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May 11, 1943.

Mr. Hal Middlesworth,  
Sports Editor,  
The Daily Oklahoman,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Hal:

I am answering your good letter of April 22nd regarding the N.C.A.A.'s operation. Yes, the organization does have and has had for years sufficient income to keep it functioning without any financial difficulties. The organization charges every college in the United States that is a member of the N.C.A.A. outfit \$25.00 per year. This more than pays their expenses because they have always had a sizeable sum in the treasury.

There are no salaries paid in the N.C.A.A., therefore you can see that there is no great need for a large income. You state that if they did not have a source of income "it seems the setup is entitled to enough money to keep it alive as a governing body." Don't you agree with me that it would be better to take it from all sports than one sport? Since football produces the greatest revenue, would not a small per capita tax be better even if they did not have the \$25.00 dues per year?

I agree with you that any parent body has the right to exist by calling on its subsidiaries. I believe the parallel that you draw is hardly a likely one because the athletic association at a college has charge of all funds, and of course being faculty controlled the athletic association has the right to spend this money for the upkeep of other sports.

I would not be selfish enough to want to feel that basketball shouldn't pay its way. But when the N.C.A.A. sold basketball down the river to the A.A.U. for the purpose of nominating the coaches in the Olympics in track, crew, wrestling and swimming, and then when they levied on all the income from these tournaments in the N.C.A.A. national, it would be just as logical to levy on a certain amount of income from the Rose Bowl and other bowl games.

Our committee of Bunn, Olsen and I settled on 20% of the income from the N.C.A.A. tournament going to the organization and 80% to the competing teams. I am sure that you have enough confidence in us that we would not be foolish enough to want the N.C.A.A. to get nothing. However, in track and all other tournaments conducted by the N.C.A.A. it was never more than 10% taken from these meets or tournaments for the governing body. Why would they now take 55% of one sport and only 10% of all other sports?



If they legislate but 10% of the other sports, wouldn't you think that 20% would be a fair endowment?

I have been in this game a long time, Hal, and certainly would not leave ourselves wide open by being utterly selfish, but at the same time I for one do not propose to let a lot of money-grabbers take all of the income and say nothing. These same administrators in the N.C.A.A. talk about pot-hunters and gold-diggers when they speak of athletes who want individual prizes, yet this bunch of moguls want all the cash. Would they not be hyper-pot-hunters?

I believe you will understand what I am driving at. If at the Rose Bowl these football teams get all of the money for their colleges, because they are the ones who draw the gate, then why wouldn't it be perfectly logical that these colleges would get a fair share of the income at a basketball tournament? There is no cut on the football gate, but there is strangulation on the basketball gate. Can you explain that?

I am not arguing with you but I am endeavoring to show you that there is discrimination, and when there is discrimination then a case is thrown out of court as far as its justice is concerned.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 22

Dr. F. C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Doctor Allen:

I was very interested in your side of the Kansas-Aggie basketball game and assure you the story as you gave it to me will remain off the record. I had not known about the friendship between Ab Hinshaw and Clyde McBride, but can understand the point you make on McBride's resentment on treatment of the officials.

I certainly hope Kansas and the Aggies get together on basketball and very soon. You and Hank have the ~~most~~ outstanding teams of this section, year in and year out, and it would be a crying shame to keep them apart, especially ~~the~~ if the feeling of last winter's series can be forgotten.

Your position on N.C.A.A. matters was known to me before, as I said, and I agree with you that Oklahoma didn't realize much more than a fraction of its deserved share of the Kansas City pot.

But this question occurs to me (being practically unversed in the actual operations of the N.C.A.A.): Does the organization have any other source of income? If not, it seems the setup is entitled to enough money to keep it alive as a governing body. If the income isn't available elsewhere, perhaps the N.C.A.A. is entitled to take it from whatever event will support the group.

It's something like football and the other sports in college, isn't it? If all the income from football was plowed back into a football fund, what would become of track, baseball --- and even basketball in some schools? If all the N.C.A.A. basketball cash goes to the competing teams, and there are no other sources of revenue, what's to become of the colleges' governing body?

Perhaps the division isn't fair, as now set, but isn't the N.C.A.A. entitled to its endowment, so to speak?

Yours very truly,

*Hal Middlewood*



April 16, 1943.

Mr. Hal Middlesworth,  
Sports Editor,  
The Daily Oklahoman,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Hal:

I acknowledge with thanks your good letter of April 14th. May I say this, off the record, that Clyde McBride was much more incensed over what the Oklahoma Aggies did here at Lawrence than I was. Frankly, I didn't feel as deeply as some of the others until some of the spectators came up to me after the game and said that for the past two years both of the Oklahoma Aggie exhibitions have been beyond reproach. I am speaking of their intensely close and aggressive guarding by doubleback up and whacking down on the man with the ball long before he got to the goal. I am telling you this off the record because I would not want it printed as it might cause misunderstanding.

Mike Getto, the All-American tackle of Pittsburgh, and a two-fisted fellow who is an advocate of the 'go-get-'em type, said to me, "If I had known that it would be this kind of a game, I wouldn't have come up. I wouldn't walk across the street to see games like the Oklahoma Aggies have played the last two years here." And there were scores of other virile, aggressive people who disliked the exhibition. They seemed to think it was too flagrant to be called a game.

The Chancellor called me Monday morning and said, "We do not want to play those fellows any more." I laughed and said, "Well, Chancellor, we have a game at Stillwater on the 17th." He said, "Don't play them. Cancel it." I explained to him, of course, that that was impossible. The Chancellor is not the old fogey type, but he is a young, keen business man who was assistant dean of business at Harvard University. He is the type of man that President Brandt of Oklahoma is - cultured, keen, genteel and aggressive. So you see, I had mounting opposition.

Clyde McBride had come down to the game with Ab Hinshaw, and frankly I think that McBride's attitude was more on account of the way they treated the officials than any other thing. By leaving Kurland on the bench there was an attitude upon Hank's part to infer that there was no use to put anybody else in there, you couldn't win the game anyhow. So don't you see, the resentment was against the officials, and Mac and Hinshaw being very close friends, I think Mac took up the cudgel for Ab. I do not believe that it was resentment of McBride against the Oklahoma Aggies for what some people thought was roughing of the Kansas players. I believe that I am wright in this conclusion.



Through the years a coach will run on to such situations after having a pretty rough game bob up all at once. And I never would have said anything to Hank had he not immediately after the contest come over and said, "I don't like that, I'll tell you that." And then a little resentment that I had kept way back flared up and I said, "That goes double for me, too, Hank." And he said, "What?" And I repeated my statement, saying, "I certainly don't like it."

We perhaps were talking about two different things, but had not the Chancellor taken his position and had not the spectators (who, by the way, do not influence my action) made such a united protest, then perhaps it would have been an incident lightly passed over. But members of the Athletic Board, many of them, have spoken to me since, saying that they thought it was a mistake to play games like that.

When I was in Stillwater I was very frank and open when I spoke to the Quarterback Club with Hank and our other friends seated close by. I told them there at Stillwater that we did not like games of that kind and I only wished they might have a couple of them down there to see how really unsatisfying it was. But every game up until this last one at Stillwater, has not been a rough affair. However, the game of February 17th was rough and resulted in some flare-ups.

I like Hank Iba. I think he is a fine coach and he is a good fellow, and I am sure that if he and I were to play again, and I hope we do some day soon, that there will be no repetition of any of this rough stuff. I think he got a little overanxious in talking to his boys in his desire to lick us, and they being a new bunch went further than he had expected them to go.

I have gone to quite some length to explain to you that I had no great pique over the Lawrence game, and it certainly would not have had any bearing when it came to making an ultimate selection.

Thank you for your congratulations, but as I wrote George Edwards the other day, I would not have been interested in playing in Kansas City. I have some rather definite ideas regarding the N.C.A.A. and their money-grabbing. There is no more reason to expect the N.C.A.A. to take 55% of the total income than it is to expect the N.C.A.A. or the Rose Bowl promoters to take all the money there and divide it 18 different ways after the money-grabbers take 55%. Nor is there any reason to expect the National Commission to take all the money and let the players have a mere dribble. There is no entertainment feature for the boys. They are limited to a mere \$5.00 a day and taxicab fare is not even paid for them. There is no show entertainment or anything else, so if anybody can get a kick out of playing for the big-wigs who teach amateurism in its strictest sense and practice professional money-grabbing, then I am just all wrong.

I trust some time that I may have the pleasure of sitting down and talking with you. My conception is that the colleges who make this tournament are entitled to the major returns and that the N.C.A.A. should have a maximum of 20% of the net. In all of the other N.C.A.A. promotions they get but 10% of the income from all the other sports, individually and collectively. But basketball, which they sold once down the river



to the A.A.U. and the A.A.U. in turn gave the N.C.A.A. moguls the right to nominate the coaches in four major Olympic sports, namely track and field, crew, wrestling and swimming, - has suffered another setback because when it became a money-maker then this same political N.C.A.A. outfit instead of taking their 10% took the first 10% and then divided the 90% two ways. This makes 55% for the N.C.A.A., and 2/18 to Oklahoma and the other teams that played two games, and 3/18 for Wyoming and Texas, who played three games.

I'll bet a pretty penny that Oklahoma's share won't be enough to buy Bruce Drake and his traveling squad a new red necktie a piece. It would be interesting to compare what Bruce Drake netted on his Eastern tour of two games with what he netted on the two games in Kansas City. Wouldn't you like to find it out and make a comparison? In other words, Ned Irish is giving the Oklahoma team some return from the drawing power that Oklahoma had back East. But Major Griffith, L. W. St. John and their satellite, Harold Olsen, are turning in to the N.C.A.A. coffers the money that should go to Oklahoma.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
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April 14, 1943

Dr. Dorrest C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Doctor Allen:

I'm sorry if my comments on the selection of Oklahoma for this district's representative in the N.C.A.A. playoff were construed by anyone as a charge that you actually got in touch with anyone to attempt to influence his vote in the matter. I do realize that your position on N.C.A.A. matters would preclude that, if nothing else.

What I was trying to convey (and I must have failed as a newspaperman) was that your opinions and judgment carry enough weight with Clyde McBride that he, perhaps unconsciously, voted as you would have voted--- and, I thought, as would have pleased you. I am interested to learn that your opinion was the Aggies should have had a playoff with Oklahoma. I apologize if I wronged you in my original assumption.

I met Mr. McBride in Kansas City at the playoffs and he was still pretty warm about the Aggie-Kansas game in Lawrence and very frank in saying his vote was influenced by that game. He was equally frank in his admiration for you.

I'm glad to hear now that your pique, if there was any, over that Lawrence game did not have any bearing on the ultimate selection.

Let me offer belated congratulations on Kansas' season and observe that if Uncle Sam had delayed his call a little longer, this talk about N.C.A.A. selections would have been non-existent--- since the Jayhawks would have been in Kansas City and the also-rans at home. I thought Ray Evans was one of the finest players I saw all season.

Yours very truly,

Hal Middlesworth



April 12, 1943.

Mr. Hal Middlesworth,  
Sports Editor,  
Daily Oklahoman,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Hal:

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You might know from what I have said of the N.C.A.A. committee that I did not contact them nor did they contact me. However, had I had anything to do with it, in my opinion the worst that the Aggies should have had was full consideration of a play-off with Oklahoma for the right to represent the district. Further, I might say that at all times have I been very friendly to the Missouri Valley Conference.

When I was chairman of the Rules Committee of the Fifth District I asked the Missouri Valley Conference to nominate their representative whom they wished to serve on the Big Six selection committee. The first man named was Jack Truesdale of Grinnell, and later they nominated Bill Williams to serve.

The fact that Kansas has consistently played the Oklahoma Aggies on a home and home basis, and this year played Creighton on a home and home basis, showed this friendly spirit. I believe Kansas was the only Big Six school to play both Creighton and the Oklahoma Aggies. Surely this would convince anyone that there is no enmity against the Missouri Valley Conference and her members by any representative of the University of Kansas.

I have a high personal regard for both Coach Henry Iba and Eddie Hickey. If there are any differences between Coach Iba and me we settle them in direct personal conference.

Again, I want to renounce any connection directly or indirectly with the N.C.A.A. selection committee.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
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June 11, 1942.

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Mr. F. C. Allen.  
Robinson Gym.  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doc,

I received a letter from Ed Elbel yesterday. He told me that he had seen you and as usual you were hard at work. That prompted me to the fact that I have owed you a letter for sometime.

Your last letter was about the insurance man in K.C. Off hand I can't recall his name. I want to thank you for telling me about it. I wrote him and told him I would soon be in the armed services, but I would be glad to talk to him. However, I never did receive an answer from him. The letter <sup>was</sup> mailed thru our messenger boy in Wichita and it may never have been mailed. I had also written Ed a letter and I don't think he ever received his letter. It may be possible that my letter was never received. When I can get my letter files at home I may possibly write him again.



As you know I am in the Air Corp Physical Training program. If nothing goes wrong both Ray Evans and I hope to be at Scott Field. I'm quite anxious to be started into some real work. I think the Air Corp does a very good job with P. T. considering the great numbers and lack of facilities they have to work with.

The school here in my estimation is just so-so. Except for a very few military ways it is exactly the same physical education work that I had at K. U. It would be very good for a person who was new to the field. However, they do try and cram a lot down your throat in a very short time. It makes it pretty tough on some of the boys.

They have some mighty fine fellows here in school. We have quite a group from Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. I knew several of the boys before I came here. They do have several who are the brawn type and not the brainy type. Some shouldn't be allowed



to get out of here. I don't know just what they will do with them.

I had high hopes of going to O. C. S. before long. Now I'm afraid it will be some time. It seems that they have very low quotas and a good many ~~want~~ waiting for it. I still believe I will make it but it will take longer than I had anticipated.

I ran into John Kline and Spike Robertson here in Miami. John had just gotten in from Cuba after 10 months at sea. They are both here in Sub Chaser School. Franny Franklin is also here although I haven't seen him yet. It's amazing how you run into K. U. people every where you go. I saw about 10 fellows at Sheppard Field, Texas also.

It's a little late to be congratulating you on this years basketball team, but you really had a team. I am only sorry they had to break up before the N. C. A. A. I believe they



would happen taken it. ~~here~~ without much trouble this year. I hope the boys will have a chance to get together again when this mess is all finished

I had a very nice job in Wichita. I had moved up to Employment and was moving out of that capacity when I left. I set up the War Manpower Tables for the company and also a new system of wages. They were going to make me some sort of a specialist in that work as well as my Employment job. I had 3 men and 4 girls working under me when I left. Pete Bausch was one of my chief interviewers and he was really doing a swell job. He is one of the finest persons I have ever known. When they gave him to me I rather shuddered to think how he might work out. However, he does a marvelous job, and you couldn't ask for a nicer fellow to work with. I hated to leave



when I did because I think I was just getting started. Perhaps something else will pop up when its finished

Jean is here with me in Fla. She likes it very much except that the heat is finally getting to be to much for her. It is very nice to have her with me even though our time together is very short.

I had best close now and get on over to chow. Give my regards to your family and others I know who may still be in Lawrence. Jean also sends her regards

Fraternally

Ralph Miller



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February 15, 1943.

Mr. Whitney Martin,  
Associated Press,  
50 Rockefeller Plaza,  
New York City.

Dear Whitney:

I noticed your article out of New York quoted by the A.P. stating that you liked the idea of Ben Flora, coach of Roseland, Kentucky, high school who advances the idea to have the officials distinguish between an intentional foul and a non-intentional misdeed.

You know, Whitney, that is one thing rule makers try to get away from, - and that is not to permit any official to rule on intent. I tell a yarn about an eastern official, when a western team went east, a player passed the ball in one direction and after passing the ball the player cut diagonally across the court. When he was in mid-court, going away from the progress of the ball, the official blew his whistle and shouted, "On you - pick! (pick-off)". The startled western player turned in amazement and said, "Why, I haven't done anything." "Yes, I know that, but I detected evil in your eye," said the official.

That illustrates exactly what you would have if you allowed a fellow to rule on intent.

Whitney, you know the old penalty box idea was Dr. Naismith's, but they only played with four men when they were in the penalty box.

Here's your evil if you would permit a fellow to go back for the fifth foul. He would only ease up in his fouling at the fourth foul. Suppose you disqualified no one for any number of fouls - what do you think you would have? You would have mayhem. It is much easier for an opponent to grab on and hold a player in the middle of the court than it is to allow him to go in and shoot for two points. If you would not have a limitation on personal fouls you would have an unbearable situation. That is why the four-foul rule has never been taken out of the book.



Edward Hall used to say in the football back that any dope can run around and end, if you permit the offense to hold a defensive end. No player can score in basketball if you permit holding by the defensive side. Basketball is such a highly developed, skillful game that requires freedom of movement in shooting that you spoil the game utterly when you permit holding and too easy body checking.

Someone says that there is no other game that ejects a player for making a certain number of fouls. Well, there is no other game just like basketball that requires the freedom of movement in shooting for a goal that basketball does.

If most coaches spent as much time teaching the players on their team not to foul as they do in screening, which shades into blocking, and if they spent time on the offensive, then you would have less fouling and the players would stay in the game more. I contend that Nick Kearns was right. The crowd should boo many of the coaches who teach screening and when the screening shades into blocking they jump up and scream their heads off because this so-called coach would not teach his player to screen instead of block. It is poor pedagogy on the part of the coach that caused the boy, and incidentally the team, to get into trouble.

So let's teach better individual defense and better team defense, and not try to crowd the issue by saying the best player goes out of the game when in reality the poorest player goes out of the game because he has not learned enough to keep from fouling sufficient to keep him in the game. A rule that has stood the test and decrying of so many coaches must have some good points in it. People like highly developed skills and they do not like awkward body-slaming contacts which are sure to result unless the game is kept open and clean. And only by calling fouls closely can you keep this game on a highly skillful basis.

Dr. Naismith has always emphasized that the player should play the ball and not the man, and when you play the man you have a five-team wrestling match. The ball is apt to roll out on the floor without anyone to play it. So let's emphasize clean teamwork rather than a slam-bang, rough and tumble shinny game.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 12, 1943.

Mr. Edward J. Medart, President,  
Fred Medart Manufacturing Co.,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear E. J.:

I was happy to have your letter of the first instant, and beg pardon for the delay in answering.

Thanks for sending the tear sheet from Time. The magazine had sent me one but I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

I am glad to hear about Roy Weinzettel being located at Warrensburg. I will drop him a line. You know I was at the Teachers College in Warrensburg from 1912 to 1919 as athletic director and coach of all sports. We made the best seven-year record there that I have made in any one seven-year period.

Jack Mathews and I had quite a bit of correspondence on the adjustable goal. From my book, "Better Basketball", he quotes what I have to say regarding the graduated heights of a basketball goal for grade schools, junior high and high school players, and then I of course added the college players for a 12 foot basket.

Answering your question regarding the attachment for the new and existing basketball backstop with height adjustment, I think that it will come in time, but doubtless the war will slow up the time determiner somewhat. I am not definitely able to state regarding the need for quick adjustment, or only at rare intervals. In all schools where the building is used for different ages I think the quick adjustment perhaps would be a good thing. If we could have a series of slots for this height adjustment it would be a great thing.

There is a good deal to be said about the steel fan-shaped bank coming into general use in the post-war period. There is a big fight on between the eastern coaches and the high school federation. The eastern college coaches do not want the fan-shaped board and they do not want the molded ball. They want the stitched ball. It seems as if Porter, of Chicago, and the high school people are very strong for the fan-shaped steel board -- and incidentally, so am I - and they have antagonized the eastern college coaches with the small board.



Harold Olsen and the politicians in the Big Ten are stringing along with the eastern college coaches and refusing to use the small bank. It is quite a story and if I had time I could spin some interesting yarns. However, I do not believe there is a chance of reviving the convex bank.

If you are not careful these college coaches may try to run the small backboard out of business, but I do not believe they can do it. The Pacific Coast college coaches are against the small bank - Sam Barry and that outfit, but he is in the Navy now; but the University of Southern California people are carrying the torch for Barry's idea.

If I ever get through St. Louis I would enjoy stopping by and having a short visit with you. I think there is a lot of post-war planning that would prove highly interesting and constructive.

Congratulations on the very clever brochure, keeping factories to the forefront and prime conditioning in the first rank. I think your bulletin is very unique.

I note that you have but a limited number of Goal-Hi's and of course understand that further manufacture is prohibited, but I have been enjoying and appreciating the tidy little check that has come from time to time.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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PRESIDENT

February 1, 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
c/o University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Undoubtedly you have seen the enclosed item from "Time Magazine", but I am sending it to you just in case.

Of course, you know that Roy is in the Army, Captain Weinzettel, stationed at Warrensburg, Missouri.

Recently Jack Matthews of the University of Missouri wrote me, sending copy of his article published in "Health and Physical Education", January, 1942, in which you are quoted: "It is thinkable that a grade-school boy should shoot at an 8-foot basket, a junior high school boy at a 9-foot basket, a high school player at a 10-foot basket, and a college player at a 12-foot basket".

What would you think of an attachment for both new and existing basketball backstops, which would permit of height adjustment? If such a thing could be developed, do you think it would be necessary to provide for quick adjustment or would height-adjustment be made only at rare intervals?


I enclose a little booklet which gives you the status of our business under war conditions. We have left only a limited number of Goal-Hi's, and, of course, further manufacture is prohibited.

Do you think the steel, fan-shaped bank is coming into general use in the post-war period? Do you think there is any possibility of reviving the convex bank?

It has been some time since I have heard from you, and it seems that when I write you I do nothing more than ask a lot of questions. However, I am of the opinion that it is not too early to be doing a little post-war planning.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

  
President

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January 7, 1943.

Mr. Ralph Miller,  
Aero Parts Manufacturing Co.,  
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Ralph:

I am thanking you for your very good letter of the 21st ultimo in which you gave me the scouting notes on St. Joseph. Your letter came in very good time because Mrs. Hulteen sent it on to me at Buffalo. I used your scouting notes, knowing that all the Eastern teams played equally alike. I said to the boys, "We will now read the dope on St. Bonaventure's and then we will read it on Fordham and then we will read it on St. Joseph's, because what Ralph says about St. Joseph's will be equally true for the other teams." And it worked out that way.

Bobby came on to New York to see the Fordham game, but he did not get to Buffalo. However, we were rejuvenated in our St. Bonaventure's game and we carried on. St. Louis was very similar to the other teams, so the boys soon got on to the style of attack and defense, and we moved along in good shape.

Monday night we rode over Mr. Jack Gardner in rather an unceremonious fashion. I don't believe he liked it any too well, but we had to get even for that Kansas City debacle. We are going along pretty well now and we thank you for all the time and the trouble that it took you to get these fine scouting notes together.

Our kindest and best regards to you and Jean. Here's wishing you and yours lots of happiness and success in the new year, 1943.

Fraternally,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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WICHITA, KANSAS

12-21-42.

Dr. F. C. Allen  
Robinson Gym  
Univ. of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Doc.

Excuse this scribbling, but I wanted to get this letter to you before you started for the east. I was in Philadelphia last week and saw Iba's boys play St. Joseph. Bobby and I scouted them both together and talked the game over. For that reason I imagine he will give you most of the information I have to offer. I might be able to add a little anyway.

I shall dwell upon St. Joseph for now because you play them first. I shall write you again on Iba when I have more time.

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The St. Joe boys do not take time to set before shooting. They really get the ball away in a hurry so the boys will have to play much closer to them than usual. They fire from any place and take plenty of shots. For so many long shots they have a very good percentage. Every boy can shoot well so every man will have to be on their toes. The minute the defense goes lax they fire and they make some beautiful shots. Their names are lost to me because I lost my program, but Bob will have that for you.

I believe you can fast break them easily especially if you cut to the middle and the other boy swing behind. Use the break we always drill on and you will give them a fit. They don't know how to cover that roll on the break. Two men go back in fair shape but the others are slow coming back. Often only one hurry's back. They all turn their backs to the ball going down the floor so you can see what would





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happen. Also they have only 5 men. They will tire if you carry the game to them. They start with a bang and fight hard all the time. They are in pretty good condition. Really stuck close to them in the first 15 minutes. They play fast & furious then, but bog down after their initial spurt.

They have no set offence at all. They pass and cut shoot long and one handed. They fire at random any place on the court. They have no rebound on the def offensive backboard. No 4. is the only rebounder. He is very good. Keep him away from the basket. They do not rebound the defensive board to well. They do really clamp a man from both sides when he comes down. Either shoot while in the air or really get

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rid of the ball fast. They all congest under the basket. <sup>on rebounds.</sup> You can tip the ball to your men in the back court easily and they should have good set shots. Their men on the defense can't cover a pivot man. Your two pivot men should have a key-day.

If they fake one way and then come back with a shot to the opposite side. It doesn't make any difference which way they fake. They just can't guard a fake and pivot. Their defense picks the men up ~~up~~ well out in the middle of the court, thus leaving plenty of room for your post men to work.

Also if this number 4 takes your quarter back, have him be on his toes. This boy is a ball hawk and will intercept the passes and take the ball away from the g.b. if he is not careful. The officials let him rough the g.b. a little too much so it is easier for him to work. This boy can shoot long and one handed and is a good rebound man. I would suggest using Ray or Charlie on him preferably Ray because he is very fast and quick. Who ever takes him better watch for his fakes and quick shots and he shoots unexpectedly. Play him close and rough. If you keep him away from the offensive backboard on rebounds you





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will take 9/10 of their rebound power. No. 8 is a good long shot and right one hand shooter. He gets very hot for a few minutes and then cools off. He had 5 buckets in 1st 10 minutes and then didn't score again. He likes to shoot from the right side out long. Hit 3 in a row from there. No 11 is a fair offensive player. He cuts for basket for goals. He doesn't hit well with long shots. They like to be playing on one side of the court and then cut the weak side man for the basket unexpectedly. No. 11 scored twice on this type of play. It the only one they have I believe. The other 4 players get to missing <sup>on</sup> one side leaving the other side open for this boy to break on.

The little dark complected boy likes to shoot long and that's all he can do. The other boy is a well rounded player but not exceptional in any one thing. No. 4 is by far their best boy on offense and stiff defense.

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This is a general idea about St. Joe. They are small, but fight hard. You have much more power than they have, but you can't let down or quit fighting or they will beat you. Iba had more stuff but St. Joe just out fought Iba. When his team had a chance to break their back they failed to fight. Then St. Joe recovered and it was curtains. St. Joe is low at the start of the 2nd half. This is the time to pour it on. Watch their initial spurt. They play rough  
5 You can fast break 6 Pivot men can go to town 7 Watch no. 4 8 Watch 8 at the start or if he should hit his 1st long shot.  
9 Out fight them 10 Rebound both baskets hard. 11 Don't ever relax 12 Watch for the weak side play

This is all I can recall. If the boys work they can win. It will be a fight, but the boys can do it. Give them my regards and wishes for a successful trip

Good luck

Ralph Miller

Excuse this messy letter, but I'm afraid it might miss you.



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September 24, 1942.

Mr. Ralph Miller,  
Aero Parts Mfg. Co.,  
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Ralph:

Mrs. Allen and I were glad to hear from you and Jean. I would write you a longer letter but everybody is up to their necks with this new toughening course. We have almost a third more than we expected, so we will cut the letter short and make it up some other time.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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September 16, 1942

Dr. F. C. Allen  
Robinson Gymnasium  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Doc":

Just wanted to drop you a line and thank both you and Mrs. Allen for the lovely wedding present you gave Jean and I. It certainly was a wonderful gift and you don't know how much we both appreciated it. I was in Lawrence the other day just for a few minutes and wasn't able to stop and thank you personally.

I hope that by now Mrs. Allen is feeling better and is ready for the coming school year. From the information I have received, you will have all of your boys back this winter for basket ball. I certainly was glad to hear that and hope that you will go ahead and ring the bell for another championship.

I have a very nice job in personnel work in Aero Parts and like it very much. However, I do not expect to stay with it very long as my deferment is up November 10. After that I do not exactly know what I will be doing. I sure would like to stay with this job because I think there is a great future in it. About my only chance of anything in this line would be if I can still have this job when I get back from military service.

I guess I had better close, but I do want to thank you again for the lovely gift and I want to also thank you for the many favors you did for me while I was in college. Anything I can do to return these favors, just let me know.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ralph Miller".

Ralph Miller

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Arkansas City, Kansas  
August 11, 1942

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

Dear Sir:

I received your fine letter, and I most sincerely agree with you concerning athletics. I would be very happy to play under you, but I am going to Texas University.

Thanking you for your kind interest, I am

Very truly yours,

*Jack Mitchell*



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August 10, 1942.

Mr. Jack Mitchell,  
Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dear Jack:

Sparky McSpadden spoke to me regarding the possibility of your attending the University of Kansas. I do not know what profession you are expecting to follow or what course you desire to take during your college career. However, I want you to know that if you should decide upon the University of Kansas we will be delighted to have you here and we will be able to help you with a job if you are in need of work.

Sparky can tell you as other University students can tell you that we do help our athletes, but we help them help themselves. We do not help them because they are athletes but because of the fact that they are athletes and students who are making progress toward graduation. I am not especially interested in a fellow because he is a sterling athlete and he looks at his athletics as an end. Athletics are good for only two things, or possibly three -- to introduce you favorably to business and to society; to give you pleasure in your achievement during your academic career; and further, to instill a pride in your physical fitness that you will not desecrate or tear down a fine body machine in the way of dissipation.

America and England are the only two nations that have used the team game idea in business and society. We say "play the game" and that means that you will cooperate, that you will train, that you will sacrifice for the other fellow, and that you will actually throw yourself away to win the team's game. That is the thing that has made America great. But we are losing the war so far, and I am looking at the world situation more than I am at our athletic situation. I realize that millions of our younger boys are going to be called upon to stem the German tide, and I would advise a boy to prepare himself for the conflict and not think of life at the present as a place where a man can go to school to play ball and have fun. There is a challenge infinitely greater than this that confronts you and all of our young men.

I will be happy to hear from you if you are interested in the University of Kansas, and assure you my full friendship and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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September 6, 1943.

Mr. R. W. Higgins,  
Manager, Apparatus Division,  
Fred Medart Manufacturing Co.,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Higgins:

I appreciate your letter of September 2 regarding the quotations you submitted to us. It is necessary, of course, for us to get bids from three firms before we may send our purchase request to the State Business Manager.

We recommended that the 20 Climbing Ropes (87M) be purchased from your firm, as well as 2 Parallel Bars (1M). Our purchase request is sent to the University Business Office, and from there to the State Business Office in Topeka. This usually takes a few days, but I am sure that in the very near future you will hear from the State Business Manager in regard to this order.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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R. W. HIGGINS  
MANAGER APPARATUS AND  
GYM SEAT DIVISION

Sept. 2, 1943

Department of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Gentlemen:

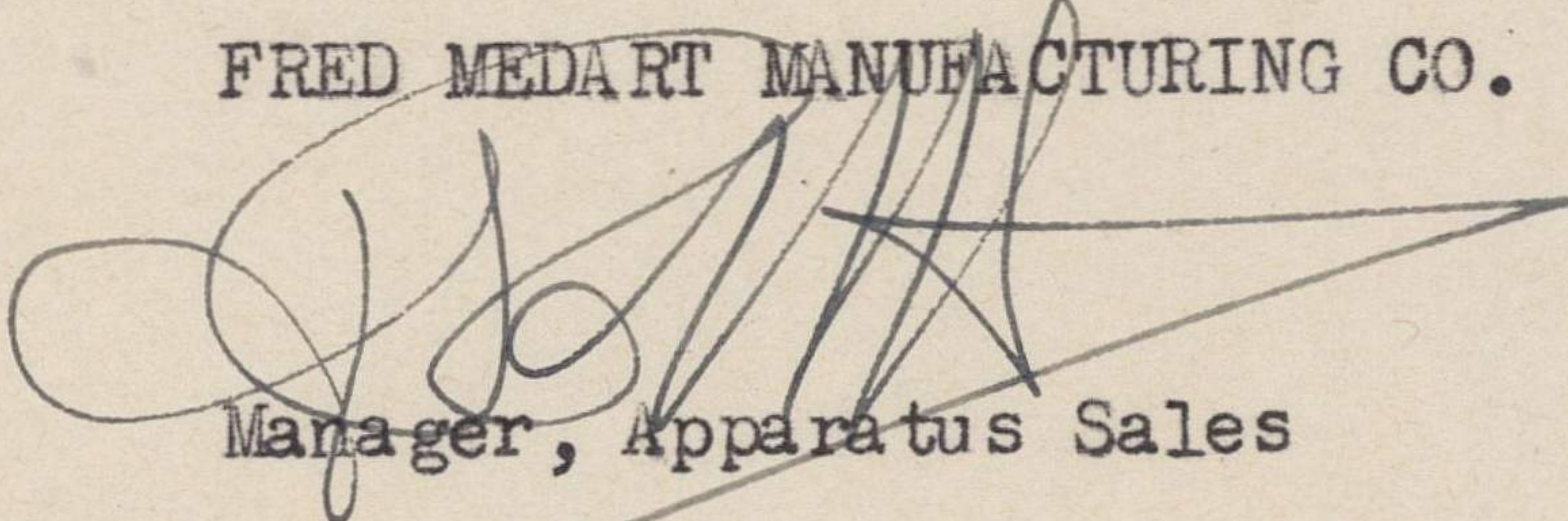
It was our privilege, under date of August 20, to submit quotation to you covering various items of gymnasium equipment in which you expressed interest in your letter dated August 19. We are anxious to know your intentions and would appreciate it very much if you will advise us at your earliest convenience.

As you no doubt realize, it is necessary in these days to anticipate material requirements as far in advance of actual needs as is possible. We, therefore, are following all quotations very closely in an effort to be as well prepared as possible to give service on orders that come to us.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially yours,

FRED MEDART MANUFACTURING CO.



Manager, Apparatus Sales

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September 3, 1943.

Mr. B. R. Miller, Principal,  
Marshalltown Senior High School,  
Marshalltown, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I regret to advise you that after thinking the situation over very carefully I am unable to recommend a young man that I think would fill your position acceptably. Of course you know the reason as well as I do. There are no 4-F chaps that are free.

Thanking you for your kindness in writing me, and trusting that you have by now secured someone, I am

Sincerely yours,

PCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



MARSHALLTOWN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
AND  
JUNIOR COLLEGE  
B. R. MILLER, PRINCIPAL

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA.

August 25, 1943

Dr. F. C. Allen  
Basketball Coach  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Our Mr. Russell Dickinson has accepted an appointment to the physical education department in the college at Ames. We are, therefore, looking for a man to be our head basketball coach here in Marshalltown. Our school is of such a size that the basketball coach will be asked to teach physical education classes, and possibly to assist with football in the fall and handle track in the spring. I believe we will be able to pay a salary which will attract a man of some ability. The amount of the salary will depend upon the training and experience of the applicant.

I am inclined to believe that a source of supply for the man we want will be in the smaller schools where the school board will be willing to release a man for a better position. I am wondering whether you know of any men who have the qualifications and might be interested in the position here.

I assure you that I will appreciate anything you can do to help us in our selection.

Sincerely yours,

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

*B. R. Miller*

Principal

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