

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