasure to cooperate, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH
Enc.

THE ATHLETIC JOURNAL

6858 GLENWOOD AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILL.

November 10th, 1938.

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Mr. DeForrest C. Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Last year the comments by various basketball coaches on the new no-tip off rule made interesting reading. This year we believe that a discussion of the problem of improving the sportsmanship at basketball games, as suggested by the Ethics Committee of the National Association of Basketball Coaches and printed in our September issue, would not only make interesting reading but would bring out helpful suggestions to make the great game of basketball entirely free from unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of spectators.

Do you have the problem in your institution?
What are your suggestions for correcting it?

We will appreciate your co-operation. As we would like to run the comments in the December issue at the start of the basketball season, we would like your remarks as early as possible.

Yours very truly,

John L. Griffith

John L. Griffith.

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Being still a Real Menace
P. 41-43 incl.

BOOING, A REAL MENACE

Fielding H. Yost, of the University of Michigan, once said, "Before intercollegiate athletics can mean all they should mean, spectators, students, critics, and school authorities must accept the word of the officials as final."

So long as spectators object to the rulings of the officials they are not qualified to wear the toga of true sportsmanship.

Alonzo A. Stagg, Chicago's grand old man and dean of all coaches and directors, once said to his basketball audience when it lost its head, "Ladies and Gentlemen! Be ladies and gentlemen!"

There is still peril for the longevity of college sports in the blatant rowdiness expressed in the form of booing, hissing, and the well-known Bronx cheer. These regrettable outbursts are the products of the professional hippodrome and its ballyhoo. From professional boxing and wrestling arenas, as well as from the fans in baseball parks, this practice of oral razzing has come. The management of such places must accept their customers. However, it is wrong to permit the public, because it pays money, to deride and cajole and abuse the officials.

In college sports the boys who play the game are constantly under the discipline of training in order to acquit themselves well in the games. There are set rules of behavior that the athletes must follow. Just because the spectators pay admission to these contests, it does not follow that they should be permitted to hurl unpleasant epithets and discourteous remarks at both players and officials and thus disrupt the smoothness of a contest which was planned for their enjoyment.

Within this deplorable situation lies a disrespect for law and order. Let us suppose for the sake of argument that a father who is careless in his respect for the opponents and the officials should take his young sons, below college age, along with him to the games, and that he boos lustily

at every decision of the officials which personally displeases him. In his young sons' minds, the officials are little better than hold-up men, and the opposing team is just lucky and could not have won without the partiality of the officials. And the home team, inwardly accepting the decisions of its booing and hissing followers, sets up a mental premise that the officials robbed them of the game. Later, out in the larger and unprotected world, these players will find that they are trained "Alibi Ikes."

Some five or six years ago the following article appeared in the San Francisco Examiner. This incident occurred upon former President Herbert Hoover's visit to Sacramento, while he was still President of the United States. The editorial was captioned, "Disrespect for the President." It read:

"That President Hoover was booed and hissed as well as cheered when his train stopped at Sacramento last Tuesday is properly deplored."

Continuing, the paper, noting that some of the offenders were school children, remarked: "There is something wrong with our schools or homes or both when children are not taught to respect the President of the United States. His high office should make him immune from such contemptible manifestations of lack of patriotism."

"For some time this booing and hissing has gone on in the motion picture houses and apparently no attempt was made by the management to abate it."

"One does not have to agree politically with the President to respect the position he holds, but there will never be the proper respect for the presidency until and unless children are taught common courtesy and patriotism in the schools and at home."

"That such occurrences happen in Sacramento is to be regretted. It indicates that we are decidedly lax in our patriotic instruction. The schools should put on some intensive work to remedy this condition."

In 1933, when the condition was even worse than now, at Kansas we left this problem of sportsmanship entirely in the hands of the student body. Junior Coen, a former member of the American Davis Cup tennis team, was

put in charge of this clean-up movement. Immediately, he solicited the cooperation of all varsity letter men in the university to assist him in discouraging booing and hissing to the limit.

So well did he handle the job that when the basketball game deciding the conference championship was played on our home court and the visiting team led in the scoring for most of the game, there was not a single act of discourtesy or razzing.

Our college officials, who are, for the most part, young professional men and businessmen of high type, should not be forced to suffer the humiliation of being outraged and mentally coerced by howling mobs, who have lost their sporting decency.