

Portis, Kansas,  
March the 29th,  
Nineteen Forty-One.

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thot I would take some time for letters and among them decided I would write you a little to say some things about your basketball season. I had thot good many times in the winter I would write you and also that would be there and see you, but for various reasons could not. It so happened that there was never a date of your games that I was able to get away to attend.

However, I was always just as much interested and kept close tab on every one of them. Also got some additional dope and angles from Max that had not been available in other years. And then I observe the Topeka, Kansas City, and Lawrence papers pretty close so feel that I get most of the 'dope.'

Too, of late I have been handicapped by eye trouble which held me up and prevented me getting there as I had planned for one of your last games and also the KC tourneys. In winter some eye trouble developed and seems I must have gotten poison in an eye and the local Doctor did all he could and finally sent me to some specialist after giving me a series of a tablet, I think sulfinallamide, a sort of poison thing which he hoped would offset the poison I had picked up. I am not sure on that spelling but no doubt you know of the item and when a person takes a few, he becomes a sort of walking board or post, and is lucky if he can stay up at all as it deadens.

Then at the specialist (Foote of Hastings) they gave me a going over and stuck me with needles and doped the eye and cut through some bone partition, (antrim I think it was) and some minor maneuvers and then sent me to hospital for a while there and home. Then for nineteen days they dropped 'drops' on one eye every eight hours and the drops fairly staggered me, not with pain but made me nervous and sweaty and uncertain and no reading sight at all and in general not worth much in the way of work.

But by now I am going fairly well though not normal and will be back in the groove right away. You'll see this typing is none too good and can blame that to the above.

What I write mainly for is to say, and with all sincerity, that I think you did a great job with the KU court team this year. In fact, just from where I sit and as far as I can see, I feel that it was one of your greatest years in coaching efficiency because I thot that you did not have the power there that you had in some of the years. I thot last fall, and maybe told you or wrote you, that I felt you needed one more, or rather a guard--and a good driving one that could score. Say a Pralle or not even that good, say like Harp. Of course I liked Kline and also Sollenberger and certainly liked Bob at guard but with Bob at guard your center section was weakened. If you had had a man to use at center replacing Bob, then at guard he could have held up that section fine, or the other way round. As it was I thot