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March 22, 1946

Mr. A. C. Lonborg
Basketball Coach
Northwestern University
Patten Gymnasium
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Duten:

I received your letter of the 13th of March and was happy to hear from you.

Thanks for your congratulations. As you know, we failed to turn the tables on Oklahoma A & M, and so I suppose I shall miss seeing you in New York.

Regarding Homer Turner, I appreciate your consideration of the boy and am glad to know how you stand on the situation. I shall convey that information to his coach. I feel that if you would use him, he would be a contribution to Northwestern University. However, he will be able to attend some college, probably nearer home, that will be able to use his talent.

I was happy to hear about Art and I hope that shortly he will know whether or not he will be in the Army. Bob and Mitt are still in the Navy. Mitt expects to be discharged sometime this spring.

Thanks for your letter and with kindest personal regards, to you and yours, I am

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
PATTEN GYMNASIUM

March 13, 1946

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas:

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thanks for your letter regarding Homer Turner. We have never had a colored boy out for basketball at Northwestern University, and although we do not have any rules against colored boys, I don't believe that we would be interested in Homer. He sounds like a very fine prospect, but we are overcrowded right now and the housing situation is almost impossible.

Congratulations on your annual championship. I would like very much to be in Kansas City for your big game with Oklahoma A. & M. I do hope that you are able to turn the tables on them this time and go on to win the Western N.C.A.A. Championship. If this happens, I will see you in New York as I plan to be there for the games.

Art has not decided where he is going to school next year as he feels that he will be drafted before he gets to college. His eighteenth birthday is on May 8, and Francis Bacon, the Principal at Evanston High School, has told the boys that they will all be drafted shortly after their eighteenth birthdays. So he is planning more on a short stay in the Army before going to college.

Thanks again for your letter, and kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Allen.

Sincerely,

"Dutch"

A. C. Lonborg
Basketball Coach

ACL:MD

February 1, 1946

Mr. E. S. Liston
Baldwin, Kansas

Dear

As nearly as I can remember, when we had clinical games here at the University and also at Springfield, Massachusetts, where I was teaching, we merely superimposed twelve-foot baskets on the ten-foot platform. We had our Dell Davidson just build a two-foot extension and elevate it two feet. So I think the whole thing cost less than twenty dollars. It is something that could be dismantled in thirty minutes. That is why I have been amazed that none of the coaches in the country, so to speak, were interested enough in research to try the thing.

It shows to me how little coaches really care about improving the game when a little effort on their part is required. It appears to me their primal purpose is to get as much out of it and put as little into it as they can conveniently do.

I think it would be a fine thing to have two teams, who have never shot at twelve-foot baskets, play a regular game. Research has shown that eighty-two percent of all fouls are made in an arc of the free throw circle projecting to the end line. This is due to the fact that practically all players drive into the baskets for lay-ups. I believe that you could publicize the clinic nationally and it would cause much comment.

I will be glad to talk to you about this further, if you are interested.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

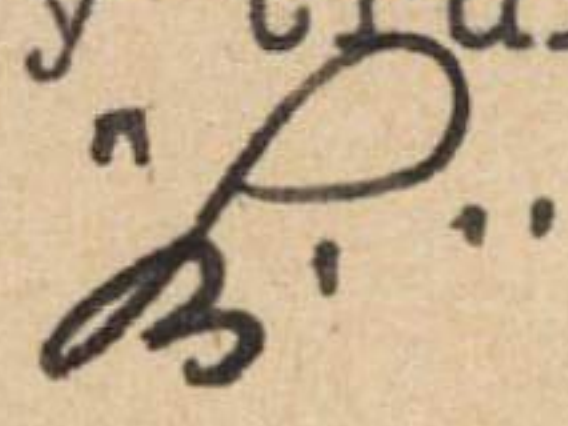
Dr. F. C. Allen

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Thanking you for your reaction to the above at
your earliest convenience, I am

Very truly yours,


E. S. LISTON
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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National Association of

INTERCOLLEGIATE
BASKETBALL

January 30, 1946

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

My dear Phog:

The National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball will revive their basketball clinic usually held at the time of the National Association meeting and the ~~Inter~~ National Basketball Championship Tournament. This was begun just before the war and was gaining in popularity. Of course war conditions made it impossible for the Association to carry out its intended program. There was a good representation of coaches from a number of states who made use of the 1943 tournament as a clinic, and attended clinical sessions especially arranged.

It has fallen upon me to help arrange the clinic for 1946. It occurred to me that in view of your interest in the raising of baskets to twelve feet (12') that we might arrange to put on a game and make clinical observations. This letter is for the purpose of asking if you have this equipment that might easily be installed in the Auditorium and dismantled in time for the regular championship games. I have in mind one or two plans -- either having this clinical game in the afternoon the latter part of the week after which it would be possible to remove them and set the regular baskets before the night's schedule. The other possibility would be to have the game early on the night of the ~~same~~ ^{same} finals or maybe the championship final~~s~~ and make the change before the final game. In the event this arrangement could be made and you would supervise the clinical data to be compiled, I should like to know what would be the estimated cost. It would not be our plan to bring in any outside team for the demonstration, but to use two teams that had been defeated in tournament play and would still be in Kansas City. It is the plan to publicize the clinic nationally and to invite coaches to come to Kansas City for a study of this and other features of the clinic, as well as the play in the tournament.



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Baldwin, Kansas

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October 29, 1945

Mr. Landon Laird
Kansas City Star
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Landon:

I have just written "Pip" Thompson the details of how the Jayhawk Rebound started. I sent "Pip" Jayhawk Rebound Number 18 and he doubtless has that around his desk so I thought I would not clutter up your desk with more of the same thing.

I am sending you Rebound Number 15 and 16. I am sorry that we are fresh out of Rebound 17 because I thought it was one of the best that we had. My purpose has been to try to link up a sports story in keeping the boys partially entertained with some sport yarn and then give them the news transmitted to me by some other fellow and relayed by me to the next gent.

It has been a lot of fun and some strenuous work but I think it was all very much worth it. I trust that "Pip's" letter will contain the information that you will want and I also thought you might enjoy browsing through the Rebounds.

It was good to see you in Kansas City at the Legion Dinner and having a visit with you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach

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1509-11-13 BALTIMORE AVE., KANSAS CITY 8, MO.

June 27, 1946

Mr. Henry Shenk
Dir. of Phy. Educ.
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Shenk,

If the steel badminton rackets you have need only string repairs or new restringing, we can do this work. We are not equipped however to do any welding or any type of repair work on the frame. However, as far as any work that needs to be done on the strings we can certainly do it. It is customary to charge 45¢ for the first two strings that are put in and 10¢ for each additional string. If a complete restringing job is needed, the price would be \$2.95.

If you will send the rackets into us we should be able to get the rackets back to you within one week.

Yours very truly,

LOWE & CAMPBELL

Chas. A. Burke, Jr.
Chas. A. Burke, Jr.,
Mgr. City Dept.

CAB:iu

June 26, 1946

Lowe & Campbell
1509 Baltimore Avenue
Kansas City 8, Missouri

Gentlemen:

We have several steel badminton rackets that are in need of repair. Do you have the material with which to repair such rackets? If not, can you give us the name of some firm that can repair them?

Thanking you for this information, I am

Sincerely,

Henry Shenk
Director of Physical Education

HS:MF

June 25, 1946

Mr. Frederick W. Lang
Forsyth, Georgia

Dear Mr. Lang:

Please send to our Department of Physical Education
here at the University of Kansas, Robinson Gymnasium, two only
Foot Arch Normalizers.

I am enclosing a requisition herewith.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

Enc.

June 11, 1946

Mr. W. R. Lord
Year Book Editor
Converse Rubber Company
Sporting Goods Division
Malden 48, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Lord:

I am enclosing the diagram of a set offense against the zone defense.

It is impossible to properly diagram and explain a play fully in 125 words. I would follow your directions if I could thoroughly explain a play that the younger coaches could understand in this number of words. Since these plays are largely for high school coaches, I am convinced that we had better make them understandable, if they are to be of value for the men who need it most.

I trust that this will not overburden your 25th anniversary edition of your Converse Basketball Year Book.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

Enc.

SET OFFENSE AGAINST ZONE DEFENSE
Forrest C. Allen

It is to be noticed in charting this penetrating offensive play against the zone defense that the setup of the offense should be identical with that used in penetrating the man-for-man defense. To be effective, both setups must look the same to the opponent.

Offensive guard 4 snaps the ball to 3, and immediately cuts across in front, calling for the return pass. Just as 4 goes past 3, 3 push-passes or chest-shove-passes the ball to 2, who comes straight forward from his position to receive the ball. 3 feints slightly to his own right and then quickly cuts to the left to receive the return pass from 2. In the interim, 4 has continued over to the opposite corner of the court, apparently for the purpose of screening 1's guard, 1. At this juncture, 1 cuts out in front to the free-throw area. 4, instead of screening 1's guard, follows quickly to his own left near the side of the court. 3 immediately snaps the ball to 4, who is in a splendid position to shoot a side shot, preferably

SYMBOLS

- Start of play.
- Path of ball.
- Defensive player.
- Offensive player.

DIAGRAM--Zone offensive play
working through a zone defensive.

a carom, for the basket. This quick manipulation of the ball was consummated because the keystone player, 3, could rapidly pass the ball in either direction. Now 2

plays for the rebound on his side of the court, and 1 cuts for the center rebound area just as 4 is shooting. 4 covers his side of the court for follow-up and rebound. 3 is in a position to float either way for a pass-out from any of the offensive men near the basket. 5 slides for a pass-out, in case 3 is pulled over to the opposite side.

If the offensive team continues to pass the ball, it is absolutely impossible for a zone defensive team to prohibit the offense from getting a fairly open shot for the basket. Should there be no opening for the offense the ball can easily be passed back to 5 or 3 and then the offense can re-form and endeavor to make the play work on a succeeding try. It is to be remembered that the purpose of passing in and out of the zone defense is to flatten the defense, make it retreat, so that the offense can shoot over it.

An identical companion play may be used for the opposite side of the court.

June 8, 1946

Mr. W. R. Lord
Year Book Editor
Converse Rubber Company
Malden 48, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Lord:

I just returned from a speaking tour as Governor of the Rotary District #123 here and find your letter awaiting me.

The first of this next week I will get the article of from 125 to 150 words to you. I will also send you a diagram, as well as a gloss.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF



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June 4, 1946

Doctor Forrest Allen
Athletic Association Office
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

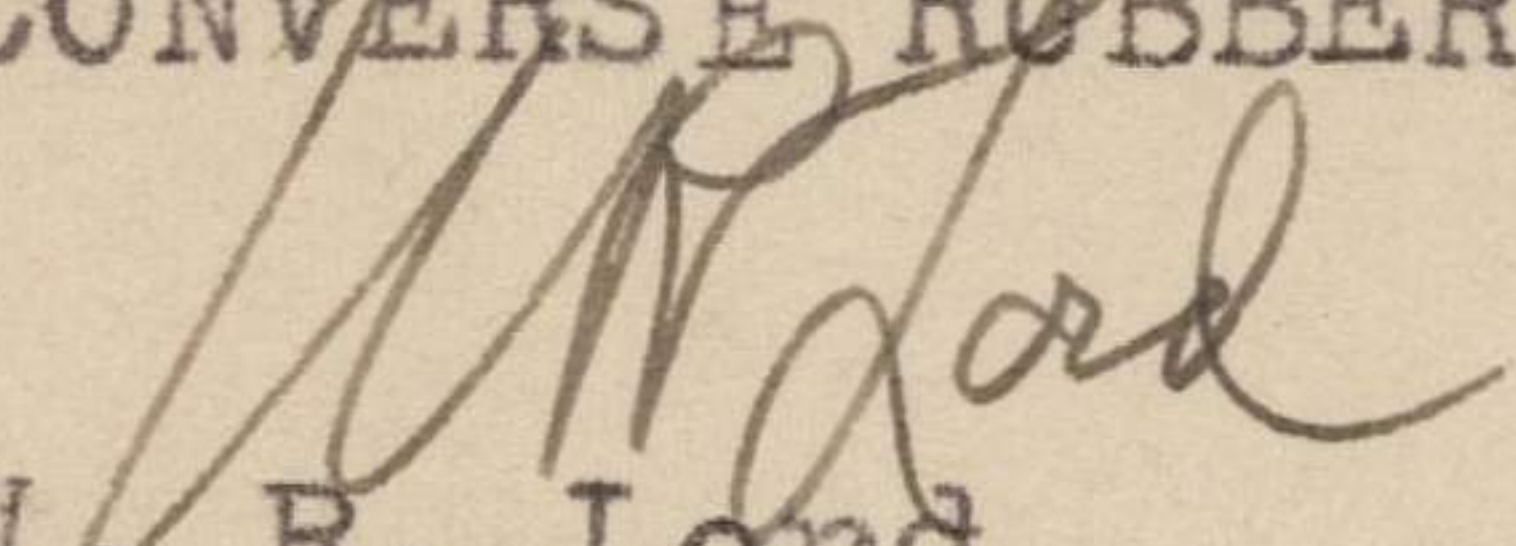
Dear Doctor Allen:

In the twenty-fifth anniversary edition of the CONVERSE BASKETBALL YEARBOOK we are now preparing, we are planning to run pet plays covering both offense and defense but we would like to have you supply a short article on either phase of the game. This is to be approximately 125 to 150 words in length with or without diagram as you see fit. Also, we would like to have you include your picture as well.

For this writeup we will pay \$10.00.

Would appreciate your dropping me a note in the attached envelope advising whether you can supply this story. The deadline for this will be June 17th, although I would appreciate it if it could be in our hands before this time.

Sincerely yours,
CONVERSE RUBBER COMPANY


W. R. Lord
Yearbook Editor

WRL:cm
Enc.



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1509-11-13 BALTIMORE AVE., KANSAS CITY 8, MO.

May 31, 1946

University of Kansas
Department of Physical Education
Lawrence, Kansas

Gentlemen:

Your letter has been received advising us that you are returning the four dozen shuttlecocks sent you recently. It is true that your order called for five dozen indoor shuttlecocks with white feathers, but we had only four dozen available and they did have dark feathers. We do not have any indoor shuttlecocks on hand at this time and doubt if we will have during the summer. It is practically impossible to get them with white feathers.

No doubt the best thing for us to do would be to issue credit when the four dozen are returned, rather than hold for an exchange since it is so indefinite as to when we might have suitable shuttlecocks. Our suggestion to you would be that you try and locate them elsewhere. Certainly sorry that we could not send what was wanted.

Yours very truly,

LOWE & CAMPBELL

Chas. A. Burke, Jr.,
Mgr. City Dept.

CAB:iu

May 29, 1946

Lowe & Campbell Athletic Goods
1509-11-13 Baltimore Avenue
Kansas City 8, Missouri

Gentlemen:

We received your invoice billing us for four dozen badminton shuttlecocks and also received the four dozen shuttlecocks. We ordered five dozen, and therefore, presume that four dozen is all that you had on hand and that the other one dozen will be sent to us when you can get them.

However, the four dozen that we have received have dark feathers. The dark feathers can not be seen in our gymnasium and for that reason we are returning the four dozen to you in exchange for four dozen, or five dozen if you have them, shuttlecocks with white feathers.

Sincerely,

MF

Secretary to Dr. Allen

May 3, 1946

Mr. M. M. Levand, President
The Beacon Publishing Company
The Wichita Beacon
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Max:

We do not have Glenn Cunningham's latest address. The last address we have is at Great Lakes and he was not to be there very long. Therefore, I would advise you to write to his wife at Peabody, Kansas, and have her forward the letter to him.

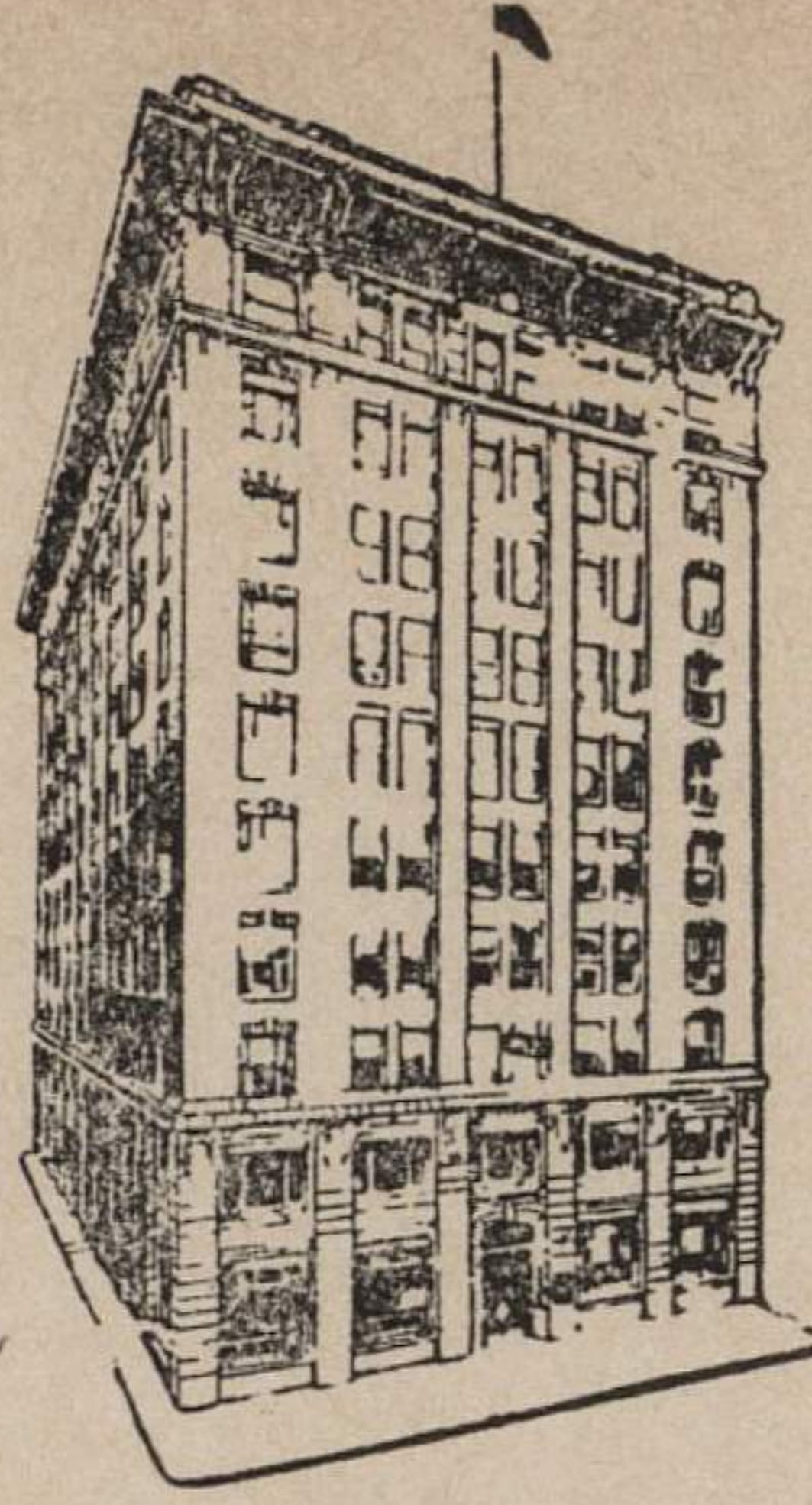
Give my kindest regards to Jack Copeland and best wishes to you and your good family.

Sincerely,

FCA:MF

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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WICHITA 1, KANSAS

May 1, 1946

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Phog:

Please send me Glenn Cunningham's
address. We want him to pinch-hit for Jack Copeland.

Love to your family and your good
self.

Sincerely yours,


M. M. Levand, President
THE BEACON PUBLISHING COMPANY

MML/fs

April 8, 1946

Mr. Harry Layton
4680 Niagara Avenue
San Diego 7, California

Dear Mr. Layton:

I wish to acknowledge the clippings which you send to me under date line February 18 from the San Diego Tribune Sun.

It is always a good thing to receive comments upon any situation from all over the country. I appreciate your thought of me and read with interest the editorial by George Hedrick on the move to restore the center jump in basketball.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

CALLING THE SHOTS

by
George Herrick
SPORTS EDITOR



What is the limit of human endurance as far as track and field performances go?

Some of the smartest minds in the sport have given that one more than a once over lightly in the past and have been far off the mark in their prognostications.

Take the case of Brutus Hamilton, for instance. Hamilton, track and field coach at the University of California, more than 10 years ago stuck out his neck and forecast the ultimate, in his opinion, that the thinclads would attain.

An astute student of the sport, Brutus the Bear got out his slide rule, figured all the angles and came up with his announcement.

If anyone should come close to predicting the ultimate in track and field performing, it should be Hamilton, as this is one vet who know his stuff.

But, although we haven't had much doings in track and field for the past four years, his forecasts today, 10 years after they were made, could stand some revision.

He didn't set his sights high enough.

Most of his ultimates either already have been exceeded or the present world's record is creeping perilously upon them.

Some of them, however, still are above the present record.

For instance, Hamilton thought no pole vaulter ever would top 15 feet 18-100 inches then. In 1941 Cornelius Warmerdam, the Fresno ace, was credited with a leap of 15 feet 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches and no less than 14 times has bettered Hamilton's figure!

And in the high jump he thought the ceiling would be 6 feet 11 22-100 inches. (Note that he cut it right down to fractions.) The present official world mark is 6 feet 11 inches.

Dash Still Safe

In those days runners were cutting the record for the mile fairly fast and they first started talking about a four-minute job.

Hamilton, in 1935, predicted the top would be reached when the mark got to 4:01.66. Arne Andersen, the Swedish swiftie, negotiated the distance in 4:01.6 last year.

And he thought he was safe in predicting no runner would do better than :09.13 in the 100-yard dash, but he still has this one to be topped, for the present world record, held jointly by Jesse Owens and Frank Wykoff, is :09.4.

The javelin tossers made an awful sucker out of him in the wand throwing event. When he came out with his figures he surmised the ultimate would be reached when the mark got to 256 feet, 10 32/100 inches, but three years after he made that long range forecast a Finn by the name of Yrjo Kikkanen heaved the spear 258 feet, 2 1/2 inches.

* * *

Jump Figure Good

However, the 100-yard dash prediction made by the California mentor is not the only one that has yet to be topped. His broad jump figure of 27 feet, 74/100 inches still is good, for the mark today is 26 feet 8 1/4 inches, held by Owens, one of America's greatest tracksters.

There are others that have withstood the world's best and are still standing. Here are his forecasts and today's records (he passed over the hurdle races):

Hamilton's Ultimate	Today's World Records
57' 1", Shot put	57' 1"
256' 10 32/100", Javelin	258' 2 1/2"
6' 11 22/100", High jump	6' 11"
182' 1 44/100", Discus	175' 7/64"
15' 1 8/100", Pole vault	15' 5 3/4"
27' 4 74/100", Broad jump	26' 8 1/4"
:09.13, 100-yard dash	:09.4
:20.18, 220-yard dash	20.3
:46.45, 440-yard dash	46.4
1:47.35, 880 yards	1:49.2
4:01.66, Mile	4:01.6
8:44.2, Two miles	8:53

CALLING THE SHOTS

by
George Herrick
SPORTS EDITOR



There is a move under way to restore the center jump in basketball.

Given the ixnay about 10 years ago, this part of the cage sport, if certain nationally famous coaches have their way, will be put back into the game "to slow it down."

Those advocating the move maintain the casaba sport in the past 10 years has turned into a "rat race," that the desired results through elimination of the jump have not been attained.

The emphasis now is on speed, rather than good basketball, they also maintain and by restoring the center jump, the game thus will be slowed down, more stress can be placed on defense.

There never has been much fault found with basketball as a spectator sport even when the jump was in vogue as it has been at the top of all other sports as far as attendance is concerned for many years.

But since that center jumping move has been stricken from the rules and the game opened up, more and more people have packed the hundreds of gyms around and about the country to take in the casaba tossing tilts.

Why not leave the rules as they are? By restoring the jump, the cage game will take a step back. There is no comparison between the sport today and what it was 10 years ago. Folks like basketball because of the action and surely they get it now by contrast to what

it was a decade ago.

It is like stacking Greco-Roman wrestling up alongside the modern day performers in the sweat and fret set. Or comparing a covered wagon to the latest jet-propelled plane.

Scoring and speed apparently are what the fans like in their basketball from the way attendance have increased the past few years and as long as they are paying the freight, why not let them look at what they like?

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Polls Say No

We have seen the results from time to time of several polls on the merits of the center jump and if we remember correctly all have been overwhelmingly in favor of keeping it out.

It is quite logical that old line cage coaches want it back. They feel it puts more of a premium on coaching ability, which undoubt-

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edly is right, and does away with the mad scrambling, haphazard high-scoring type of play we get today.

Personally, we rather would sit through a 59 to 60 score game than one that was a defensive battle all the way and wound up 26 to 27.

There is just as much science in stressing offense as there is in defense.

The style of play today is "let the other guy score if he can, we'll get ours."

At least the customers like it.

If there are any doubts, let the dissenters cop a peek at the gate receipts.

March 28, 1946

Mr. Bert Lyon
207-11 Walnut Street
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Mr. Lyon:

I am sorry to have delayed in answering your letter for such a length of time.

As the NCAA is over, the information which I could have given you earlier will be of no interest to you at the present time. However, I do wish to acknowledge your letter and express my regrets for not having answered sooner.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:MF

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

BERT LYON
207-11 WALNUT STREET
KANSAS CITY, MO.

Dr. Forrest Allen
c/o University of Lawrence
Lawrence, Kansas

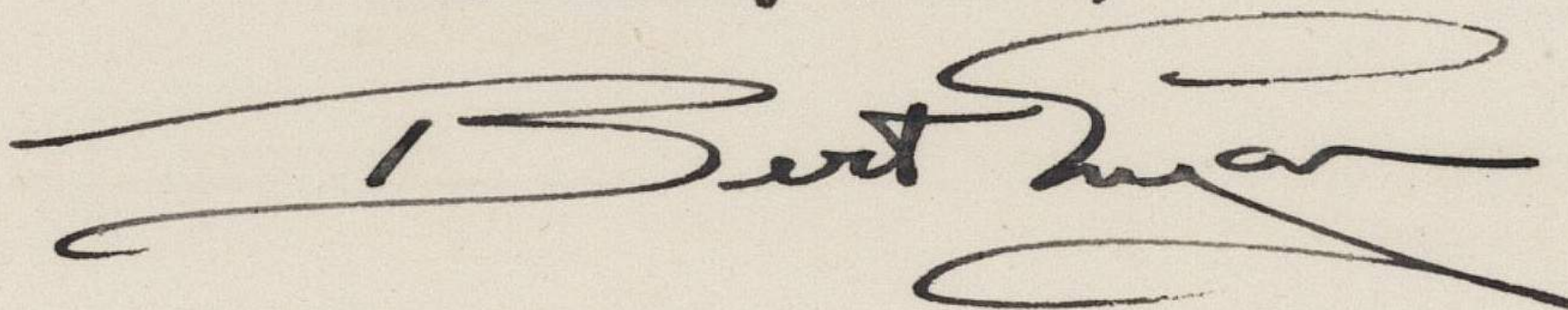
Dear Doctor:

I do not know whether or not you are the proper person to address on the subject of the N.C.A.A. Tournament, if not, I am sure you will refer me to such person. There has recently been organized in Kansas City, as you may be aware, the Heart of America Amateur Sports Council, the purpose of which is to encourage amateur sports activities and particularly major events.

I have been made Chairman of a Committee which has for its purpose lending such assistance as we may in making the coming N.C.A.A. Tournament a complete success. If you will therefore outline to us what we may do to be helpful, we will make every effort to carry out your suggestions.

I shall look forward to hearing from you at an early date and with warmest regards remain,

Cordially Yours,



BL:bgs

March 20, 1946

Mr. Eugene S. Lytle
Suite 206 Midland Building
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Gene:

I was glad to see you for a hurried visit,
but sorry that I did not have more time to visit with
you under the straightened circumstances.

Thank you for your good letter.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

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EUGENE S. LYTLE

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

3/19/46

Dear Phog.

Thanks a million for opportunity to witness a grand game. Your boys did themselves proud, against a Giant, and he certainly was good to look at last night. I am glad that I didn't have the job of guarding him. Black did a swell job under wraps. Maybe that Kurland will not be playing always against you.

That's the difference. Any how I was pulling for you last night, and I still feel you have a champion team.

Best of success in the future.

Your old comrade in arms of 1905-1906
Eugene Lytle. K.C.A.C.