

January 12, 1940.

Mr. Jerry Bronfield,
NEA Service, Inc.,
1200 West Third St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Jerry:

I was in Chicago when your letter was written, but I am back now and am happy to comply with your request.

The reason why I consider basketball has gone ahead so rapidly is that basketball is played in all the high schools and colleges, and the boards of education of our schools in the United States are the real amateur sports promoters of America.

The basketball court is built as a part of the equipment of a school building, and there is so little maintenance and upkeep to the basketball court. The janitors of the school building keep the playing floor in shape, and basketball is a sport in which very little expensive equipment is needed. Sneakers and a gym shirt are about all that is necessary as equipment to play basketball.

Basketball is like the medley relay in track. One tall fellow, one little fellow, and a couple of medium sized fellows and you have the ideal combination for a good basketball team and a medley relay.

The fact that eighteen million people play basketball is due to the fact that the Y.M.C.A. secretaries and physical directors went out of Springfield into all parts of the world and taught basketball to the populace. Fifty-two nations are playing basketball today. You doubtless know that over eighty million people attend basketball in the United States. This is from the bulletin of the U. S. Department of Commerce, so it is authentic. Sixty million attend baseball and about forty million attend football. So you see basketball is played by more people than any other game and it is attended by more people than any other game.

Ned Irish promoted basketball in Madison Square Garden. When fifteen to sixteen thousand people attended a basketball game in New York the newspaper men thought it was marvelous, but in the Big Ten and in our own section the attendance was limited only by the size of the field-houses where the teams played, especially when the rivalry was close in a conference game. But the New Yorkers thought this was something.

You see, Dr. Naismith originated basketball at the behest of Dr. Luther Halsey Gulick because there were eighteen obstreperous young men at Springfield during the winter who had nothing to do, and this was to use up the energies of the eighteen troublesome men. That would be nine men on a side. It was Dr. Naismith's theory that fifty or one hundred people could play on each side and throw the ball into this hoop. He had no conception of basketball being broken up into the small numbers and the intricate passing and set plays that are now indulged in. His idea was more like the game of cage ball that used to be played in the army where the large ball was handled by a group and tossed into the net high above their heads.

Personally, I think basketball is headed for greater things because the educators, not the coaches, think that basketball has all the qualities necessary for the educable child. I heard eight outstanding educators make that statement from one platform two years ago. Just as you teach education through play in the kindergarten, the elements of basketball are so blended that they hook up with the educators' theory of education through play. The single individual can enjoy the game from practice on free throws, push and rebound shots, and the team is of such a unit that most any type of group can have a basketball organization. "It is a game very easy to play but very difficult to master", these are Dr. Naismith's words.

I think the growth of basketball is only in its infancy because sections like California, Texas and the southland are building fieldhouses where the game can be played. This has only come about in the last year or so. Foreign countries are increasing their interest. So I think that basketball has a great future.

Better floors, better lighting facilities and more education along sportsmanship standards are ways in which the game can be improved. There is nothing radically wrong with basketball, only in some sections they permit it to become too rough. When roughness and holding are permitted, then

the excellent skills that are developed in the coordinate movements are interfered with. Someone has likened the agile basketball player while he is pivoting, in the air, turning, and throwing a goal to poetry in action.

If I have had any great success at Kansas it has been because I have been a stickler for fundamentals first, last, and all the time. I have insisted that the men be students first, and gentlemen both on and off the floor. I do not scout material, and I have not one man on the team that is making \$20.00 a month from work or for any other reason. We have no scholarships, and even a pauper must pay tuition here at Kansas. There are no boys eating free at fraternity or sorority houses, and there is nothing gratis just because the boy is an athlete.

I think when I mention these men who are out in the field that their standing will be reason enough to show why we are proud of our graduates. John Bunn, who is now Dean of Men at Stanford, was on my football and basketball teams in 1920. Arthur "Dutch" Lonborg, varsity coach at Northwestern University, was my captain in 1920 and played on the football and basketball teams. Adolph Rupp, head basketball coach at the University of Kentucky, was on mu team in 1923 for three years; was an excellent student who went to Columbia University and took his master's degree. Forrest B. "Frosty" Cox, coach at the University of Colorado, was my captain in 1929.

I would not say who is the greatest player that I have ever coached, but some of the great ones have been Paul Endacott, Charlie Black, Tusten Ackerman, Albert Peterson, Ray Ebling, Fred Pralle, Bob Mosby, "Dutch" Lonborg, and a host of others.

My son, Bob, is a pre-medic and almost a straight "A" student. This is his third year in the University. He expects to take his degree here and then hopes to win a Harvard scholarship in the medical school there. We believe that he has the ability to make it, and it is on account of his academic record that we are especially well pleased. His athletic record, of course, is just one of those activities that takes his interest and consumes his extracurricular hours, much to the pleasure of himself and his family and friends.

We have a picture taken of Dr. Naismith, Bob and myself standing together, and if this will be of use to you I will see if I cannot send it to you.

Trusting that I have given you the information you desired, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Jan. 6, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas

Dear Coach:

Here we are knocking on your door again, and this time it's a story about yourself that we want. In view of the fact that your teams have won 22 out of 29 Big Six titles, plus the fact that your son Bob is a vital part of your current team, we'd like to do a yarn on Dr. Forrest C. Allen and a view of his views on basketball.

We've got plenty of biographical dope on you, coach. Among the notes we'd like to have from you are:

What you consider the biggest reason why basketball has mushroomed to such popularity....What you think basketball is headed for....How it can be improved, if possible....What you think is wrong with the game, if anything....Reasons for your great success at Kansas....who is the greatest player you've coached...Greatest you've seen...a few notes about your basketball playing son...and anything else of background interest that you care to tell about yourself.

And if you have a picture of Bob and yourself, taken together, we could make good use of that, too.

Thanx much for past favors, and we're hoping you'll be able to help us out again with this request.

Sincerely,

Jerry Brondfield

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January 27, 1940.

Mr. Jerry Bronfield,
NEA Service,
1200 West Third St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Jerry:

Your set up on the basketball situation of father and son and the four alumni coaches from Kansas was very interesting, and I understand got a wide play.

With the announcement in last night's press that Elwyn Dees, the head trainer at the University of Pittsburgh, was going to Nebraska, I saw another interesting angle that I believe you would like.

Dees was a former holder of the national high school shot put record, putting the 12 pound shot at 58 feet 10 inches in the National Interscholastic meet at Chicago. He lettered in track three years and also three years in football at the University of Kansas. He was also National Collegiate shot put champion in his senior year, 1935. He was our trainer at the University of Kansas from 1936 to 1938, and was trainer at Oklahoma A. & M. in 1939. He then went to Pitt, starting there at the beginning of the present school year, and now he goes to Nebraska. Nebraska is badly in need of a trainer, and he has had a step up with each job.

I have developed five trainers that are in institutions of national standing. Roland Logan played guard on the University of Kansas football team, lettering in 1927-28-29. He was all-Big Six guard in his senior year. He was trainer and assistant coach at the University of Kansas in 1931 and '32. Later he was trainer and coach at George Washington University, then he was with the Boston Red Sox, then with the University of Pittsburgh, and last fall he went to the United States Military Academy at West Point as head trainer of all teams.

James "Jimmy" Cox was a hurdler under Brutus Hamilton, who was our track coach in 1930-31-32. As you know, Brutus Hamilton is now head track coach at the University of California. Cox coached the Jayhawk wrestling team in 1935 and '36. He was trainer at the University from 1933 to 1935. He went to Harvard as head trainer that year and is there at the present time. I understand he is very popular.

Dean Nesmith, our present trainer, lettered in football at the University of Kansas in 1933-34-35, playing tackle. In his

first college football game Tackle Nesmith caught a kickoff during the second half on his 20 yard line and ran it back 80 yards for a touchdown against Warrensburg State Teachers College. Nesmith has been trainer at the University of Kansas from 1938 on to the present time.

The first trainer that I developed was Milton Kelley, who is now head trainer at the University of Texas. He has been there a number of years. "Mike" Kelley, as he is affectionately known there to all the boys on the athletic teams, is the inventor of the Kelley Knee Pads that are worn by a majority of the basketball teams of the United States. Kelley has built several homes in Austin and is well fixed financially. Dana Bible considers him one of the best trainers he has ever had.

I am getting these glosses or photographs of these men for you and will send them to you if you are interested. Since these boys are all outstanding trainers in outstanding schools, and since Dees has been called from Pittsburgh back to Nebraska in our own conference, I thought this might be some source of news item to you. And since you were so versatile and kind on this basketball situation I thought I would give you something else that should get some play over the country. Cox and Logan are at two of the big eastern schools, Kelley is at Texas, the largest school in the south, Dees to Nebraska, the largest school in our Missouri Valley (9100), and since Dean Nesmith is coming along so splendidly here I look to see him get a call to one of the large schools. All these men have been former trainers at the University of Kansas before they went to their better jobs. Naturally the home school does not pay them as well as schools outside of the student's domain. All of these boys have graduated before taking outside jobs. Kelley was a graduate of the Law School, Cox has his A. B. and it is my understanding he is taking medical work at Harvard - he was a straight A and B student here; Logan and Dees are graduates in physical education with a B. S. in Education.

Let me know what you think of this set up and if you reply in the affirmative I believe that we will have glosses and photographs of these men so that we may send them to you if you so desire.

In my book, "Better Basketball", I have written a chapter on the treatment of athletic injuries. I am mailing to you a copy of this book by parcel post. Since it is the property of the University of Kansas, of course I cannot give it to you, but I will write my publisher, McGraw-Hill and Company, and ask them to send you one if you so desire. My theory in writing this book was to not only give the high school coach the proper fundamentals, preparations for the season, arranging schedules, and the technique and fundamentals of basketball, but I also realize that these coaches know so little of human anatomy that I thought it best to teach them something about the care and treatment of athletic injuries.

Then I have a chapter in the book, "The Tales of Yester-years", which is an emphasis upon building tradition and also building esprit de corps or morale. This is an angle on inspirational coaching which I think many of the coaches fail to heed in their basketball pedagogy.

After glancing over the book you may parcel post it back to me and I will write Curtis McGraw, the vice president, to send you one for a review and for your own permanent possession.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 9, 1940.

Mr. Jerry Bronfield,
NEA Service,
1290 West 3rd St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Jerry:

I want to thank you for the original drawing of Bob and me and our alumni coaches. I am always forgetting one of my other boys when I mention these four. Louis E. Menze, of Iowa State College, played football, basketball and baseball under me and he is a marvelous coach, but when I mention Lonborg and Rupp and Bunn and Cox I invariably overlook him.

"Louie" Menze is one of the finest little gentlemen and one of the finest coaches that I know of. He has a son, Bob Menze, who is a senior at Iowa State this year, and my son Bob is a junior. Louie Menze always designates his son Bob to play my Bob, so there will be quite an interesting angle when these two boys meet here at Lawrence on February 12, and at Iowa State on the 26th.

Harold "Spike" Claassen, of the A. P. office out of Kansas City, was in town the other day getting some dope on this hook-up. Louie Menze's other son, the younger one, is named Forrest Keith - named after me and one of Louie's teammates. But this boy is not a basketball player. He is just a little small.

I have written Milton Kelley, the Texas trainer, asking him to send a gloss but that Irishman seems to be afraid of his physiognomy or something because he hasn't sent it in yet. If you need it you might write to Kelley and have better luck than I would have.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
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Feb. 2, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas

Dear Phog:

It won't be necessary for you to have McGraw-Hill send me a copy of your book, "Better Basketball" because they already did so a year ago. And a swell book it is, too. I figured you already had sent your copy on to me so it was too late to tell you. I'll send it right back.

Also under separate cover I'm shipping out the original drawing of you, Bob and your alumni coaches. I thought you'd like to have it.

I also did a story in conjunction with it, but I suppose you've seen that in one of your Kansas papers.

Your trainer angle is a good one. I think we'll be using something on it in a couple of weeks.

Sincerely,

Jerry Bronfield

February 13, 1940.

Mr. Adrian J. Brennan, Coach,
St. Thomas Seminary Athletic Association,
Bloomfield, Connecticut.

Dear Coach Brennan:

You will pardon me in not answering your letter of the 25th ultimo sooner, but our examinations came on just at the time your letter arrived. I teach several classes and the giving of examinations, grading papers, as well as handling the enrollment work which throws extra burdens on us, kept me busy at this time.

I will get to the point of your question. If we line up on a 3-2 position, we definitely assign our three back men to definite opponents if and when they come on the court. If our right guard is playing a certain man and they switch on us, our right guard takes the man that comes into the area. They talk to each other on switching and trading and sliding, just the same as a man to man defense.

If two men come into the right guard area, then we give this right guard help. It is owing to the location of the second man that comes into the right guard area as to which one of our men will aid the right guard. Naturally, if the ball is over on the side and in front of the right defensive forward, then the right defensive forward takes that man. The right guard moves up, the left guard moves over under the basket, and the left defensive guard drops back deep equi-distant between his position and the position formerly held by the left guard.

Now this is the principle of the zone on the part of the left guard. But we are still playing a stratified transitional man for man defense with the zone principle. The defensive center drops back only far enough to close up the area behind him, but he is still alert and responsible for the position in front of him, because that area is the hottest spot on the floor. Now this is exactly the way I described it in the book, Better Basketball. If you will read that individual defense, and after you have read that immediately go to team defense, then I believe you will see by the exposition and photographs exactly what I mean.

The location of the ball in the hands of the opponents determines how we shift our men.

Answering your question again in which you say that assuming you line up in the 3-2 position and the ball is passed directly behind one of the forwards, then your guard on that side comes up immediately and instead of the forward turning around, the forward turns and cuts back into the area vacated by your rushing guard. Your other guard comes across under the basket, but unless that forward on that side cuts back, there will be a space in there which the holder of the ball directly behind one of your forwards can pass to. Your defensive center floats over there in the direction of the area where the congestion of the ball is, but he is still a center. It is the guard that rushed out that gives the trouble to your opposition.

The way your letter reads, after your forward turns around, I am afraid you are not cutting your forward back far enough. It is this play, described in My Basketball Bible and Better Basketball, that gives you the chewing off of many possibilities of the opposition.

Now, Mr. Brennan, the principle of the zone that I spoke of applies almost wholly to the time when you are outnumbered by the opposition. It is as if two men broke in on one of your defensive men, then your one defensive man drops back as close to the basket as possible so that no one of the two offensive men could cut in behind him, and yet he harrassed both of these offensive men. And then again it is when three offensive men break on two defensive men; or five offensive men break on three defensive men - then we use this principle.

After you have read this explanation won't you write me again and see if I have answered your questions? I will be happy to hear from you.

Thank you for your nice words regarding Milton. We often speak of the nice visit we had with you when he drove back east with me. Yes, Milton is married now and has a daughter two years of age. He is with the Standard Oil Company in the production end, out at Ellinwood, Kansas. He took his degree in Business Administration, but he is figuring on returning this summer for a Law degree.

Our youngest son, Bob, is in his second year on the varsity and doing a pretty good job of it. He is a pre-medic and hopes to win a Harvard scholarship. He has made excellent grades during his three-year tenure here, and of course his work on the varsity takes much time from his studies, but he is keeping up his program very nicely and we are very proud of him.

I am sorry that we will not be playing in the east this year. We have been offered several opportunities to play in the Garden, but all Ned Irish wants to do is give the country boys enough expense money to travel back to New York, and he takes the cream. Since college teams make the attraction we do not like Mr. Irish's dispensation of the filthy lucre. He keeps most of it for himself and thinks the country boys should get enough pleasure tramping the streets of New York. That thing is being righted now by the National Collegiate Basketball Championships of America, which will be played in Kansas City on March 30. There are several lead-up tournaments in the different districts, but they will be the real McCoy. Of course, Irish and the boys of the press in New York are fighting it, but those things are always true when you take a lot of money away from the fellow who is getting it by producing attractions. Irish is a promoter and not an educator, and he is only interested in promotion. The colleges are interested in education, and if any money should accrue it should accrue to the institutions which furnish the attraction. I think you see our point.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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BLOOMFIELD, CONNECTICUT

January 25, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

It has been quite some time since I have written to you although I still follow up with a great deal of interest, some ^{times} (as happened the other night against Missouri) with dismay, the doings of your Kansas team. I have your books, both of them and still find them not only interesting but decidedly helpful.

I have a problem on my hands and wish you would help me. We start off with the man-to-man, and stick to it until things go bad, then we switch to the zone. We play the 3-2, although when the man comes back in the bucket, my center drops back quite a bit.

Here is what puzzles me. Perhaps if I tell you what we do first, then you will be able to correct me. Assuming that we line up in the 3-2 position, and the ball is passed directly behind one of the forwards, then my guard on that side comes up immediately and the forward turns around. These two players, guard and forward, are supposed to smother the ball and stop the second pass.

When this occurs, the other guard comes over immediately from his zone and takes up a position under the basket, and is ready to shoot into the zone vacated by his fellow guard. *or, guard the basket.*

In the meantime, the center drops back and, depending on whether we are behind or ahead, the other forward drops back to the vacated guard zone or makes a fast break up the floor.

How do you play it? Putting the question another way, when the ball is passed behind a forward, what do the two men on the other side of the court, guard and forward, do? I wish that you would outline the positions that the other men take when the ball has been passed inside. I think that we play it better than any of the other teams around here and yet, I am unable to find in your book where you have outline the new positions for the men once that pass has been made inside.

Again, when the shot is taken over the heads of the players, that is the long shot, what do your two forwards do? Some time when you have a little time on your hands, I shall appreciate greatly your clarifying the situation for me. There is a very decided difference of opinion in this particular section as to just what should happen once that first

pass has been made inside.

Our new gym has at last become a reality and while it will not be ready this year, we will have it next year. That will be a great load off my shoulders since, as I believe I told you some time ago, we practice now in a playhall where, when I stand on toes, I can touch the ceiling. Once a week, I have an opportunity to get the boys downtown but that is not enough. Even at that, we have taken four of the six games, ^{and} as all poor coaches will say "We should not have lost those two."

I have my youngster on the team this year. He is growing very fast, just over the six-foot mark and weighing nearly 160. He will not be sixteen until next March so you can see that he is going to be a big fellow. He is just a reserve this year, but next year, he should, with any luck at all, be one of the first five. He has developed a nice left hand shot and since he is a natural right-hander, it is getting rather hard to stop him. All he needs is experience. Right now, he is the best shot I have.

I hope that everything has been going along nicely out there, and that all of you have been enjoying the best of health. I often think of Milton, particularly in connection with that incident described in your last book. It certainly turned out nicely, and the chances are that both of you recall, with pleasure and pride, what has gone on before. In the final analysis, he was, wasn't he, a thoroughbred? Isn't it nice to be able to say that, and isn't it still nicer to be able to realize that you are not exaggerating in saying as much.

I am always glad to hear from you, and hope that you can find time during an otherwise busy season to write me again. Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,



AJB:AG

P. S. Will you, by any happy chance, be playing here in the East this year? I have been hoping to find you on the Garden schedule. It just so happens that my closest friend here is the sports editor of the morning paper and when, and if, you do come East, we plan on being on hand.

A. J. B.

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

Dear Phog:

I certainly enjoyed visiting with you after the game at Manhattan Tuesday night. I wish you the best of luck and hope you sweep the rest of your conference games.

My wife and I sincerely appreciated your thoughtfulness in writing us when our daughter was born. With kindest personal regards, I am.

Cordially yours,

Bus Boyd.

I have always realized you are the top flight coach in the country but every time I see your team play I am impressed with the excellent job of coaching you are doing. That boy of yours, Bob, is the soundest ^{player} fundamentally I have ever seen on a college ball team.

February 22, 1940.

Mr. John W. Bunn,
Dean of Men,
Stanford University,
California.

Dear Johnny:

I still haven't written that long letter to you that I had hoped to write. This is only a rain check to let you know that I still definitely have in mind sitting down and writing you one of those old time epistles. I will do it before long.

I am awfully glad that you stayed on the Pacific Coast basketball committee.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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WICHITA HIGH SCHOOL EAST

L. W. BROOKS, PRINCIPAL
WICHITA, KANSAS

August 16, 1939

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

My dear Dr. Allen:

You may have heard that Edd Wood has resigned as physical director and basketball coach at East High School. We shall be looking for someone to fill his place, and I should like to have you advise us. I remember you told me once that you regarded Dad Perry very highly for a position of that kind, but I feel sure that he wouldn't be interested in this place. Dad is not enthusiastic about coaching, and we would not be able to pay him enough to tempt him away from the job he now has.

The situation here in Wichita is not very desirable right now. A great deal is expected of the physical education men in the field of coaching, and the salary is meager for that kind of work. It isn't going to be that way forever, though. Wichita has money enough to pay its teachers adequately, and the time is not far off when there will be a sufficient change in policy so that they can afford to come to Wichita. I feel sure that a place in the Wichita schools will eventually be worth while, if it is not at the present moment.

If you have anyone whom you can recommend for this place, I should feel most grateful to you if you would suggest it to him, and at the same time let us know. I have asked that we go slow until we get the right person, even though we have to put on a substitute for a while.

Had a fine summer at Lawrence, and hope I will be asked to teach again. Thanking you for this courtesy, I am

Very truly yours

*L. W. Brooks*L. W. Brooks, Principal
Wichita High School East

LWB/bv

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

August 18, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Mr. Bunn is away from the campus on vacation at the present time. Your letters of August 11 and 12 will be brought to his attention when he returns to the office on September 1.

Cordially yours,

Wanda Church

Secretary.

805 West Sixth Street
Ottawa, Kansas
Sept. 10, 1939

Dr. F. C. Allen
Dept. of Phy. Ed.
University of Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen

When you were in Ottawa last spring you talked about some work on Saturdays. Would it be possible to get any more than two hours on Saturdays if I only worked two hours on school days.

In your opinion would it be advisable to take R. O. T. C. this fall or do you think that I would get enough exercise in basketball.

As soon as I get my schedule arranged I shall be in to see when I can best get the work in without conflicting with my courses. The time is so short to answer this letter that I shall be in to see you sometime next Friday.

Sincerely yours

Don Blair

P.S. I think I signed this letter.

September 15, 1939.

Miss Ruth Baker,
Roosevelt Junior High School,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Ruth:

It was a great pleasure to receive your chatty letter of the 10th instant. You must have had a great summer, and I know with how much pleasure you are looking forward to next summer.

We are right in the midst of our fall rush here, and it is fine to see the students come back. All of our faculty members have reported, and are ready for work. Dr. Lapp has been replaced by Mr. DeGroot, a Stanford University graduate, who has been teaching in Honolulu for three years.

The football team is endeavoring to have practice every day this week, but the weather is so hot that I'm afraid they would rather sit under a shade tree. We're hoping that you will be able to get over to see some of the home games this fall.

With best wishes for a very successful school year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

7th and 8th graders this year
and they are just darling.
Some of them are so small I
have to look twice to see them
I'll probably lose them in
the dust when we go outside.
Truthfully, I do enjoy them.

Is the P. E. Dept presenting
the broadcasts again this year?
If so, at what hour on what day?

I suppose Sasnak Club will
be in full swing now. I hope
they continue the news letter.

With best regards to the
faculty and students of the
P. E. Department, I'll close

sincerely

Ruth Baker.
Roosevelt Jr. Hi
Salina, Kans.

P.S. Give my regards to Mrs. Allen also.

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Salina, Ko.
Sept. 10, 1939.

Dear Mr. Allen:

I enjoyed your letter
very much even though
I didn't receive it until I
returned to Salina as N.Y. U
was out Aug 11. Thus you
see, I didn't get to deliver the
advice to Dr. Nash, however,
just give me time. Perhaps
next summer won't be too
late. He was certainly one
grand person. I enjoyed his
History and Principles course
a great deal. For 6 hours credit
we really had to work, but
I feel that it was very
worth while. My 2 hour
Corrective course under Dr.
Heaver was interesting
and worth while, but

less inspirational than
Mr. Nash's course. Mr. Nash
and I became very good
friends during the summer.
Mrs. Nash is a dear.

I really feel that my
whole summer was very
valuable and I am ^{1940.}
eagerly awaiting June 1st to
arrive so I can return
to N.Y. I intend to attend
N.Y.U. at the Square during
June and go back to camp in
July and Aug. Of course,

these plans may turn out
to be only air castles that
will fall if things in Europe
affect U.S. too greatly.

Salina is just as hot
and dusty as it was
last year, but I like it.

I intend to take my
classes outside tomorrow.
I just can't wait to get out

in the sunshine where it's
106° in the shade and no
shade in sight - !?! I'm
thankful I don't burn. Perhaps
within 2 weeks, they'll transfer
me to Dunbar school (the colored
school.)

A Mr. Edwin Hitchcock teaches
the boys P.E. in my building
this year in "Blutch" Uhlauk's
place. Hitchcock will be grand
to work with, I think, and
is really interested in helping
the boys.

What are K.U.'s football
prospects this year? We're
trying to figure out a way to
skip away from Teacher's
meeting here in time to see
the K.U.-H.S. game in Nov.
I hope to see more of K.U.
this year, but I'll probably
find myself busier and busier
again as time goes on.
(I have approximately 300

September 20, 1939.

Dr. J. A. Billingsley,
Huron Building,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Billingsley:

Doubtless by now you and I have both learned that Lou Steinsmyer went to the Oklahoma Aggies. Taft Talbot, who is a salesman for the R. S. Elliott Arms Company, and an old Oklahoma Aggie man, dropped in the office the other day and said, "Say, there is a big six foot five inch boy down at the Oklahoma Aggies who said he wanted a job. How in the world did he get away from you?"

Taft told me that Henry Iba said, "How did it happen that you got away from Phog Allen?" And Steinsmyer said he was up there twice, and possibly inferred that he wasn't offered a job.

Of course, you know that you used all the influence you had with him and he was down here during the Kansas Relays and we had him work out with the high school boys during the basketball clinic and he made a fine impression. Maybe it is unfair to say it, but I have a pretty definite notion that this boy Ellis, who is teaching in the Wyandotte school, an old Oklahoma Aggie man, is the one who made the contact with Iba.

You will remember when we beat the Oklahoma Aggies here in basketball that Steinsmyer was so anxious to have a talk with Iba. I am positive that it is not his sister who was sold on the Aggies, but rather Ellis had done some grapevine work previous to that. I thought I noticed rather an indifference in Steinsmyer each time I talked with him. I think he has been sewed up for the Aggies for a long time.

I know how much John Carlson resented John Lonborg's activity in regard to sending Billy Clark to Northwestern a few years ago, and I feel that at least this situation should be investigated with a view of having these out of state teachers not activate themselves in getting our Kansas boys to go out of the state.

I wish you would write me and tell me what you know about it. I am sending a carbon copy of this letter to John Carlson so that he may know what I suspect, but which may be unfounded. But I am afraid there is some basis for foundation in this activity. Steimeyer went down to Stillwater a month ago. I am positive that Iba does not have a reputation nationally to draw boys away unless there is some other angle involved.

Thanking you for all the things that you did in our behalf in regard to getting Steimeyer here, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Cardinals
SPORTSMAN'S PARK
St. Louis

September 28, 1939

Dear Mr. Allen,

I received your thoughtful message
and wish to thank you for thinking
of me.

Sincerely yours,

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

October 2, 1939.

Dr. A. D. Browne, Director,
School of Health and Physical Education,
Louisiana State University,
University, Louisiana.

Dear Dr. Browne:

In response to your inquiry of recent date as to the titles of theses which have been written in the field of Physical Education, I beg to submit the following:

"Health Knowledge Tests", by Raymond Swanson, 1939, a candidate for the degree of Master of Science in Education.

"A Preliminary Achievement Scale for Junior and Senior High School Girls Determined by a Speed Accuracy Test," by Margaret Curd, 1939, a candidate for the degree of Master of Science in Education.

"Desired Qualifications and Tenure of Coaches in Kansas High Schools", by Clifford J. Olander, 1939, a candidate for the degree of Master of Science.

All of these theses are in bound form and will be available in the University of Kansas library. I trust this gives you the desired information. We shall be happy to receive a copy of your report when it is completed.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

A. D. Browne, M. D., Director

SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Louisiana State University
University, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

I would like to have the titles of all theses and dissertations that have been written since 1930 or are in the process of writing in the field of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, or any subjects that are closely related to these fields. For example, research might have been carried on in physiology and the problem may be of interest to our profession.

I am sending this letter to the departments of biology, psychology, education, physical education, sociology, health education, and recreation. May I request this information of anything in your university that you know has been done. I would like to have the topic, the department in which the work was carried on, the name of the student, whether it is work on the Master's Degree or Doctor's Degree level, the year completed, and if it has been made available in some publication.

I would thank you for this information, and I will gladly send you a copy of this report when it is completed.

Cordially yours,

A. D. Browne, M. D.
Director

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October 3, 1939.

Miss Ruth Baker,
Roosevelt Junior High School,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Ruth:

I have just been in the Athletic Office to talk to Mr. Falkenstien about football tickets. There is no possibility that you can get in the student section to see the game. Reserved seats with the "hei-polloi" are \$2.25.

If you are bringing a group of high school students with you, you could sit in the north section with them for 50¢. These are the regular \$1.15 seats, but the sponsors of high school groups are admitted for 50¢. The students are admitted for 25¢.

We were very much interested in your fine letter telling of your various activities. I know you have your hands full, but I have all the confidence in the world that you are doing a swell job of it. Things are going along smoothly here, and everyone is keeping busy.

I hope you will be able to come up to the game on Saturday, and if you do we would be happy to have a chance to say hello.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Salina, Ks.
Sept 24, 1939.

Dear Mr. Allen:

I was glad to get a letter from you. I'm always glad to hear of the goings-on at K. U. I suppose that by now things are in a full swing & proceeding as tho they had been going on for years.

I'm enjoying my work a lot. I have only 300 7th & 8th graders. None of them are especially bad. Most of them are little dolls.

I have an additional task this year. I have a practice teacher from Kans. Wesleyan U. under my supervision, hr a day, every day. It wouldn't be bad if she were a P. E. major, but as she isn't, I'm afraid I'll have to have an extra class to teach her what to teach the children. I also have to keep the colored P. E. teacher informed as to what to teach in order that her 7th & 8th graders will have the same work as mine do. I guess they're going to try me out & see just what all I will do. I don't mind any of my duties yet except Sec. of P. T. A. If the organization were quite

active & of any good, I wouldn't
mind that, but it is nothing
but a P. T. A. with emphasis on the
T.

By the way the purpose of this
letter is to inquire about
tickets for the K.U. - Iowa State
game Oct. 7. What are the prices?
Is there any possible way ² of
us could get into the student
section to see that game?
Ernestine & I are planning to see
that game & I would appreciate any
information concerning the tickets.

Thanking you for your trouble
I remain,

Ruth Baker,
Roosevelt Jr. Hi.,
Salina, Ks.

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students for

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