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January 10, 1942.

Mr. P. A. Lightner,
The Wichita Eagle,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Lightner:

Dr. Allen is out of town at present, but before he left he asked that I acknowledge your letter to him of December 14th.

Dr. Allen feels there is nothing he could write now that would help the situation, but said he thought a personal conference would be much more satisfactory. He will undoubtedly see you in Wichita when the basketball team plays there on February 2nd.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen.

The Wichita Eagle

Morning, Evening and Sunday

WICHITA, KANSAS

Dec. 14

Dr. F. G. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence Kans

Dear Dr. Allen:

Your letter on hand and I have explained your side of the salary angle, and also printed your comment on the Garden hook-up, although I did not altogether grasp whether you favored the Garden promotions or not.

Also, I'm inclosing clipping concerning the game here last year, which explains itself. *no encl.*

My point in a previous letter about K.U. playing in Wichita was that the announcements and plans should originate with Wichita university, which did not seem to be the case.

We do of course, want the Kansas U. basketball series here to continue, every year if possible even when we can't hope to give you much of a game, which is the case next year.

I will surely welcome a chance to talk the matter over when you get down and perhaps there may be a point or two on the local side of it that you haven't had called to your attention.

With best wishes for another big season,

Sincerely

P. A. Lightner

February 9, 1942.

Mr. George Lamotte,
6051 Kimbark Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear George:

I should have replied to your very fine wire which you sent to me at the Sweden House in Chicago where the Kansas alumni and we were gathering for a celebration. I was indeed happy to hear from an "old Haskell redskin friend", as you put it. I would have been delighted to have had the privilege of visiting with you.

Forty years have gone by in a hurry since we used to meet each other on the athletic field.

It was kind of you to pay respect to the memory of our mutual friend, good Dr. Naismith. He was a grand gentleman and a fine athletic benefactor.

I trust that the years have been kind to you and yours. We feel ourselves very fortunate with our large family and four grandchildren. Certainly I have no reason to complain, and I trust that things are fine with you.

With all good wishes, and thanking you for remembering me, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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CONGRATULATIONS FROM AN OLD HASKELL REDKIN FRIEND. IT
IS A PRIVILEGE TO HAVE KNOWN YOU FOR NEARLY FORTY YEARS.
AS A FINE PLAYER AND OUTSTANDING COACH. ALSO PAY MY
RESPECTS TO THE MEMORY OF MY OLD FRIEND DOCTOR NAISMITH.
=GEORGE LAMOTTE 6051 KIMBARK AVE. PHONE HYDE PARK 6015.

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February 17, 1942.

Mr. Harry Levine,
343 Summer St.,
Lynn, Mass.

Dear Harry:

Thank you very much for your interesting letter of the 8th instant, and for the clippings which you enclosed.

I trust things are going well with you, and I am glad to know that you are still seeking knowledge.

We are in the midst of our conference basketball season, having defeated Nebraska and Iowa State on our court Saturday and Monday nights, respectively. The team is going pretty well, and the games have been sell-outs so far as tickets are concerned.

Bobby and Eleanor are enjoying their work at the University of Pennsylvania very much. Bobby was elected president of his freshman medical class, which we consider quite an honor.

With best wishes for your success and happiness,
I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

343 Summer St.
Lynn, Mass.
Feb. 8, 1942.

Dear Phog:

How are the children enjoying collegiate life at the Quaker City? Or is it just the son?

In Lynn, the people are calm and complacent. They discuss the international conflict as if it were a basket-ball game; ships sunk by us or by the enemy are counted like baskets. None doubt our final victory. This city vibrates to the industrial boom. The General Electric like an octopus stretches

its fangs throughout
the city. They are erect-
ing a new ^{two story} building shap-
ed like the letter "L"
or to be more accurate the
capital letter "L" - each
side is over 300 feet in
length and about 70
feet in width. Also re-
quested two large auto-
mobile agencies to vacate
their single story build-
ing; besides this the
company official demand-
ed that small business
men in two desired build-
ings move elsewhere. Our
production expands be-
yond human comprehen-
sion. ~~Let~~ presume that
K.C. swells to this mar-
tial wave. A living being
needs a respite from this

holocaust

No doubt, you find mental refuge in your basketball. That picture in the Chicago Tribune displays you in fine physical mettle.

Of course, practice in shooting baskets sharpens your muscles and nerves. The success of the team is an indication that you impart some of your tactical knowledge, skill and courage to the players of K. U. Luck to the leaders of the Big Six. You may instruct in basketball, but I still am a school boy.

Wednesday evening
I enrolled in a course

at Boston University.
Just imagine! Listening
to lectures until May
in a course listed as
"Psychology for Learning".
Saturday morning I
studied for two hours.
Why, this course? Just
merely seeking a degree
in M. Ed.

I am enclosing
two clippings. About a
year ago I requested
J. F. Williams (a pseudo-
nym) to write an article
about F. C. Allen; he smug-
ly informed me that such
a story would possess no
local interest. Was his
face red when two weeks
later I showed him the
article in the "Saturday
Evening Post"?
Harry.

Many Side B



By J.F. WILLIAMS

Basketball Officials Should
Standardized Hoop Rules
Buddy Baer Will Last Just
About 16 Minutes Against
Champion Joe Louis Friday

Call 'Em As You See 'Em

Insisting that eastern basketball officials rule by intent rather than by what happens, Dr. Forest C. Allen of Kansas attributes this to the old professional game and the former money players now coaching along the Atlantic seaboard.

"One-time professionals have not been able to keep up with the collegiate game that permits screening," said Dr. Phog Allen, who was director of the 1936 Olympic team.

"The old pros had a rule that if you did, it was a foul.

"Not being elastic and adaptable enough, they still try to foist their antiquated ideas on the college game.

"Of course, it would be silly for Ned Irish, the Madison Square Garden promoter, to employ officials who would not carry forth the concepts of the eastern coaches."

Pointing out that Dave McMillan of Minnesota is the only former professional coaching in the West, Dr. Allen stresses that the college-trained coach without professional experience has his players play the ball, which provides more opportunity for scoring and a more open game. As Dr. Allen contends, when you play the man you have a five-man team wrestling match.

The first principle of Dr. James Naismith, who originated the game, was that each player was entitled to his position on the floor.

The rules emphasize this point.

Dr. Allen quotes Nat Holman, famous professional now coaching City College of New York, on blocking, which is a foul, according to the rules: "Frequently an offensive player attempting to sidestep an approaching defensive player may cause contact. In such cases the officials are to be guided solely by the apparent intent of the offensive player."

Dr. Allen argues that this unsavory and unworkable authority given to the officials certainly would not make the game anything but a guessing contest..

He wants officials to call 'em as they see 'em. No more guessing games.

"Just as soon as we encourage the use of set plays or key men to check a player in pursuit of his opponent, we are destroying one of the fundamental factors of offense," writes Holman.

"This," declares Dr. Allen, "is in direct conflict with the majority thought of the National Basketball Coaches Association, as well as the expressed statement of the Rules Guide."

In Madison Square Garden this season, fans noted looks of utter bewilderment on the faces of western players after an eastern official had called a blocking foul.

This difference in interpretation has devoloped into more than a variation of technique.

It has resulted in a whole new style and theory of play, something the founders of the game never intended.

Rule interpretations should be standardized. As things stand, the West and East are playing almost two different games. That's an unhealthy state.

The boys ought to get together.

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PHOG ALLEN VISIONS WAR AS AID TO COLLEGE SPORT

CHICAGO, Feb. 1 (INS)—Phog Allen is no longer a reformer. He sleeps like a newborn babe these nights instead of worrying over the future of inter-collegiate athletics.

Phog explained why, when he brought his Kansas Jayhawks to Chicago for a game with De Paul. The breakfast coffee grew cold. So did the toast. But not Phog. He was warming himself up nicely on a favorite subject.

"This war will accomplish what a few of us have been advocating for years," said Pho. "It will give the games back to the boys.

"There'll be no place for the subsidized athlete, the proselyting coach in an America at war. All of the artificiality which has grown up around our college sports—all of the ballyhoo which has turned a game into a business will be gone when the war is over. College athletics again will occupy

their proper place in institutions of learning.

"Don't get me wrong, now. I don't like war. No sane person does. But I do believe that the sacrifices war will force on us will readjust our sense of values and sharpen our perspective on a lot of things—athletics included."

Phog has been coaching basketball longer than most people have been aware that there was such a game. In fact, Dr. James Naismith, who invented the game, once endorsed a picture of himself for Phog as follows:

"From the father of basketball to the father of basketball coaching."

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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

A. C. LONBORG
HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

July 7, 1942

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Thanks a lot for your kind letter, and I am happy to report that our young son is getting on in fine shape.

I do not know whether we will get to Kansas this summer or not, and I am afraid that our annual golf game may have to wait for another summer.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

A. C. Lonborg
A. C. Lonborg
Head Basketball Coach

ACL:JMD



(Photo by Winn Studio)

WEDS LYNN MAN — Mrs. Harry Layton, the former Miss Lillian Glueth of Arlington, who was recently married in Aperion Hall, Roxbury.

6 Gray Circle
Lynn, Mass.
August 6, 1942

Dear Dr. Forrest C. Allen

It is now midnight; Mrs. Layton and I have spent all evening filling out applications. I believe that I will wend my way into an administrative position in New York City. I have taken the liberty to use your name as reference.

I hope that you and your family are well and happy.

Good luck!

Sincerely,

Harry Layton

P.S. I am inserting a newspaper clipping of my wife.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

6525 Sheridan Road

Chicago, Illinois

December 26, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

The officials chosen for our game on January 2nd are: Jim Enright and Ike Craig. These men were both approved by you in an earlier letter. I am sorry this information was not sent you sooner.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony F. Dirksen, Jr.
Anthony F. Dirksen, Jr.
Senior Varsity Manager

AFD:jb

August 30, 1941.

Mr. Val Lentz,
Asst. Graduate Manager of Athletics,
U. S. Military Academy,
West Point, N.Y.

Dear Val:

I am returning the questionnaire on the Eastern
College Basketball Coaches Association concerning backboards.

We in the Middle West are strong for the lima
bean or fan shaped backboard. You never see a glass backboard
around our part of the country, nor will you. Gymnasias and
field houses are constructed with no thought of using glass
backboards. It is not in the rules, and it is my opinion that
the National Basketball Coaches Association leadership at the
present time are going to be the means of splitting up the
joint basketball rules committee. I think we are having some
very poor leadership at present, and I do not foresee much
good coming out of things they are trying to put across.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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ARMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK

August 7, 1941.

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

Dear Phog:-

I am returning herewith Questionnaire on Training and Conditioning of College Basketball of which I know nothing about; also, my Questionnaire on Standardization of equipment. I would appreciate your filling it out and returning it to me at your convenience.

All your friends at U.S.M.A. join me in sending our most sincere regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

VALENTINE LENTZ,
Assistant Graduate Manager of Athletics.

VL:MMR

Enclosures: 2 Questionnaires.

Sept. 19, 1941

Mr. Harry Levine
343 Summer St.
Lynn, Ma ss.

Dear Harry,

Your air mail letter of the 18th has been received and I beg to advise that I will not be in Philadelphia on Sept. 26 when Kansas plays Temple University.

Yes, Bob and Eleanor are at the University of Pennsylvania this year, but my duties here will keep me at the University.

With all best wishes to you I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

343 - Summer - St.
Lynn, Mass.

Sept. 18, 1941.

Dear Phog:

I know that
you are busy; consequently,
this epistle will be con-
cise and inquisitive.

K. U. will play
Temple at "Philly," your
children are to attend
school there and there-
fore, I conclude that
you will be in the
Quaker City on or about
Sept. 26.

My optimism is now
reaching the boiling point.
I expect this to be my
Lucky Year; the winds
appear favorable. I am

making my Touchdown
drive - now. Even a good
half back appreciates a
line man who mows
down the opposition
and clears the goal
line path.

I think that you
are the line man who
can clear the path.
I am making every effort
to be in "Philly" next
Friday night and I'll
depart the same evening.
I would like to speak
with you about ten
minutes, if you are not
crunched with friends,
I would like to be

with you longer.

What hotel in
Philadelphia will be
your headquarters?

I'll arrive in the city
about 10 P.M. and I have
to depart so that I can
be at work at 2 P.M.
on Saturday.

Good Luck,

Harry.

P.S.

Kansas City with its
strike captured the
headlines on Wed.

September 29, 1941.

Mr. Robert Lynn,
Kerlyn Oil Company,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Bob:

I am sorry there was any misunderstanding regarding Kenneth Tipps. It seems as if Vic had talked to you prior to my talking to you and I thought you were a little sour on the boy.

Tipps is a better football player than he is a basketball player and I believe that he will make the varsity. I think also that Vic was agreeably surprised, because he wants to help him. I think the boy is better off married than single and I am convinced that he has a real purpose in life. He will make that football club next year - or else, and I do not believe that he will be a dead horse. I told Vic this after the Alumni-Varsity game a week ago last Friday night, and asked Vic to communicate with you and straighten things out for this boy who is seriously pursuing an educational course.

Kenneth has come in to my office a dozen times and each time I have looked at him as potential material for football more than for basketball. I have been more interested in him as a man than I have as an athlete, and I believe that the work that you have done for him in giving him a job will not fall on barren soil. He appreciates everything that you and Dean McGee have done for him, and in that spirit I want to thank you for having helped a worthy chap.

Kenneth came in apparently after Vic talked to you again and said everything is fine. Thanks, Bob, for everything.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

FCA:AH

KENNETH TIPPS --

Bob Lynn

Dean McGee - send well logs

to 933 Miss. St., Lawrence, Ks.

\$45 Pay in summer or gradually
before before.

Dear Coach.

I guess you had better call
Bob Lynn for me. My check for
the last week I worked there hasn't
arrived. It was for \$45 & that would
have been enough. My fee, books, & etc., will
be about \$120 & I only have \$85.

I thank you,
Kenneth Sipps

P.S. It is due Monday 22.

Ken

Call Lynn 22

Dr. Allen

Sept. 30, 1941

Mr. Fred W. Leuhring
Assistant Dean of Physical Education
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Fred,

The University of Kansas football team played Temple the other night and my two youngsters, Eleanor and Bob, who are now enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania, went down to see their Alma Mater get whipped by Temple.

The noting of this occasions caused me to write you and give you their addresses.

Bob is in the School of Medicine and lives at Room 44, Morris Hall. Eleanor, who finished her sophomore work here, is a junior in the School of Fine Arts and lives at Room 415 Sergeant Hall, 34th and Chestnut, Philadelphia.

My good friend, Dean George Baxter Smith is a Rotarian, and each Monday noon I call for him and take him to the Rotary meeting. We are tremendously fond of him and his wife. He has personality, poise, and a real educational philosophy that is wholesome. I can easily see why you would be attracted to him.

Referring back to the paragraph about the youngsters. I do not want you to take any special notice of them, except that I would like for you to check up with Bob sometime and see that he takes a little time out to exercise. All through high school he played football and basketball, then at the University he had four years of basketball--one year on the "frosh" and three years on the Varsity. This spring he also made his letter on the Varsity baseball team at first base. In addition to that, he made us doubly proud of him by making Phi Beta Kappa. I am a little fearful that he will follow his desire to study to the exclusion of his needful athletic exercise.

I will appreciate your taking a convenient moment to remind him of this necessity.

With all good wishes to you and to Mrs. Leuhring as well as to Dean Mercer I am with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA

DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

E. LeRoy Mercer, M. D., *Dean*
Frederick W. Luehring, *Assistant to the Dean*
Professor of Physical Education

October 29, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Athletics
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

Your letter has been before me for a long time. I expected to get over to call on your son and also to look up your daughter Eleanor, but we have had such a busy time this Fall that I did not get to do so. I tried to reach your son by telephone but found I was unable to do this. Yesterday I called Miss Eleanor and had a talk with her over the phone and sent a message of greeting to Bob too. I sent word through her to have Bob come down to avail himself of our recreational facilities. I shall also be glad to have him meet our basketball and other coaches, as well as our other staff members.

I am leaving today to take part in a Swimming Pool Conference which is to be held at the University of Illinois on October 31st and November 1st so I shall not be able to get in touch with Bob until after I come back.

Mrs. Luehring and I are planning to have your son and daughter out to visit us some time soon at Swarthmore. My going away now and guests which we have had at home, as well as some intervening illness in the family have thus far prevented this.

We are happy to know that your Bob and Eleanor are here and are looking forward to meeting them in person, and I assure you that it will be a pleasure to do this.

I had hoped to see you at the time of the Kansas-Temple football game and was disappointed that I had no phone call at least. Last winter when you were here with the basketball team I had to be away attending meetings in New York so was unable to see you when you were in Swarthmore. Do come to see us when you come East. I should love to see you and Mrs. Allen too.

With best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

F. W. Luehring
F. W. Luehring

FWL:emb

Bob - Pls return this to me. Dad.

Oct. 3, 1941

Mr. George Kirksey
Look Magazine
511 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Kirksey,

Please find enclosed questionnaire duly filled out.

Sincerely yours,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

Oct. 3, 1941

Mr. George Kirksey
Look Magazine
511 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Kirksey,

Please find enclosed questionnaire duly filled out. I am sending you a mimeographed copy of a letter that I wrote my Varsity basketball team on August 7. This is self-explanatory. You will see that we have five members of the Varsity that are on our football squad, so naturally we will be slow in rounding into early season form.

This is my 25th year coaching Varsity basketball here at the University, and since this year is the 50th anniversary of the game, we're hoping to make a good record. In the twenty-five years that I have coached here we have had but two squads of good size. Naturally, tall men play a very important part in the game of basketball and in the twenty-five years I have had but two men who were over 6' 5", so I'm looking forward to this season with great anticipation.

On our championship teams of the past two years our stars, Howard Engleman and Bobby Allen, my son, were but 6' 1" tall and weighed 167 pounds. They both made the all-star conference team. Bobby Allen is studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, and Engleman is with the Phillips Petroleum Co. at Bartlesville, Oklahoma. John Kline, our other senior on the first team was 6' 2". He is not in the army.

Our team this year will likely be made up of sophomores and juniors. Ralph Miller, who is a star forward passer on the Varsity football team, will be back after laying out of Varsity competition last year on account of an injured knee. He will be our only senior. I trust that this will give you the information that you desire.

Sincerely yours,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

P. S. The names that are scratched out on the sheet are last year's freshmen who did not return to school.

F.C.A.

LOOK

511 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

September 29th, 1941

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Mr. Phog Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Coach:

I am now in the process of preparing the national college basketball forecast for LOOK Magazine, and would like to impose upon your generosity in helping me assemble reliable information on your team and section.

I have enclosed a brief questionnaire for your use, or as a guide to the kind of material I am seeking. If you care to contribute any additional information, it will be gratefully received.

For your information the deadline for my copy is October 15th and the article will appear early in December.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your cooperation.

Wishing you a highly successful season, I am,

Cordially,

George Kirksey

George Kirksey

GK:vv
Enc.

P.S. - Please enclose your schedule.