

December 4, 1944.

Mr. Emil Liston,
Athletic Director,
Baker University,
Baldwin, Kansas.

Dear Lis:

I am not in a position to arrive at a definite conclusion on the Physical Education credit given to the G. I. Joes, and so forth. I am just leaving now for Washburn, and will not have an opportunity to elaborate on this.

As I told you when I talked with you regarding glass backboards, it is necessary that the light behind the basket be as brilliant as in front. Otherwise, the light in front is disseminated through the glass board into the darkness and the glass shows blue, and with a black rim the shooting target is near invisible. You can visualize this.

I have talked to a number of scientists and they say the General Electric people will get out a board after the war that shuts out the darkness from behind and is of such type glass that it gives a light reflection in front, which has all the satisfactory requirements of transparency from behind, and yet gives the shooter the vision that should be had.

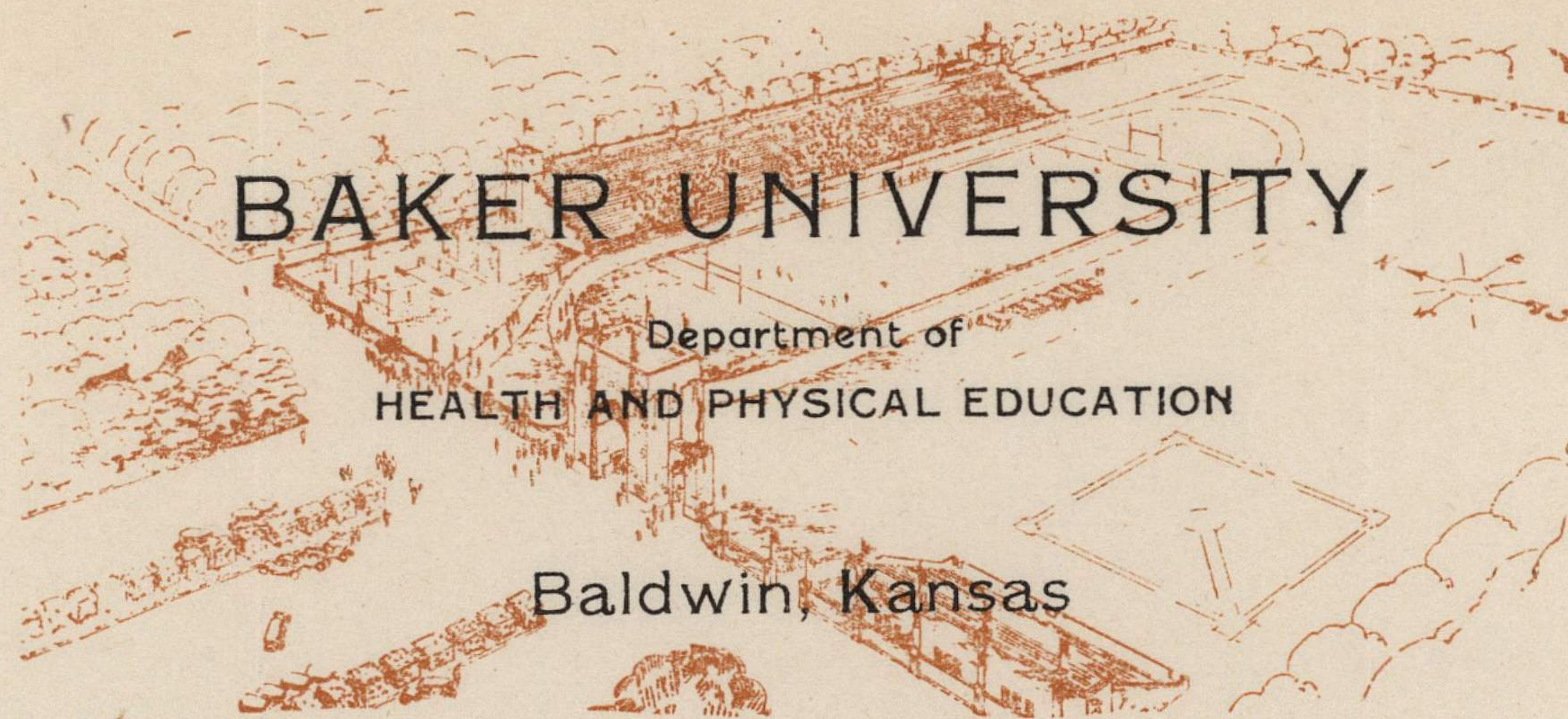
Of course, I am for the kidney-shaped board because it admits better passing from out of bounds with more height allowance, and also it admits visualization of 52% of the people back of the backboard, whereas the old boards shut off all the vision.

I am not very well acquainted with the Lawrence officiating personnel for basketball. This boy, Chalmer Woodard, at the high school, does some work, as well as Woestemeyer, Mit, and some of the other boys. Since you are so close to Lawrence I am sure that you are about as well acquainted with their efforts as I am.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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November 16, 1944

Dr. F. C. Allen
Department of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

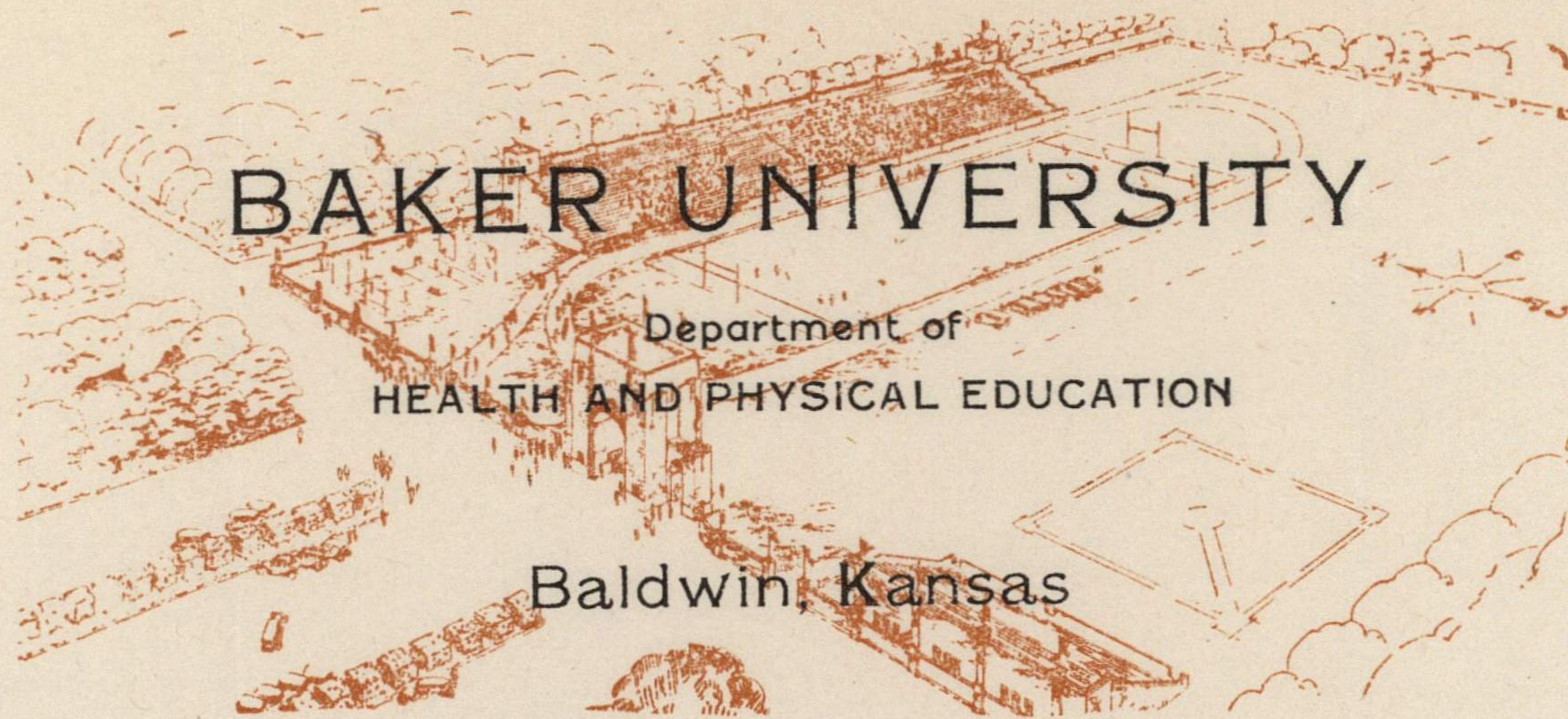
My dear Phog:

Following up the abbreviated conversation we had on last Monday, I am desirous of getting as much information as possible on any rearranging of required or optional courses in physical education contemplated in the various colleges and universities nearby for the returning war veteran. More and more of these will be in evidence in the next two or three years. If you have come to any definite conclusion at the University of Kansas, I would appreciate getting an outline of same. Colleges are varying in their attitude towards having the G.I.'s held to the same requirements of required physical education as other students. Some propose to give them comparable credit for the amount of time they spent in "boot" or basic training. If you have not come to a definite conclusion, would you take the time to give me your ideas.

In regard to the back boards for the new gymnasium which will be under construction just as soon as labor and materials are available, I think I got your point of view which is that the fan shaped or kidney shaped board made of metal or some composition would be better. We have no occasion to use glass since there will be no one seated behind the back boards. The reason I was giving any consideration to glass is that there is now, and has been for years, some disposition on the part of the Basketball Coaches Association to standardize the shape and material with which the back board is built. I am quite sure those universities having a seating arrangement necessitating a portion of the crowd sitting behind the back board will never submit to standardization other than glass. Personally, I would be in favor of a standard fan shaped board made of glass.

Do you have any officials in Lawrence that would handle basketball games? We expect to have a team and will play a limited schedule with colleges operating under similar conditions. Since our conference is not operating

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as a unit, it will be up to me to find some officials and make arrangements for their appearance. I thought possibly Mit and Woestemeyer might be doing some officiating and possibly others in Lawrence. I think it unadvisable to use one official or a set of officials too often.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours

E. S. Liston

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Athletic Director

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P. Linguist

Room 35

NY, NY

Dear Doctor Allen:

Here it is time for football season again and we still watch the teams with a great deal of interest - I know during basketball season news of the Jayhawk team was always welcome over here and believe me it was with pride I told of the great I. U. teams when we had time for a bull session between patrols.

Your Jayhawk rebounds has been coming regularly and always at a time when news of home, I. U. & old friends was just the tonic I needed to build that old morale back up where it belongs - thanks a lot for the good job you have done.

Our work has been quite heavy recently which is due of course to the great drive the Army is making through France. The Germans have been forced to evacuate harbor after harbor and it is our job to be there to stop it. Athletic training really pays off in this game where split second decisions count. Years of making high speed decisions on the Court or football field give you a big advantage on P-T boats where the same broken field tactics are necessary with no time for vacillation.

How did Ray Evans make out in the all star

football game he was to play in. I received
a clipping from home saying he was to
play so of course have wondered about it.

I have been looking for Ralph Schaeke
& his landing craft but to date have seen nothing
of him although I'm sure we have been close
at times -

Best wishes to H. U. and for another successful
season. We are all looking forward to that
first game after all the boys are home.
Good luck Doc in what ever the coming
school year holds for you.

Ed Linguist

November 14, 1944.

Lt. Ben Lowenberg, CMP,
Prisoner of War Camp,
Camp Clark, Missouri.

Dear Lieutenant Lowenberg:

Since you are so far from Kansas City, doubtless Mr. Reaves Peters feels you are out of our territory. While you were at Camp Phillips, not so far from Manhattan, I would have considered you, but perhaps Mr. Peters felt it best not to bring you in from such a distance.

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
Seventh Service Command
Prisoner of War Camp
Camp Clark, Missouri

8 November 44

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

Following your suggestion, I wrote to Mr. Peters about working in your league. As I have received no answer from Mr. Peters to a couple of letters, I am beginning to believe he is somewhat of a mythical character.

In any case, I'll be available for an occasional game, should you need an official.

Sincerely yours,

Ben Lowenberg

BEN LOWENBERG
1st Lt., CMP





ARMY SERVICE FORCES
Seventh Service Command
Prisoner of War Camp
Camp Clark, Missouri

5 October 44

Mr. Forrest Allen
Department of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 29. I am now stationed at Camp Clark at Nevada, Missouri, 100 miles south of Kansas City.

I have already written Mr. Reaves Peters but shall write to him again today.

Mr. Peterson's Utah club looked very good in Denver last winter. And Mr. Bushnell wrote that it had made a terrific hit in New York.

Thanks again.

Sincerely yours,

Ben Lowenberg
BEN LOWENBERG
1st Lt. CMP



September 29, 1944.

Lt. Ben Lowenberg, CMP,
Prisoner of War Camp,
Camp Phillips, Kansas.

Dear Lieutenant Lowenberg:

I am not sure whether you are still stationed at Camp Phillips or not, but if you are and if you will write to Mr. Reaves Peters, Commissioner of the Big Six Conference, 342 So. Chelsea, Kansas City, Missouri, I am sure he will be glad to put you on the officiating list. We would be very happy to use you in some of our games.

I worked with Vadal Peterson, the coach at the University of Utah, at Boone, Iowa, in a coaching school there this past August. Peterson and I have been friends for twenty-five years.

Yes, I remember you very well when we met with Pat Kennedy in Madison Square Garden a few years ago.

Won't you pass this information on that you have written me to Mr. Peters regarding the area where you have worked, and I am sure he will be very happy to call upon you. Pardon me for not answering your communication earlier. It accumulated with a mass of correspondence which I neglected due to my various activities in war work. In addition to my school work I am secretary of the Selective Service Board, have headed up most of the war bond drives including the County Red Cross drive last spring, and am in the harness pretty actively at the present time.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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UNITED STATES ARMY

Prisoner of War Camp
Camp Phillips, Kansas

April 6, 1944

Mr. Phog Allen
Basketball Coach
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

You will remember me as the Albany, NY. "Times-Union" sports writer whom you met in Madison Square Garden a few years ago with Pat Kennedy.

Since my induction in the Army two years ago as a \$21 a month buck private, I have continued with my football and basketball officiating. Last year I worked in Pennsylvania. During the past year I worked in the Denver, Colorado Area, and worked in the National AAU tournament just completed as a referee with considerable success, according to the very laudatory comments in the Denver sports pages.

I also handled some of the University of Utah's games when they played in the Denver Area.

As I am now located at the PW Camp at Camp Phillips at Salina, I should appreciate it if you would keep me in mind if there is any possibility of an outsider officiating in your conference during the next season. I am a member of the National Association of Approved Basketball Officials and of the New York State Association of Certified Football Officials.

Thank you for anything you can do for me.

Sincerely yours,

Ben Lowenberg
2nd Lt CMP

October 19, 1944.

Lea & Febiger, Publishers,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

I desire to order one copy of APPLIED ANATOMY AND KINESIOLOGY, by Wilbur Pardon Bowen and R. Tait McKenzie. Since I do not know your school price on this text I will appreciate it if you will mail it to me together with your statement, and I will send you my check by return mail.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

October 28, 1944.

Lea & Febiger, Publishers,
600 So. Washington Square,
Philadelphia 6, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for your promptness in sending me a
copy of Bowen's Anatomy.

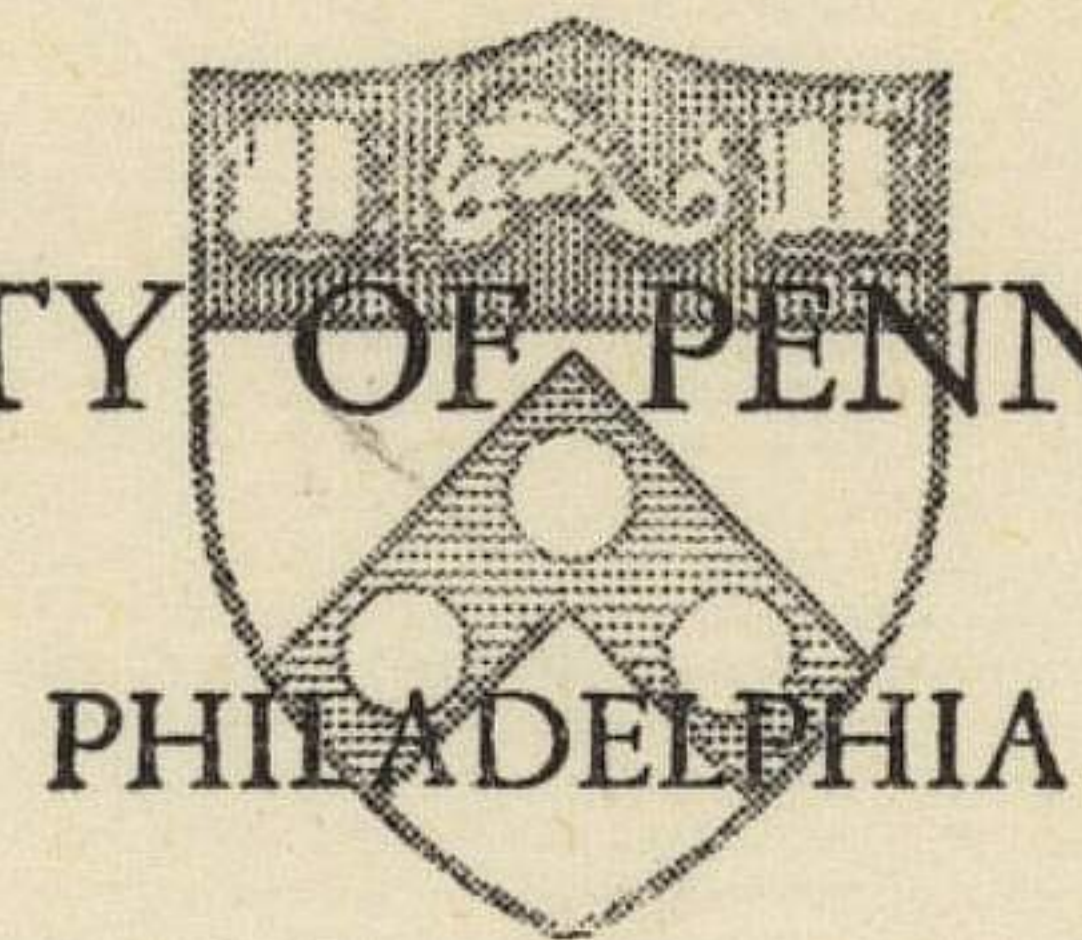
I am enclosing a money order for \$3.75 to cover
the cost of this text.

Very sincerely yours,

Enc.

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA



PHILADELPHIA

DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

October 6, 1944

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

Dear "Phog":

Thank you very much for your prompt letter relative to the Cramer Foot Powder. I appreciate especially your detailed reply and assure you that I shall follow up this material immediately.

I am mortified to think that I attended the Commencement and was in the Academic Procession two weeks ago tomorrow, at which your son was graduated from the Medical School, but somehow I did not realize that this was his graduating day. As a matter of fact I understand he was the first man to come up on the platform for his diploma. I certainly would have looked him up if I had been aware of his presence.

Now that your daughter still lives here I hope you and Mrs. Allen will visit this area occasionally and also call on us at the University and at home. Remember me to your son and tell him that I extend him my congratulations on his marriage and very best wishes for the highest success in the medical profession.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred".

F. W. Luehring
Director of Professional and
Required Physical Education

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September 30, 1944.

Mr. F. W. Luehring, Director,
Department of Physical Education,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Fred:

I am very happy to receive your letter of the 25th instant and to tell you that we are extremely well pleased with Cramer's Foot and Body Powder. Dr. Lloyd L. Boughton, formerly of our School of Pharmacy, and Dr. E. Lee Treece of our Bacteriology Department, did some extensive research work on the Cramer product.

We were the guinea pigs during some of this research work. When they had the same perfected, ours was the first school to put it in and we had a strenuous load in our gymnasium during the heavy part of the military work here. We had ten thousand man hours per week in the gym and we used these powder boxes with splendid results. I am very enthusiastic about it and now I wonder why in the world we waited all this time to find the answer.

We put up some signs similar to this one, and it is surprising how these students will sit and study these signs as they powder their feet.

"A Problem in Simple Arithmetic.
Hot Weather plus Sweaty Feet equals
Athlete's Foot!
Why Take a Chance?
Use the Powder Boxes Regularly."

I have always said that everyone wants to improve himself. I often state that a grapefruit was a lemon until it took a chance and improved itself, so why shouldn't the human do likewise.

Frankly, Fred, I think it is a splendid innovation and we consider it definitely a permanent and constructive move.

Regarding your postscript, we did not use that much powder, but of course with the ten thousand man hours per week we did use a lot of powder. From July, 1943 to July 1944, we used 500 pounds.

Bobby Allen and his wife, Jean, arrived in Lawrence Monday morning with his M.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He will interne at the University of Kansas Hospitals in Kansas City, Kansas. He is now having a short respite before he starts. Eleanor, who graduated last year, is now Mrs. George P. Williams, III, living at Lansdowne, Pa. Her husband

graduated from the Wharton School and is just finishing a law course.

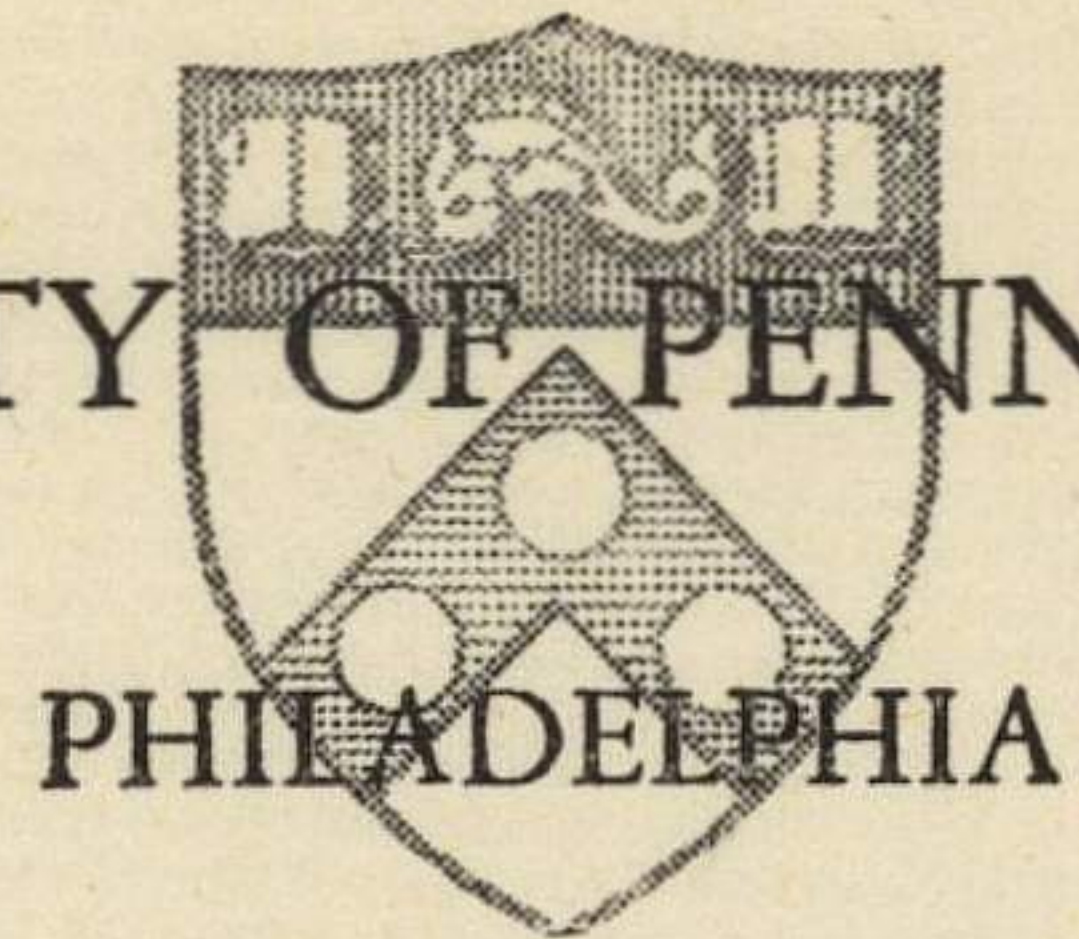
Thanks for your good wishes, and may mine to you be reciprocal.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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PHILADELPHIA

DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

September 25, 1944

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

Dear "Pog":

According to "The First Aider", published by the Cramer Chemical Company, September 1944, you have been very successful in controlling athlete's foot by the use of Cramer's Foot and Body Powder. I would appreciate confirmation of this. Do you still use this powder, and would you kindly let me know what you think of it by this time.

I have missed seeing your son and daughter lately; as I recall, your son finished his course and was married and no doubt is off somewhere in the war. It was a pleasure to have your son and daughter with us here at the University of Pennsylvania.

I hope things are going well with them wherever they may be.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Allen,

Very sincerely yours,

Fred

F. W. Luehring
Director of Professional and
Required Physical Education

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*P.S. How much did a year's supply
3000 lbs (as reported) cost. Did you use such a
large amount?
Or are there too many zeros
in the figures?*

Fred

September 4, 1944.

Mr. William Lindquist,
1007 Central St.,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I have checked up with the Registrar's Office and find that your status is as follows: you have one hour of A and one of C, three hours of D, and eight hours of F. This puts you on the "forty per cent list", since you failed in forty per cent of your work. In order to be reinstated you will have to petition to the dean of your school, Dean Paul B. Lawson of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, accounting definitely for your time since leaving the University and giving good reasons for believing that you will improve upon your previous record if reinstated.

I am sorry that you got in such academic difficulty. After all, a fellow does have to study when he goes to college, Bill, because the professors figure that the main interest of a student is school, and if you do not come up to the regulations they naturally turn thumbs down and look askance at a fellow who doesn't make his grades. I am not preaching to you, Bill, I am just presenting an attitude of the professors and the administrators who run this educational business, and I know that you will agree with me that a fellow should make his grades because it is costing money and time of the participant.

Now, Bill, here's the catch. You must have twelve academic hours the preceding semester to make you eligible for participation in the Big Six. I do not believe that this first six weeks term will be counted summer work so I do not see how you can be eligible for basketball this year. I regret this very much as I assure you you would be a very welcome member of our squad were you eligible.

Please give your good family my kindest regards, and let me hear from you as to how best I can help you. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Bill Lindquist -

Borrowed \$60.00

Paid 35.00

Due \$25.00

He is on the 40% list at the Registrar's Office. His grades are:

1 hr. A; 1 hr. C; 3 hrs. D; 8 hrs. F

April 30, 1945.

Cpl. Ted Lins, 36289070,
Finance Office,
13th Airborne Division,
APO 333, c/o P.M.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Corporal Ted:

Your aunt, Dr. Beatrice Lins, delivered your message regarding the 10 ft. basket. I had no notion of asking for 10 ft. baskets only for college and independent players. This last winter I saw the Western Championship play-off between the University of Arkansas and Oklahoma A. & M. This boy, Bob Kurland, exactly 7 ft. tall, was not forced to jump for the basket at all. He merely sailed in close under the basket and when a shot was rim high he reached his hands and without flexing his fingers over the ball, just extended them and pushed the ball right into the basket.

He did this three or four occasions without getting off his tip-toes. When it is considered that a player's height of 7 feet is further extended by the elongation of his arms, which arms are in proportion to his height, you can see the tremendous advantage of a man 7 feet tall under a 10 ft. basket. And Henry Iba, the A. & M. coach, issued a statement only a week or so ago in which he said that next year he would have a player 7 ft. 3 in. tall.

You can begin to appreciate, Ted, that the reason a basket was ten feet in the beginning was because the running track on which Dr. Naismith tacked the basket happened to be ten feet. If the running track had been 12 feet we would have had 12 ft. baskets. In only the small high schools now are the ceilings low enough that they would not permit a higher basket.

We have had 12 ft. baskets erected in our gymnasium for 15 years, and we have intentionally placed tall men under the basket for experimental purposes and then passed them the ball. The poorest place in the world for a fellow to shoot at this basket is directly underneath the 12 ft. basket. The bank shots out 10 and 15 feet are much easier made than right under the hoop. Therefore, I think if you will study this problem a bit you will not be against a 12 ft. basket because the 10 ft. basket gives the tall fellow such a decided advantage and a 12 ft. basket will take nothing away from the shorter fellow, but will reduce the advantage of the taller player.

The higher baskets will aid the coach materially in developing better arch shots for the players. More tonicity and snap of the fingers are required to get the ball up to these 12 ft. baskets. It is splendid practice for the players to work on the development of their arch shots by looping the ball up to these higher baskets and then returning to the practice of the same shot on the regulation 10 ft. basket. The contrast accentuates the necessity of the arch in the perfection of the shot. It is a common fault of most players not to loop their shots high enough.

In the past ten years the altitude of of basketball players has increased five inches. Research with the 12 ft. basket has shown that from the standpoint of shooting and recovering the ball from the backboard there is no question but that the higher goals eliminated very largely the advantage of the tall player under the goal. His accuracy was very decidedly affected. He could not reach up and lay the ball in the basket. He was required to make a shot the same as the short men. Neither could he merely reach above the heads of his shorter opponents and obtain possession of the ball as readily. The fact that the goals were higher gave more time for the players to get into position for rebounds and thus permitted the shorter players to fight more effectively for the ball. They had opportunity to recover and spring for the ball, while formerly the very tall players in many cases never lost their position because they did not leave the floor.

On the other hand, the tip-in shot and the passing incident to the setup shot were practically eliminated after the players made several attempts at such play. With the goals at the increased heights, the players when driving into the baskets at a fast rate of speed seemed unable to control their shots. They, therefore, resorted to more set shots a little farther out from the baskets, and even to the longer shots which seemed equally as easy to make. Thus a game with less passing and more long shooting resulted. This might, however, be overcome as the players became more accustomed to the changed heights.

From the standpoint of roughness, there seemed to be less contact under the higher goals. This was due largely to the fact that the shots were longer and spread the players over the court, making less concentration around the basket. This was true in spite of the fact that from the data on rebounds it was seen that a larger percentage of balls dropped closer to the endline in the case of the high goals than in the case of the 10 ft. basket. These data take into consideration rebounds only and do not include shots that fall short of the backboard and hit within the playing court. In the case of the higher goals there were a considerable number of these. Here again, when the players adjusted themselves to the higher goals this condition of shooting short might be materially removed.

Effects of fatigue were more noticeable in the case of the higher goals. Without asking for information on this point, the players complained that their fingers and wrists seemed to cramp and to tire after shooting at the high goals for a time. They felt that the shots at the higher goals required so much more force than the shots at the 10 ft. basket that, in addition to the fatigue which materially affected accuracy, the push shot became more of a heave than a snap shot with the attendant use of the accessory groups of muscles and the tactile senses.

Every possible play situation was studied carefully in this research problem. I trust this information will be of some interest to you.

I am sending you a copy of our Jayhawk Rebounds, a monthly letter I get out to our boys overseas who participated in athletics here at the University of Kansas. While you may know practically none of these men, some part of the letter you may enjoy.

With best wishes to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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