

BASEBALL HEADQUARTERS  
Robinson Gymnasium

February 28, 1941

Dear Varsity Baseballer:

I have been delighted at the enthusiasm shown by you and the rest of the squad over the coming baseball season. Your regular attendance in preparing yourself physically for the more strenuous days when you cavort on the diamond is very pleasing to me. All the jobs are wide open and there certainly is going to be some competition for places on this year's Varsity.


Do not forget your twelve push-ups night and morning on your fingers and toes. Physical fitness and the desire to battle courageously is about 60% of any sport, whether it be football, basketball, track, or baseball. So let's get in tip-top physical shape, use the medicine ball, punch the bag, skip the rope, play handball, and indulge in all these body-building exercises, so that when we get out doors to circle those bases and to throw that apple around in an intelligent and vigorous fashion, then there should be no strained or pulled muscles.

So keep up the good work, fight a good fight, keep training rules, and Kansas will have a fighting baseball team that the students will be proud of.

It will be typically a college team with no charging out at the umpire. But our charge will be at the opposition. Let's show them what real "esprit de corps" and determination can do for a team that has been shot to pieces, so far as last year's returning lettermen are concerned. Our new team will be vitalized by a group of young men who want to make their Varsity letters and have a lot of fun playing the great national outdoor game of baseball.

I will be with you shortly. Until then, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ernest Allen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name of the coach.

Varsity Baseball Coach