

March 18, 1941

Mr. Delbert Lee
Gila Junior College
Thatcher, Arizona

Dear Mr. Lee:

I have your letter of March 14 requesting sources of information on the subject, "History and Development of Basketball in America."

I have written a text called Better Basketball, which is published by the McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York. On page 3 of this text you will find under "The Wider Scopes of the Game" the entire history of the game of basketball from the time of the peach basket stage to the Olympics.

Certainly your library should have a copy of this book, but if you do not, perhaps the high school may have this text. Doubtless if you will refer this information to your librarian, in case your library does not have a copy, he will want to order this book for use in your Gila Junior College.

The text not only contains a history of the game of basketball, but also includes 163 action photographs and 86 diagrams of plays, together with information on training and conditioning, treatment of athletic injuries, bandaging, emergencies, and so forth. Also, I have incorporated a chapter in the back of the book entitled "The Tales of Yesteryears." These are stories of great games that our teams have played against opponents that produced thrilling climaxes. The cost of the text is \$4.00.

I trust I have given you the desired information.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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Gila Junior College
of Graham County

MONROE H. CLARK, President

THATCHER, ARIZONA

March 14, 1941.

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

Dear Coach Allen:

I have been asked to write a paper on the "History and Development of Basketball in America" for an English 1a term paper.

Do you have any information on this subject. A magazine, pamphlet, or any article that would give this information would certainly help me out a lot. I would appreciate any information on this subject that you would send to me.

Sincerely

Delbert Lee
Gila Junior College
Thatcher, Arizona.

March 19, 1941

Mr. Harry Levine
343 Summer Street
Lynn, Massachusetts

Dear Harry:

I am sorry I have not answered your communication sooner but the press of business, which included basketball administration and now Varsity Baseball have kept me on the run.

I am trusting that you will have no difficulty in getting the proper recommendations from the Deans. I am sure they will all remember you but my word may help.

We got a tied championship out of the Big Six. Iowa State and Kansas won with seven wins and three losses.

I wish for you continued success and happiness, and anything I can do in your behalf will be done in a pleasant and cooperative manner.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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343 Summer St.

Lynn, Mass.

March 4, 1941.

Dear "Phog":

Thursday
(March 6) I am filing
an application at
the teachers regis-
tration office un-
der the supervision
of the Mass. Dept.
of Education. The
application request-
ed five references.
They required the
Dean of the graduate
and under-graduate
schools. Consequently
I listed Dean Lawson,
Dean Moreau, Dr. Forrest
C. Allen, Albert Cole,

who is the major of
Lynn, and a high
official within the
Department of Edu-
cation. No doubt
you realize that I
have been away from
the campus for six
or seven years and it
is possible, perhaps,
probable that Dean
Lawson has been
forgotten. Harry
Levine. I would appre-
ciate any effort by
you to inform
Dean Lawson and
Dean Moreau of my
qualifications. Of

3) course, under a separate epistle I have informed both Deans that I used their names for references. In the near future, the director of the Department of Education will contact the people whom I have listed.

The benchman of Uncle Sam examined me about six weeks ago, and my draft board on the basis of their report classified me in Group IV F. My father, on the other hand, was examined

recently, classified in
I A, and on March 8
he will be re-examin-
ed by the army phy-
sicians; if the army
doctor confirms the
early report of the
draft board, he will
be inducted into the
army Saturday. The
young lady, who during
a period of inactivity
wrote a clarifying memo²
is feeling fine. I am in
good health, excluding
the vision of my left
eye and the poten-
tial danger of a sinus
irritation. At present,
the sinus constitutes
no problem; I nurse it

carefully.

I hope you and your family are enjoying the Zenith of Health.

Everytime I peer into the basket-ball scores of the N.Y. newspapers, I notice that the boys have won another game. Is it another Big Six Championship for K.U.?

I noticed that "Moon" Mullins had been considered as head football coach at Boston College. As yet, they arrived at no decision.

The "Saturday Evening Post" wrote an interesting story. I think it is bed time, and I'll merely inform you that I met Lee Benton, accidentally, at a Boston movie, and he stated that he visited Lawrence and conversed about an hour with you.

Regards to all,

Harry.

P.S. Don't forget to contact the Deans, and ring up another scholarship.

Thank You.

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April 4, 1941

Mr. E. L. Falkenstein, Bus. Mgr.
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Falkenstein:

Thank you very much for your order No. 3449 for 72 No. N467 shuttlecocks. Unfortunately immediate delivery cannot be made because our supply has been temporarily exhausted. We have several gross on order with the factory and they should be in next week. Your order will be completed just as soon as these arrive.

Hope the delay will not cause a great deal of inconvenience.

Yours very truly,

LOWE & CAMPBELL

Jim Addison
Jim Addison
Order Supervisor

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April 10, 1941

Mr. R. G. Lake, President
Junior Chamber of Commerce
Medicine Lodge, Kansas

Dear Mr. Lake:

It was nice to come to Medicine Lodge to meet you young boosters. The fact that your Junior Chamber of Commerce organized this banquet and put it over in such nice style proves that it pays to have young men who are interested and who can carry a project through to a very happy conclusion.

It was good to meet the younger citizens of the town as it was to meet the older people, many of whom had much to do with building for the youngsters.

Congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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April 14, 1941

Dean Paul B. Lawson
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
University of Kansas

Dear Dean Lawson:

I want you to know how pleased I was that Bob
made Phi Beta Kappa.

To such men as you, Dr. Taylor, Professor Brewster,
Professor W. W. Davis, and others, the Allen family is deeply
indebted for your leadership and encouragement you have shown
Bob.

To you all Mrs. Allen and I are greatly indebted.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
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April 17, 1941

Dr. F. C. Allen,
Basket Ball Coach,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

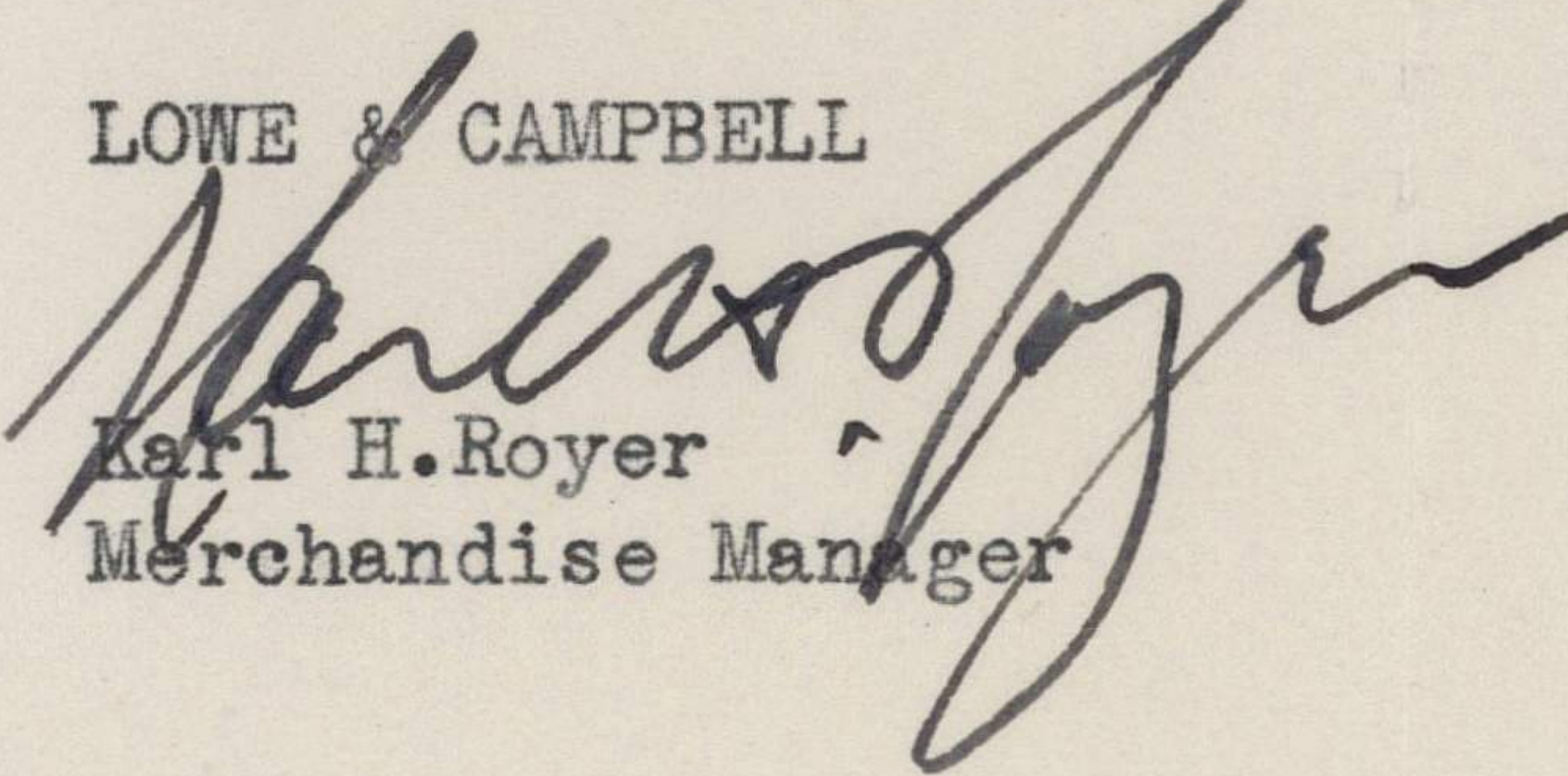
Dear "Phog":

Mandy reports that he talked to you recently about using one of our new Last-Bilt Basket Balls in your spring practice. We assume that Mandy has told you all about this ball, so we need to add nothing further.

We are sending one of them to you today by parcel post without charge. We'll be only too happy to have you use it in your spring practice, see what you think of it, how your players like it, and, naturally, we would like to have a report from you after you have finished your spring workout.

Very truly,

LOWE & CAMPBELL


Karl H. Royer
Merchandise Manager

KHR/rw

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April 21, 1941

Mr. John Lonborg
Argentine High School
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Lonborg:

Dr. Allen called me from Wichita this morning and asked that I have a summer session catalog mailed to you. I have called the Summer Session Office and they are forwarding the catalog to you today.

Dr. Allen also mentioned the fact that he did not want the Aggies to outstep Kansas when it comes to getting good people.

I am sure you will receive the catalog very soon.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen

April 25, 1941

Mr. Karl H. Royer
Merchandise Manager
Lowe & Campbell
1509 Baltimore Ave.
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Royer:

Thank you for your letter of April 17
and the Last-Bilt Basketball.

We are using it in our spring practice
and will let you know our opinion later.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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May 6th, 1941

Miss Ruth E. Litchen
1630 Alabama Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Miss Litchen:

Mrs. Allen and I wish to thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in inviting us to attend the Annual High-Home Night of Oread Training School on Thursday evening, May 8th, at the Memorial Union Ballroom.

It so happens that I am leaving with the baseball team that afternoon where we play the Missouri Tigers. Therefore, we will be unable to attend, but we do thank you very much for thinking of us.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

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UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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

May 16, 1941

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

Dear "Phog":

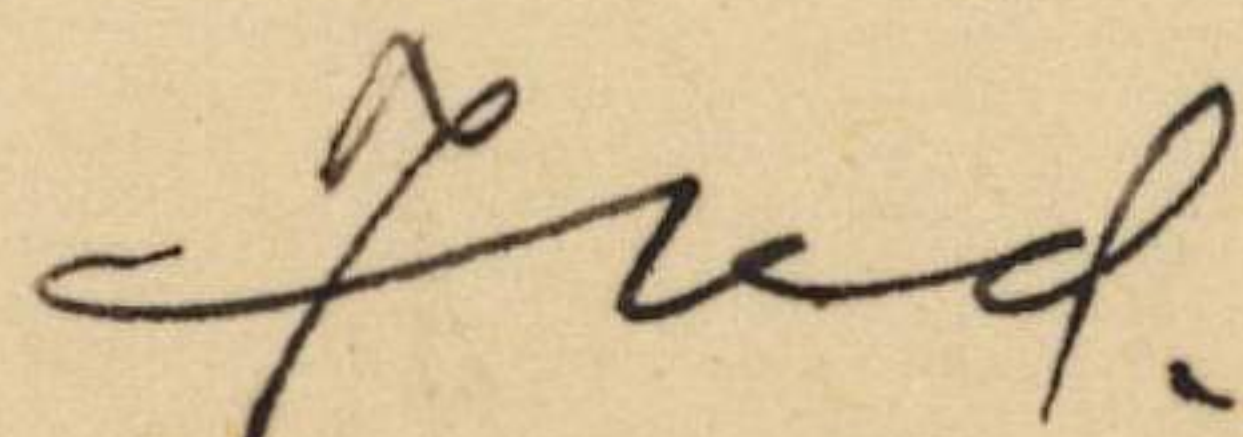
Recently I heard that the University of Kansas is considering Dr. George Baxter Smith, Associate Professor of Education at State University, Iowa, for the position of Dean of your College of Education. Since I have known George Smith throughout his undergraduate and graduate courses and his professional life up to the present time, I thought you might be interested to know what his attitude might be relative to Health, Physical Education and Recreation, including Intercollegiate Athletics, as an important part of these programs.

George Smith is an energetic, hard worker, who regards our professional field as an important and fundamental part of the field of general education. As an undergraduate he won an appointment as Varsity Track Manager at the University of Minnesota on a merit basis in one of the stiffest competitions we had during my nine years as Director of the Department there. Besides this, he has a fine sense of humor which helps him carry the many difficult problems which fall to the lot of an education administrator. He got along fine with our staff members and seemed to have a deep interest also in our Intramural Athletics and in our courses of Physical Education and Recreation. I believe he would be an asset to any college or university offering professional leadership in our field.

We are looking forward to meeting your son when he comes to the medical school here. I hope you and Mrs. Allen will pay us a visit when you bring him out here. We live in Swarthmore.

With very best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,



F. W. Luehring

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE
ANNUAL HIGH-HOME NIGHT OF
OREAD TRAINING SCHOOL
ON THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 8, 1941,
AT EIGHT O'CLOCK IN THE MEMORIAL UNION BALLROOM

PLEASE REPLY BY WEDNESDAY NOON, MAY 7, TO MISS RUTH E. LITCHEN,
1630 ALABAMA. PHONES 2424J, OR KU 98.

June 5th, 1941

Doctor Fred W. Leuhring
Assistant to the Dean
Department of Physical Education
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Fred:

Pardon my failure to answer your good letter of May 19th, sooner. I was indeed happy to hear from you and to learn that George Baxter at the State University of Iowa is a good friend of yours.

I had the pleasure of a visit with him and was delighted with his personality. I was asked by our Chancellor along with other faculty members, my choice. And you can rest assured that he was number one on my list of recommends. There was one other among our candidates that appeared here who made a profound impression upon me but he was unobtainable.

I'm very happy, indeed, that we are to have Mr. Smith with us beginning September. It will be a pleasure to know him better.

The fact that Bob made Phi Beta Kappa makes us more proud of his academic achievements, in view of the fact that he gave part of his time to athletics. We have a daughter, Eleanor, who is finishing her Sophomore year here and Mrs. Allen thinks it would be nice for Eleanor, after having spent two years here, to accompany Bob to Pennsylvania. We're going through that at the present time, but have made no definite decision. Eleanor and Bob have been great pals and I believe it will be a fine thing for both of them, if things work out as they hope.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

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Route 8, Box 605
Tacoma, Washington
April 9, 1941

Dr. Forrest Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Ever since I was in Junior High School when I was becoming vitally interested in basketball as an ideal form of recreation and exercise, I have been an ardent admirer of your splendid leadership in basketball. I have read and have copies of your "Basketball Bible" and also the newer edition, Better Basketball. Naturally too I have read with real interest the various articles that I have seen in magazines. All in all I have been a real student of basketball, and no small part has been in the reading of Allen writings.

As I was talking with W. F. Arnett, a jeweler in Longview, Washington now, he was telling me of some of his earlier basketball experiences, and he also told me of your early career. He apparently knew you best when you were at Baker University

I have a much prized letter signed by Dr. Naismith to whom I was introduced by an old school friend of the famous Doctor. Now I wonder if you might have time to write me a letter answering the following questions:

1. What is the best way to get the complete rules revision immediately after the meeting for that purpose?
2. At what age is it advisable to stop playing basketball if the individual takes proper care of his body?
3. As a general rule what type of defense do you think is most successful for high school play?
4. Do you think that for those who really love to play basketball, they can get stale?
5. Do you favor state tournaments?

Thank you and I am
Sincerely yours,

Burton C. Lemmon

Burton C. Lemmon
Basketball Coach, Clover Park High School
I coached Bellfountain Hi to Oregon State Title in 1937.

June 21st, 1941

Mr. Burton C. Lemmon
Route 8, Box 605
Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mr. Burton:

Your letter became mislaid in a mass of correspondence and I'm just now answering some of these letters.

In reply to the questions you asked:

1. I might state that the best way to get the complete rules revision immediately after the meeting would be for you to correspond with your Eighth Collegiate District Representative Chairman of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Rules; that is, Heck Edmondson of the University of Washington at Seattle.

2. It is advisable to stop playing basketball, I would say, two years after a man has graduated from college. Of course many men continue far beyond that age. But, generally when a man gets out of college he is forced to work regularly and he does not have the time to keep his body in condition. Basketball is one of the most strenuous games played and it is a great strain on the kidneys and heart of a man that takes on the form of so much violent exercise.

3. Of course I like the stratified transitional man for man defense with the zone principle. "Better Basketball" explains that better than I can in a short letter. And too, even the zone defense is better than the man for man defense for the boy because it is an economy saver of energy. It is much easier to play the ball under the type of defense I advise rather than the strict man for man defense. When you play the man for man defense, you're more apt to foul and naturally it's more fatiguing.

4. Yes, I do think that those who love to play basketball can go stale. Any team that scrimmages too much is apt to go stale. We work on fundamentals much more than we do on scrimmage work, and we scrimmage very little. After the first month and one-half we do not average ten minutes of scrimmaging a day.

5. I'm not opposed to State Tournaments because any boy desires to see how good he really is, either individually or collectively, and the only way these boys on the team can find out is to play in a tournament and although they may not be satisfied with the result, at least they have had a try. And too, when they are beaten, they have respect for their opponents and if they never play in a tournament they don't have the same high respect for their opponent or winner.

Mr. Burton C. Lemmon
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I trust that this short letter will answer your questions. Will you please give W. F. Arnet my kindest regards? He was a fine guard of mine back in the nineteen hundreds when I coached at Baker University. I am very fond of him.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and
Recreation-Varsity Basketball and Base-
ball Coach.

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June 18th, 1941

Mr. W. W. Louis
Special Agent
Bankers Life Insurance Company of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Louis:

I regret that I am unable to obtain for you the program of the first Kansas Relays. I wish that I might get it for you but the first programs have been exhausted and what few we had left over were sent out to boys like you who desired a program for a souvenir.

I also beg your pardon for not answering sooner, but our baseball schedule, Commencement speeches to Highschools, our own Commencement and the Seventy Fifth Anniversary took all of my time.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

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BANKERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEBRASKA

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

W. W. LEWIS, SPECIAL AGENT
HOLTON, KANSAS

April 11, 1941

Dr. F. C. Allen;
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

If memory serves me right this is the second time I have written to you. The first time was several years ago, possibly ten or twelve years back, when the subject of the correspondence was about the consideration the National Rules Committee were giving the elimination of the dribble in basketball.

Would'nt that have been a tragedy if that rule had gone through? And how! However, due to your efforts and I suppose to the efforts of some other wise coaches it was side-tracked, never again to appear.

This time I'm writing to ask another favor. It happens that I participated in the first Kansas Relays you ever staged. Each year as this event date rolls around I recall that first time. Have been able to attend one or two since that time but not many. The favor is this; would it be possible to get, acquire or lay hands on, a program of that first Kansas Relays? Naturally, if it were possible, I would be mighty glad to get it for sentimental reasons.

I did'nt do so well that day in my event, which was the discus but I still would like to own one of those programs. I was entered from Baker University that day and it was an open event. As I remember it the first four places went to Kansas college men. Haskell, Emporia Teachers, Friends and Kansas State, I believe. Hows my memory?

If this is possible (to get one of those programs) I certainly would appreciate it.

Very Truly Yours,

W. W. Lewis

April 26, 1941

Mr. W. W. Lewis
Special Agent
Bankers Life Insurance Co. of Nebraska
Holton, Kansas

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Your letter of April 11 to Dr. Forrest C. Allen has been received.

Dr. Allen has been out of town much of late on speaking tours and with the baseball team. As soon as he returns to the office your letter will be brought to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen

G. L.

December 30, 1940

Dear Mr. Allen:

I won't be able to find
how the games turned out
in Chicago and Philadelphia
until Daddy tells me, but I
hope the trip was a most
successful one.

The game in New York

was worth seeing even though I know N. U. can play better.

I was so glad to be there and see everyone. Thanks so much for being so thoughtful to me. We certainly enjoyed every minute of it.

The best of luck for the remainder of the season. I'll be following it even if I can't see the games.

1400 Whitney Ave.
New Haven, Conn.

Very sincerely,
Gene Landrith

July 15th, 1941

Mr. Paul Fairchilds
Lowe & Campbell
Kansas City
Missouri

Dear Mr. Fairchild:

Please send me the following order as soon as possible.

- 1 Volley Ball Net, No. L-101
- 1 Standard Deck Tennis Ring--No. 484

Sincerely yours,

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

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