

June 6, 1938.

Principal John L. Lounsbury,  
Long Beach Junior College,  
Long Beach, California.

Dear John:

I have been asked by Elmer Schaake to write you concerning his fitness and qualifications for a position in your school. He understood from some source that there is to be an opening, and he is very desirous of locating in California. Some way he learned that I was acquainted with you and asked that I write you in his behalf.

John, I want to recommend Elmer Schaake as one of the best coaches that we have ever turned out at the University of Kansas. He not only was all-America material in football, having uncanny ability to diagnose the opponent's weaknesses, but he was one of the greatest ball carriers in the country. By the way, Mel Griffith, who is out on the coast, was his high school coach at Lawrence, Kansas, and he can tell you about him.

I had him in varsity basketball and he made a championship team out of an ordinary outfit. The year that I took him he had sustained an injured ankle late in the football season and was not in condition to play basketball, but he did things to that ball club that only crafty and versatile players can do. I was so well pleased with him that I used him as my assistant in coaching the freshmen and varsity in spring practice.

He also helped with spring practice in football, and Coach Lindsey pronounced him a fine teacher.

Schaake has a fine intuitive sense in handling young men. He is clean, courageous and capable. He is a fine looking fellow, John. He is married and has one child. His wife is a lovely woman, and I am very sure that she would be a great source of help to him in any teaching job.

Schaake is also a fine track man and good in baseball. He can coach any sport. He is athletic director and coach of all sports at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas, where he has been for several years.



I suggest that you get in touch with Mel Griffith because in my opinion you will pass up a mighty good man if you do not consider Elmer Schaake for a possible opening in your Junior College. I recommend him without reservation.

It was good to have seen you a few years ago, John, and I hope if you ever get away from the coast you will drop by and see us.

With every good wish to you and yours, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 18, 1938.

Coach Leland Lewis,  
Field Kindley High School,  
Coffeyville, Kansas.

Dear Coach Lewis:

Pardon my delay in answering your letter of April 2. I have been out of town at the Central District Physical Education Association meeting at Minneapolis, and then in Chicago for the Basketball Coaches meeting and the Rules Body meeting. This accounts for my delay.

I certainly do not agree that track work would handicap basketball playing at all. I have always insisted that as long as a boy is able to keep up with his academic work that he be permitted to participate in track or basketball, or vice versa, or even football and basketball.

I think it is a detrimental thing for a coach to tell a boy that one sport will injure him for another sport. I do not believe in this policy.

Of course, the case of Glenn Cunningham was somewhat different. Brutus Hamilton, his coach at the University of Kansas during his sophomore year, told Glenn that he was too great a track man to indulge in football and basketball. He was a fine player in both. I think in this case - with a prodigy like Glenn Cunningham, it is better to be a world champion in one sport than to battle along in every sport, but again a fellow could argue on both sides of the question.

Sometimes there is more fun in competing in high school and college sports as an undergraduate than can be had from competing as a world champion in one sport when you get out of college.

I don't think this boy will be hurt.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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FIELD KINDLEY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS



V. A. KLOTZ  
PRINCIPAL

*ack'd*

April 2, 1938

Coach F. C. Allen  
University Of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Coach;

I am enclosing self addressed envelope for which I would appreciate a letter regarding information relative to one of my basketball boys.

I have a little Mexican forward that has been very outstanding for me in basketball this year that also has considerable prospects of becoming a good miler in track. He moved here this year from another Town and his former coach has left the impression with him that track would handicap his basketball playing. Personally, I cannot see where it would effect him as he has a very good heart and is well developed physically but a letter from you would certainly be appreciated. He wants to run but his former coach still seems to have a little influence on him.

Thanks in advance for this favor and may I add my congratulation on the success of your fine team this past season.

Yours very truly,

*"Babe" Lewis*

Leland "Babe" Lewis  
Athletic Coach  
Field Kindley High  
Coffeyville, Kansas



April 5, 1938.

Mr. Leland Lewis, Coach,  
Field Kindley High School,  
Coffeyville, Kansas.

Dear Coach Lewis:

Your letter of April 2nd has been received during Dr. Allen's absence in Chicago. He will return the letter part of this week, and I am sure you will hear from him within a short time.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen,  
Director of Physical Education  
and Varsity Basketball Coach.



February 11, 1938.

Mr. Valentine Lentz,  
Athletic Director,  
St. John's College,  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Val:

This year the University Athletic Department is divided into a Director of Athletics and a Director of Physical Education. Gwinn Henry is Director of Athletics, and the writer is Director of Physical Education and Basketball Coach.

As Director of Athletics for the past 17 years we organized what is called the University of Kansas Physical Education Corporation. This corporation was for the purpose of building the stadium. We have a stadium that seats 38,000 people, and the cost of it was \$660,000. We still owe \$145,000 on the original set-up. I was executive officer of the Athletic Association. We had 14 members of the corporation, 8 of whom were from the faculty, which made it faculty-controlled.

By dividing the responsibility I was made head of the department and Director of Physical Education, and also in charge of the four-year school in physical education. This is in the School of Education, with a B. S. degree, and a major, of course, in physical education. We have about 95 majors at the present time. This is our first year.

I am sending you a mimeographed copy of this set-up. It is not in catalog form because it was set up too late to get in last year's catalog. But I trust the mimeographed sheets will fill your needs. I am asking that a catalog of the University be sent to you. I am also enclosing a copy of the Big Six (Missouri Valley Conference) rules of eligibility.

We have a new quarter of a million dollar hospital here in which the health of the students is handled by the board on hospitalization. We have a medical advisor and team physician. The two physicians practice in Lawrence, but we have also a perfect set-up with the dispensary. Each student pays a health fee of \$8.00 a year. That entitles him to x-rays, hospitalization, and so forth.



Our two departments - the Department of Athletics and the Department of Physical Education, are on a very friendly basis. I am the only one of the competitive coaches that works regularly in the Department of Physical Education. However, a great many of our coaches do teach classes in physical education, as well as their regular duties in athletics.

The income from the stadium is handled by the University of Kansas Physical Education Corporation. The money for the Department of Physical Education is by appropriation from the state. I head up both the men's and women's divisions in this department. We do not have a separate building for the two, but we have a division of the building for the lower floor, and for the upper floor we have a large main auditorium which is used by both groups.

We have a large auditorium field house in which basketball games are played. This leaves our larger gymnasium open for intramurals for both men and women. We have a very strong intramural program for both sections. The intramural set-up is also a part of the Department of Physical Education.

If there is anything further that I can give you, please command us.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

*Annapolis, Maryland*

February 7, 1938.

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

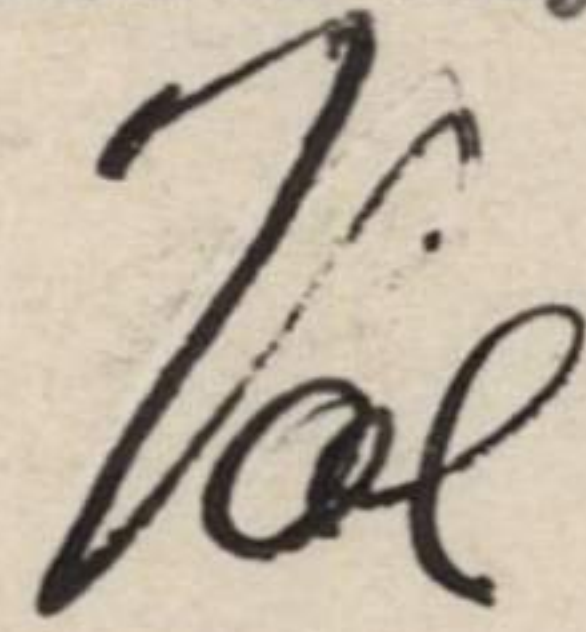
Dear Phog:

Would you be so kind as to send to me a complete copy of your athletic set-up at the University of Kansas. Also if it not too much trouble a copy of your code, rules, etc in the Big Six Conference.

I am asking this of you because the job of re-organizing our Athletic Department has been given to me by our new administration and I want to make it a lasting organization.

Thanking you for your kind co-operation and if possible would appreciate your prompt reply. With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Valentine Lentz  
Athletic Director

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November 10, 1937.

Honorable Alf M. Landon,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor Alf:

I delivered your message concerning your desires for tickets for the football game with the Aggies Saturday to Mr. Earl Falkenstien, financial secretary of the Athletic Association.

Mr. Falkenstien had anticipated these things from our early experiences with you as a Number One football fan, and he will have the tickets in the very near vicinity of Dr. Esterly and Dan Servey.

It was good to hear from you. I trust that any time I can be of any service you will command me.

Sincerely yours,

FCA: AH

Director of Physical Education.



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March 14, 1938.

Mr. J. Max Lowellen,  
439 Coffman Street,  
Longmont, Colorado.

Dear Max:

Thank you very much for your splendid interest in writing me regarding Les Major, who graduates from your high school this spring.

I know that you may think it queer in this day of proselyting when I write you the type of letter that I do. I want you to believe me when I tell you that we have never projected ourselves in our endeavor to get high school basketball material, unless the individual concerned was especially interested in attending the University of Kansas.

In my thirty years of coaching I believe that I know all the pressure and proselyting that goes on for athletes. However, I had a very early experience in my family that cured me of contributing to the pernicious evil that was then and is now taking place. I had a brother who had his own ideas about where he wanted to go to college, but a certain group of people made it appear lucrative for him, and in those days \$300.00 a year was quite a sum to give to a boy to get him to determine on a certain college.

This brother was a very serious and fine student - a big fellow weighing over 200 pounds, and a good many schools wanted him. However, he had the silly idea that he was a big shot or nobody would have offered him that money, but he was a poor business man. He spent more money than he should have, and instead of getting the money that was promised him he borrowed money being very sure that the people who promised him money would pay it to him. As a result, the more keen and astute athletes who were getting paid were the ones who pressed their claims first, and when it came to paying out of the slush fund, the slush fund was drained dry before he got his money.

That caused him to lose faith in human nature, and it took him about six years to find himself. He went off into professional baseball, and did everything but keep his nose to the grindstone and work hard. I shall never forget the bitterness that it caused him, and the education it gave me. I had offers at the same time to go to college, but I had chosen the University because that was the place I desired to go. I would no more accept the money than I would accept money for selling my vote. As a consequence, I have been very sensitive on this point.



I have had three sons of my own, and I would not thank any one for offering a soft job or easy money to any of these boys just to get them to go to college to play football, basketball, track, or what have you.

Please understand that I am not criticising you. Rather, I appreciate your interest, but I want you to know why I have stood on the ground that I have. If all these coaches would forget these fine boys and let them choose the college where they desire to go much of the evil of proselyting and the ballyhooing of big shots would be done away with. For that reason I have never gotten into the game of saying to a high school boy, "We will give you a soft job and make a bum out of you, in the majority of cases", because if the boy accepts such a job as that he is living in a "fool's paradise". He will soon find that when he gets out in the world the world is not going to give a nickel away; in fact, you have got to put forth six or eight cents' worth of energy to get a nickel.

I have a son who is now a freshman in college, and he was offered a scholarship, board, room and tuition, at two schools. I have in mind another fellow, a very wealthy man here in Kansas, who accepted a scholarship at one of the west coast schools for his son. It happens this wealthy man is a banker in western Kansas, and a very wealthy man out west provided the scholarship. The embarrassment came to this western Kansas banker, however, when he went out to visit his son and was made to feel very much ashamed when at a party because it was discovered that this wealthy westerner was paying the way for this son of the wealthy Kansas man.

This banker told me that he could not stand that, and sent his son back to the University, where he belonged.

I trust that I have not burdened you by preaching. Doubtless this boy belongs in Colorado and would go there unless somebody offered him a better proposition to go elsewhere. Here is the rub about a boy like Les Major attending the University of Kansas. If he were a Kansas boy he would pay \$25.00 a semester tuition; out of state students pay \$75.00 a semester tuition, as ordered by the Board of Regents.

The taxpayers of Kansas of course object to educating the students of other states without their paying their share. It is estimated that it takes \$240.00 of tax money in addition to the fees that the student pays to cover the expense of education for each individual per year. So you see why it is necessary to add additional money for the education of these students. And you can see why it would not be good business for a boy from out of the state to pay that additional money to attend the University unless he especially wanted to enroll here for some particular reason. And further, if this boy is a boy who is forced to work for his money he would spend many hours of additional work earning this much money.



Of course, I realize that there are out of state schools attracting some of the best of our Kansas boys with lucrative offers of jobs, but you and I know that these boys that go pell-mell, here and there, just for an easy job, are not the boys who, in later life, hit the higher rungs of success. I have always desired to take an intelligent, earnest and straight-shooting chap and endeavor to build morale in him sufficiently high that we will win a championship on morale and fundamentals rather than on big shot ballyhoo. I have worked on that basis and have been reasonably successful in the sports that I have coached. I do know, however, that this is not the opinion of the majority of coaches. They would rather have the alumni and their friends attract these specially fitted athletes to the institution for their athletic prowess, than the real worth while necessity of improving on their major academic interest or profession.

Again thanking you for your good letter and assuring you that I appreciated it, and begging your indulgence for going into detail with this explanation of my theories of what is wrong with athletics, I am, with kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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J. MAX LEWELLEN

LONGMONT, COLO.

Mar. 10

Dr. Forrest Allen.

Dear Dr.

Being a former student at the Univ. of Kansas and a native of Lawrence I am naturally interested in anything I might do to their cause. For that reason I am writing you about a boy we have here in Longmont.

His name is Les Major and he graduates from high school this spring. Last year he was all-state center in basketball and all-state end in football. He is nearly 6'8" and weighs 200lbs. According to all sports writers he is the outstanding athlete in the state and has been for the last two years. However he is much better in basketball than in football in my opinion. I have seen a lot of basketball players and I believe I am safe in saying he is the best high school player I have seen in action. Of course all the schools in the state are after him but I dont believe he has made any decision as to what school he will attend next fall.

From a finincial point he will have to have help wherever he goes as his parents are in no position to send him to school. But some college will get a good athlete if they can get him.

If you have someone in Denver or anyplace in Colo. that you would care to have look into this matter I would be glad to arrange a meeting for them



J. MAX LEWELLEN

LONGMONT, COLO.

at anytime that would be convenient to you. But I know that you would be fortunate if he were to enroll at K.U. Of course I have no special interest in this except that I would like to see Kansas get him if there is a chance at all.

If there is anything I can do to help I will be glad to do so.

Yours truly

*J. Max Lewellen*

439 Coffman St.



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October 8, 1937.

Mr. W. H. W. Hardwick, President,  
Canadian Amateur Basketball Association,  
7983 Heather Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Hardwick:

Thank you for your very good letter of the 30th ultimo regarding the difficulties that you find yourself in with the AAU of C. May I state my position briefly?

Dr. James Naismith, Professor of Physical Education here at the University of Kansas since 1898, a Canadian by birth and naturalized only after the World War, has a tremendous enthusiasm and interest in basketball in this part of the country. I have been associated very closely with Dr. Naismith since 1902.

In the early days the AAU perhaps did great good in enlisting the activities of the younger generation in the athletic clubs and in industrial organizations of the country. The Y.M.C.A. had an organization of its own. Of course, the game was originated at Springfield Y.M.C.A. College, and naturally the Y.M.C.A.'s took the lead. They did nothing much about basketball until along in 1905 when they began to function, but unless the AAU can make money out of anything they soon let it drop.

The National AAU Basketball Tournament went begging even as late as 1920 and 1921. Atlanta and some of the southern towns did take it, but it was rather a begging orphan until the Kansas City Athletic Club in Kansas City began to promote it. The Kansas City people built it up until they had crowds of ten and 12 thousand people in attendance at a single game, then it began to net \$6,000, \$8,000 and \$10,000 to the promoters. Just at that time the AAU went broke, and when I say broke, I mean flat broke, and they began to look around and levy on the things that were making the money. Up to that time the AAU got but ten per cent of the income and the promoters got the swag, leaving the boys who played not with the real expense money but just as much as the promoters could get by with, and that was all.



Then the National AAU organization took the tournament over and said that they wanted all the money and the Kansas City people let it go, and it went to Denver, Colorado. At the present time the basketball tournament each year is paying all the office expense of the AAU in New York City. This is between \$5,000 and \$7,000 a year. I dislike to make this accusation, but I have made it before, so when I say it to you you will understand that I would not want to be quoted on it unless I would make the statement direct.

The AAU, it seems to me, is interested only now in promoting the things that they can make money out of. And some of their officers have been known to give athletes a silver service set, running up to above \$100, yet they will deny the right of a boy to take anything for expense money that might run over their stipulated sum per day. In other words, the king can do no wrong. They are a group of politicians, henchmen who do what they want to, and when a poor youngster should make one misstep they will disqualify him, and unless he is a profit-making athlete he is apt to get the worst of it.

There are several cases in point concerning what the AAU did to the athletes who competed at Berlin. The Negro boy, Jesse Owens, who won more firsts than any of the other Americans, was disqualified because he refused to take a trip to some of the adjacent countries in Europe so the AAU could fatten their coffers at this boy's expense.

The AAU of the United States is in the throes of a very unhealthy turmoil. Political, race and religious prejudices are tearing it to pieces. The only reason that it survives at all is the fact that to be eligible for Olympic competition the competitors must be certified to by the organization that represents the United States, and that organization is the AAU. So long as these politicians have that power they can continue to do the things that they have been doing.

But the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the organization of colleges of the United States, which furnishes practically all the competition now for our Olympic competitors, is gaining ground by their square dealing with the athletes and by the fact that their college coaches develop more than 90 per cent of the competitors. The colleges have an overhead naturally that is sustained by the institutions, while the AAU must pay the expenses of their officers who do nothing but arrange meets, and so forth.



The Y.M.C.A.'s and the athletic clubs are not in the hands of any of the AAU people. The AAU has no equipment of any kind, not even hurdles, track equipment, or athletic equipment, let alone the mere fact that they never develop an athlete because no one is accepted by the AAU unless they have been trained by a high school and college administration. There is no competition among them until they receive a group of college graduates and then there is always some business firm who sponsors that kind of a team. College people, of course, have their competition in all forms of sports throughout the year and then during the summers some athletic club will pick up a star man, like Jim Bausch, or some Olympic competitor like Glenn Cunningham. Cunningham ran this year under the New York Curb Exchange.

Perhaps you know the racket that is employed and I should not go further into the matter. Suffice to say that I am not at all interested in the AAU. I think it is a racket from beginning to end, and I think it profits no one save the men in the high offices who gain their living by levying upon helpless individuals and gate receipts at large athletic gatherings.

Personally I would not know who is heading up the group of anti-AAU followers here in the state. I am not interested enough in them to fight them because I am in the college world and I do not have time for them. My opinion is they will destroy themselves by their own connivance.

Beginning in 1929 I set out to gain recognition for basketball in the Olympic Games. I have all that correspondence in which I took up with the world leaders in basketball the matter of such recognition. After we gained the right to have basketball in the Olympic Games a group appointed me as director of basketball for the United States. So quick was the conniving of this group of AAU henchmen that I withdrew my name rather than to be mixed up with them. I am sending you a report of the Olympic basketball committee, of which I was chairman, read before our National Association of Basketball Coaches assembled in Chicago.

You can see by this that the AAU and its officers had nothing to do with getting basketball in the Olympics; in fact, both President Brundage and Dan Ferris and the other officers in the United States did not know that other countries were playing basketball, and said so in their correspondence.



But as soon as basketball was placed on the Olympics program, even though they stated that there was no chance for it, then they jumped on the "gravy wagon" and held on to it until it was drained of every bit of self-respect as well as any financial income.

It is a long story. The University of Kansas and Utah Agricultural College played in Kansas City for the benefit of Olympic basketball, and our income was over \$10,000. The only money that the AAU got and spent was the money they received from the college basketball game, while the proceeds from their national AAU tournament went directly to pay office expenses in New York.

I talked with the manager of the McPherson Oilers, one of the groups that played in Madison Square Garden. He was one of the men who made the trip. He stated to me that the boys on both the Universal Picture Company of Hollywood, first place winners in America, and the McPherson Oilers second place winners, that the Olympic basketball competitors actually had to put up their jewelry and borrow money to make out the trip to Berlin. It was a sorry mess.

The colleges who had been primarily responsible in raising the money have now refused to have any basketball in the Olympics for the future. There are only four sports that the colleges are supporting in the next Olympics, and they are asking that our coaches handle these teams. Those four sports are swimming, rowing, wrestling and track and field.

If I can be of any service or give you any information that will help you I will be very happy to do so. I do not know the name of the individual who cares to stand out and make a fight against this corrupt group because that very individual has nothing to gain. It would all be paper power.

These boys who want to play independent basketball don't care enough about sticking with an individual long enough to whip the other outfit. They will play where it is most convenient to them.

I have in mind the name of one man who has talked about a movement on foot in the United States to form a national independent basketball organization, the same as the CABA in Canada, but this individual's standing is not the kind that I would care to recommend.



Suffice to say that there is great dissatisfaction all over the country with the AAU, not in basketball alone, but in every sport.

With every good wish, I am

Very cordially yours,

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Director of Physical Education.



# Canadian Amateur Basketball Association

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Dr. "Fog" Allen,  
University of Kansas,  
Laurence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:-

In this letter, along with a request for certain information regarding the organization of amateur basketball in the United States, I send greetings from the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association.

I have been advised that you are the source of information regarding amateur basketball in the United States, or else know who knows most on the subject. The purpose of this letter is to seek an alliance with the chief amateur basketball organization in your country in order to facilitate international games between teams of our respective organizations, especially along the international border, but also between our champion teams.

It is extremely important that I secure information on the subject as soon as possible. During the past summer, after long attempts on our part to get the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada to redress certain grievances and to rectify certain handicaps under which we were attempting to operate, our Canadian Amateur Basketball Association gave the required month's notice and formally withdrew from our Articles of Alliance with the AAU of C. Let me assure you that the causes of our withdrawal were absolutely administrative, regarding excessive cost of operating the Amateur organization to our loss, unnecessary interference in our game, - contrary to our Articles of Alliance with the AAU of C. - and failure of the AAU of C. to make any attempt whatsoever to remedy abuses which have crept into its administration. You must know that the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association HAS NOT CHANGED at all the definition of an amateur. Its officers have laid down a strict definition to be followed and have set up rigid arrangements for registration to prevent any encroachment of professionalism, - and all this at a minimum of cost as compared to the top-heavy overhead necessary under the AAU of C.

In April, 1937, I applied to Mr. Jones, secretary - treasurer of the Federation Internationale de Basketball at Rome for a direct alliance. His reply indicated two important things:

1.- that during the term of our alliance to the AAU of C. (1931 to 1937), the AAU of C. had used the fact of our alliance to them to secure under their own name, - the AAU of C. - our international alliance with the World Federation of Basketball. In our Articles of Alliance to the AAU of C. we did not agree to that, and it was done without our knowledge. (The CABA. was organized as a nationally independent sports organization in 1922, and operated as such until 1931). He advised that the CABA. could regain its own alliance.



2.- Dr. Allen -

(2) that the International Federation considers the AAU of C. merely a "super-imposed organization", and not the "nationally independent basketball association of Canada", and that the F.I.B.F. (above) desires and will affiliate with the REAL basketball organization of Canada.

I have also reason to believe that the AAU of C. has also an alliance with the AAU of USA., and that under said alliance, the AAU of USA. will refuse to permit basketball teams under its jurisdiction from playing basketball teams under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association- unless we rejoin the AAU of C. and submit our 20,000 odd members again to the top-heavy and inadequate financial machinery of that body and the interference of outsiders in the promotion of our game. I further understand that the alliance between the two countries is subject to cancellation on thirty days' notice. I am quite certain that it will be useless for me to apply to the AAU of USA. for an alliance on the basis of our rigid adherence to the amateur principles of the past and rigid control of international competition as well as recognition of one another's suspensions, etc., because the AAU of C. and that of USA. are so closely allied. Hence I am appealing to you to find out if there is any possibility of an alliance between the CABA. and the nationally independent basketball organization of the USA. If the International Federation which controls the basketball playoffs at the Olympics is satisfied, I cannot see why the basketball association of your country should not be also. Further, it seems to our officials unreasonable that basketball should not be able to progress without political interference from organizations not at all interested in our game beyond the monetary returns from our membership.

Incidentally, I may add here that the large bulk of our players DO NOT play in any game or sport under the jurisdiction of the AAU of C. In Canada, the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, also a nationally independent organization, has this year withdrawn from its alliance with the AAU of C., and there is now only ONE SPORT- lacrosse, still allied. The AAU of C. is really now chiefly governing individual sports,- track, etc.

Mr. Jones in his letter tells me that he believes that there is a movement on foot in USA. to form a nationally independent basketball organization, the same as the CABA. is in Canada, and that there have also been formed similar bodies in Argentine, Brazil, and some European countries. I shall be pleased to hear from you whether this is true.

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May I ask, Dr. Allen, that you place this/in the hands of whoever is chiefly responsible in USA. and attempt to give me an early reply. Please understand that what the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association is trying to do is to get control, absolutely, of its own sport, and take it away from the financial restrictions and the political intrigue of the AAU of C. We believe this we have a right to do, and that the AAU of C. should not be able to wield an axe against international competition to force us to remain under their control.

Last year, our Olympic team, Windsor, entertained your champion USA. team at Windsor in a series. This year the Windsors were defeated by the team of the University of British Columbia at Vancouver, B. C. Would you please advise me if your champion team is interested in a series on the Pacific coast, when, and what is the estimated guarantee required. If at all feasible, I would like to institute an annual international series.

Trusting that I may be favoured with an early reply, - one as encouraging as that received from Mr. Jones.

Sincerely yours, *W.D.W. Hardwick* President.

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