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January 26, 1940.

Mr. Ralph Miller,
1100 Indiana St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Ralph:

I imagine every time you see me coming or when you open a letter from me you expect to receive some sort of criticism. But of course, Ralph, there are two kinds of criticism - constructive and destructive, and I have endeavored always to render constructive criticism although sometimes it might be misunderstood.

I want you, when you read this letter, to take it to the quietude of your own room and read it as you would read a letter from a real friend. I have had such high hopes and aspirations for your success that I will be terribly disappointed unless you measure fully up to all of the possibilities of which you are capable. I am remembering that you were a member of the National Honor Society and that you were extremely active in your high school, that you were one of the leaders not only in athletics, but in other activities.

I see no reason why this leadership should not continue to bloom into full fruition; that when you leave this University you will be as popular and as valuable a member of society as you were when you left the Chamute High School.

If you can begin reading this letter with a full knowledge that I am definitely your friend, that I am only seeking to find for you the place that you can occupy after a progressive struggle, then you will be in the right frame of mind to read this letter. I want to start by saying that perhaps when you were tall for your age in junior high school you felt perhaps a hesitancy in being so altitudinous and you rather drooped your shoulders in order to appear not so tall. I know this affects some people. As a consequence, I feel that you have developed a slouch and that if you continue it, it will injure your chances of success in business and in life.

The barbers have a slogan that I think is stimulating from business principles, but it is a good one -- "It pays to look well". I do not think that a fellow should be overdressed or underdressed. He should not be conscious of his clothes being of too fine a texture or of a texture that would cause embarrassment to his pride.

Often when you walk down the street or in the halls you have a way of wearing a hat or cap stuck up on top of your head a la fools' cap fashion that sometimes causes people to look at you dubiously. I fear that somewhere back in the background of your childhood existence you observed one of your heroes wearing his clothes in rather an uncouth and awkward fashion, and this has made you develop habits that are not conducive to making you look at your best. This cap with its flap turned down and perched on the top of your head and your slouchy carriage rather sell you short at times.

If I were you I would pull my chin in back of my sternal notch, I would throw those shoulders back where they belong. A fellow may not be any more intelligent, but he looks more so with proper posture.

You know, Ralph, I am not wanting you to be a sissy or a stuck-up, but you just observe the leaders in your town or in any town and see how many fellows walk along with their shoulders and head down. A confident man exhibits a poise and a bearing that begets confidence. I am so anxious that you put forth the best that is in you that at times I might appear slightly impatient at your apparent slow progress.

You have but one more year in college after this is finished and unless there is a metamorphosis both academically and in campus leadership I fear that you will not sell yourself to the powers that be sufficiently to make my desire come true. You know what it is because we have spoken of it often. It will be necessary that you help me far more than you have to date for me to do the thing that I want to do for you.

About all that I have ever seen in any collegiate athletics is the possibility of having athletics introduce the boy favorably to society and business. You have an unequal opportunity here on the campus of having everybody your friend. Frankly, I do not believe that you have seen the possibility that you have, because you have not taken advantage of it to date, and it is my fear that time will roll so rapidly by that your four years here will be over before you have had an opportunity to realize on your investment. I have talked to you often about this just in a fleeting way, and in a very serious way when we drove down to Chanute that day. I am using this letter to impress upon you again this fact, and I promise you that I will not bring it up again unless you wish to have a conference with me in the matter.

You can always count on me in helping you but it is necessary for you to help yourself before I can help you much. Please do not understand that I am thinking of you as a lost soul athletically or in any other way. I think you are a fine boy but

I think you are spending entirely too much time on your athletics. I would make my athletics incidental to my studies, and I would not have them dominate me completely because the time is too soon over and your preparation for more serious things should be the most important thing.

You played a marvelous second half the other night. You did not hit your long shots, but I was glad to see you shoot. You ranged over the floor like a catapult and you shot like a tiger. I believe if you will do that in practice instead of coming out, standing around, shooting a few shots and rather monkeying around that you will be a phenomenon from now on. You can still be a much better defensive player than you have been and you can be a much better offensive player than you have been. As you practice you play. You cannot take it easy in practice and then give one hundred per cent in a game. The will to achieve must be there. You should have visions of desiring to be the greatest basketball player that ever lived, and you can be if you will, but it will take a lot of real courage plus the insatiable desire to achieve to bring this thing to a fruition.

With continued good wishes for your success both on and off the athletic field, and after your graduation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Lawrence, Kansas
February 16, 1940

Mr. R. A. Miller,
Technical Sales Engineer,
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.,
Grant Building,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Miller:

Your letter of the 14th instant has been received together with carbon copies of your letters to the Medart people and Mr. Oswald Tower.

Doubtless Mr. Tower has informed you that the rules as they are now printed state that the backboard shall be of wood or glass painted white. While the spectators are an important item, the backboard has always been for the purpose of giving the proper perspective of the basketball shooter toward the basket, and the first consideration is the player.

There are some people who have long advocated glass backboards, but there is an overwhelming majority against glass backboards unless they are painted white, and when glass is painted white the transparency is lost. Of course, Ned Irish and some of the promoters in Madison Square Garden use the glass banks but that is only as a professional promotion scheme, and does not indicate the feeling of the college conferences and college physical directors as well as basketball coaches.

The writer was coach at the University of Kansas when we installed glass backboards here in 1907. Of course, the purpose was to give visibility to the spectators, many of whom sat behind the basket. A great many of our conference opponents insisted that we change the glass banks each time they visited the University, so it became a very impractical matter to use the glass boards and they were done away with.

The Chicago Center Y.M.C.A. and a great number of leaders of independent and amateur basketball teams had these glass boards installed at their places, but there was so much objection that they had to be done away with. The Medart people and the Narragansett Machine Company installed glass banks along from 1907 to 1912, but I know of no place outside of the professionally promoted places like the Garden where the teams will stand for glass backboards.

Perhaps when you read this letter you will feel that I am unalterably opposed to the glass bank. I have no objection to them if they are painted white, but it is very difficult to have the different reflections of the glass bank interfere with the black rim. In other words, there are no contrasting colors to set out the rim for the shooter. The net is white, the backboard is supposed to be white, and with a black rim it gives you a mark to shoot at. If you paint the glass backboard then you have a slicker surface. Already the ball manufacturers have changed from a real leather ball to a vulcanized "beach ball" wherein the leather covering is so thin on this vulcanized ball that the vulcanizing process is pushed through until the life of the leather is lost and it becomes a slick sphere that is difficult to handle. And when you combine this with a glazed backboard then you have no surface that will take the English of the ball, and they skid up there off of that board like wet rubber. For that reason I have been strong for a grained plain surface where the roughness of the leather and the grain of the backboard would give the shooter some power of English.

As chairman of the Research Committee of the National Basketball Rules Committee, I want you to know that there has been much research along these lines, and it is not based on mere haphazard guessing. I understand there are some members of the Rules Body in favor of the glass backboards, but those members are largely in the east where the gymnasiums are small and where a majority of the people are forced to sit behind the backboards. In the west where more spacious field houses are built the majority of the spectators are sitting along the sidelines, and with the origination of this convex backboard with the reduction in size due to the fact that the dead corner spaces have been deleted, there has been a definite improvement in visibility for the spectators. Doubtless the Madart people will give you the information you desire regarding the size of their board and the plan of it.

The National Basketball Rules Committee will meet in Kansas City on March 30, 31 and April 1, and the National Association of Basketball Coaches on March 28, 29 and 30. It happens that the National Collegiate Basketball Championships of America will be played in Kansas City also; the finals on March 30, and the semi-finals on March 22 and 23. It would be a fine opportunity for you to present your board to the Rules Body and the Coaches Association at their meetings.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.

February 16, 1940.

Mr. R. E. Weinzettel,
Medart Manufacturing Co.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Roy:

I received a copy of the letter that Mr. R. A. Miller, of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, wrote you on February 14th, and am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter to him which I wrote today. I wanted you to know the angle of the majority of people regarding the glass backboard.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

February 16, 1940.

Mr. Oswald Tower,
Andover, Mass.

Dear Os:

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Very sincerely yours,

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PITTSBURGH PLATE GLASS COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES ~ GRANT BUILDING

R. A. MILLER
TECHNICAL SALES ENGINEER

PITTSBURGH, PA.

February 14, 1940

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith, please find copies of letters just addressed to Mr. Oswald Tower and to the Medart Company of St. Louis, Missouri, which I believe you will find more or less self-explanatory.

We would very greatly appreciate your advice and suggestion as to how best we might present the transparent Herculite glass back-board for the consideration of the National Basketball Committee at your forthcoming meeting in Kansas City in March.

Obviously, we do not intend to enter the field of supplying athletic materials, and our object would be to supply the glass to persons otherwise equipped to supply basketball material.

Any suggestions that you may have to offer will be very gratefully received.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Miller

Technical Sales Engineer

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February 14, 1940

The Medart Company
St. Louis
Missouri

Gentlemen:

We have been advised by Mr. Oswald Tower of Andover, Massachusetts, that your company is manufacturing a fan-shaped backboard for basketball courts and it has accordingly occurred to us that it might be most desirable to make this fan-shaped backboard of our Herculite glass, with the idea of increasing the visibility of the play for spectators who may be located behind this backstop.

If consistent, we should be very glad to have you send us a sketch or blueprint of the general design of your backboard in order that we might in turn submit to you a detail of the type of Herculite glass which we would suggest for use in connection therewith.

We shall await your further advice in this connection with very great interest.

Very truly yours,

Technical Sales Engineer

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February 14, 1940

Mr. Oswald Tower
Andover
Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Tower:

I believe I have not previously acknowledged your letter of December 5 on the general subject of transparent backboards, and wish to apologize for the delay.

I am planning to be in Boston on Monday, February 26 and would very greatly appreciate the opportunity of coming to Andover and calling upon you at that time if entirely convenient for you.

At the moment, it seems hardly probable that there will be any possibility of presenting these backboards before the annual meeting of your Committee in Kansas City on March 22 next, but some effort will be made to see what can be done in this connection. In the meanwhile, I would very greatly appreciate the opportunity of discussing the subject with you in person.

Since I plan to leave Pittsburgh by the evening of Monday, February 19, I shall very greatly appreciate your advising me as promptly as possible as to whether or not I shall be able to see you at the time indicated on February 26.

Very truly yours,

Technical Sales Engineer

RAM:DW

October 2, 1939. A1

Mr. Charlie Moore, Jr.,
5714 Reeds Road,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Charlie:

This summer I talked to Coach Reade, of Shawnee Mission, about you and your possibilities. He was talking about you and I told him that I knew your father very well and that I had seen you play at the Hickory School and that you played a fine game.

When he was here in summer school Coach Reade asked me if I had a cover for my book, "Better Basketball". He said that in the wreck when the high school coaches were struck by the inter-urban car some blood had been smeared on the cover of the book and he desired a new cover. I told him that I had a few extra ones here in my desk, but somehow in the rush of things I failed to give it to him. I have sent him one today.

This brings me to the point that I desire to say a few things to you regarding the possibility of your greatest success on your high school team this year and later on to college or university teams. Charlie, you have a great possibility of making a splendid basketball player. There are a few things that I want to say to you as a real friend. I know you realize that unless a boy studies in high school he will not be able to advance at a college or university because he forms bad habits of slipping over things. The university or college course is a higher course in education and it is comparable to your trying out for better teams all the time. You are competing mentally in a college, and you are competing physically for teams of higher caliber. So, Charlie, be a good student first. Get the best grades that you can possibly obtain by diligence and attention to your teachers.

Now, the next thing is in regard to your body. You have a wonderful altitude and you have a good framework, but you need a little more meat on those bones. I am hoping that some day you will attend the University of Kansas and play on my varsity and that I will have an opportunity to coach you. I know you can make your letter and you should make a wonderful player for Kansas. Remember this - a good tall man is better than a good short man. Now, regarding your diet. When you start to eat just remember these three things you read there in the book - the three B's, boiled, broiled and baked foods should form the main part of your diet. Eat all the oranges or drink all the orange juice that you

can get before breakfast and before going to bed at night. A lemon mixed in with the orange uice with a little sugar added is a helpful thing because the mineral salts from the lemon are much stronger than from the orange. Citrus fruits, which are lemons, oranges and grapefruit, put your blood in wonderful condition.

Do not eat between meals, and if you can masticate every bite forty times that is fine - but I am afraid a boy won't do that. Do not eat between meals because generally what you eat then is candy, and these sweets are carbohydrates which are energy producers, and then when meal time comes along instead of eating the proteins, the tissue-builders, you have filled up on energy producers; therefore you have no muscle builder. Meat, eggs, milk and peas are all high in protein. It is all right to eat the sweets that you want to eat at the end of the meal. If you want candy or plenty of sugar, that is fine, but do not take those things between meals. Chocolate is fine to eat but it is constipating, so you must balance that with a lot of fruit. Instead of eating or drinking a chocolate malted milk, eat an apple or an orange. But don't eat anything between meals if you can keep from it. If you get hungry chew some gum or drink a lot of water, and by the way, you should drink a gallon of water every day. You can do that by drinking a glass every hour if that is easier.

Now for your sleep. A growing boy should have nine hours of sleep, or at least eight, and above all, be regular in your habits, in your eating, sleeping and other health-giving habits. Take a lot of exercise, but never exercise on a full stomach. Exercise draws the blood away from the digestive apparatus and puts it in the muscles and it is bad for your digestion to exercise when you have just eaten a full meal. Always wait an hour before exercising. When you do exercise, eat very lightly. After your hard exercise do not fill your stomach with a lot of food, but eat lightly, - liquids, hot soup and crackers, and so forth. Remember, when you are tired the muscles of the stomach are just as tired as the skeletal muscles.

And lastly, have a great ambition to be the best basketball player in the United States. Don't think just because you played at Hickory School and Shawnee Mission that you can't be the finest basketball player in the world. Other boys have been, and you can be if you will pay the price. Constantly read that book on individual offense, individual defense, team offense and team defense. Lie in your bed and dream of being a fine student and a great athlete. The other successes will come to you as you grow. I am for you, Charles, and I hope that you have a world of fun in your life and that you are as successful a man as your father and mother desire you to be. I know how they feel because I know how I feel toward Milton and Bob.

With all good wishes to you and your good family, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

November 23, 1939.

Mr. Charlie Moore, Jr.,
5714 Reeds Road,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Charlie:

I am very happy to have your letter of November 10 and am glad to know that you have been practicing hard and studying even harder. You get your lessons, Charlie, because they are the most essential thing that will come into your young life. I know, because at the present time we have freshmen here who would like to get in our Freshman-Varsity basketball game this Friday night, and they are not eligible. I am not letting any of the boys play unless they make a C average.

Now think of it, Charlie, here are all the parents of these boys sending them to school and they cannot make a C average in college with nothing to do but just make an average grade in all their studies. If you do not get in the habit of digging in now you will try to loaf when you get to the University, and then it is just too tough on you. You can't come back rapidly enough to be eligible.

The reason I am admonishing you to make your grades and make high grades is because the University is much more difficult than high school when it comes to getting grades. So I am counting on you studying hard, training your very level best, and developing your basketball skills so that you will be not only an all 'round and finished basketball player but a fine student -- a young man that your entire family and your friends will be proud of. Nothing would give your parents more pleasure than this, and I assure you that I would be pleased indeed to have you on the basketball team carrying Kansas' good name wherever you may go.

With all good wishes to you and your family, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

nov 10, 1939



Dear Dr. Allen.

I am sorry I have not written to you sooner. But I have been practicing hard for three months and studying even harder. But I just wanted to thank you for putting in a good word for me to Coach Reade. and also for that letter of congratulations on my first and only touchdown. I have been training as hard as I know how and have gained over ten pounds since school started.

Our basketball begins next week and I am going to be the first one out to practice. I have been reading up

On my book you sent me
and have learned a lot more
about basketball than I ever
thought there was to it.

And some day I am coming
to N. U. and be the best basketball
player in the United States
under your directions.

My Regards to Mrs. Allen and
family.

Sincerely yours.

Charley Moore



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. F. C. "Phog" Allen,
Lawrence, Ks.

Fort Pierce, Fla. 9-30-39.

Dear "Judge": Just a card to let you know that I have taken tablets which you gave me and finished the course some time ago. However, I have not attempted fate by eating any grease or eggs or chocolate. Would you advise another X-Ray? Am feeling fine. Our family all well. Mary and Kemp have driven out to look at Dr Esterly grove and some other land this PM. I have just finished an inquest on a murder. Col man shot last night by another col man with a shot gun. Louis writes that he is busy. David commissioned First Lieutenant Bolles Military and Battalion Com today. I hope our sons do not get called into this awful mess. Had blood pressure tested yesterday and it is normal. Other tests not finished. Give Bess our love. Love from us all.

Yours,

"Judge"

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. F. C. "Phog" "Judge" Allen
Lawrence, Kans.



Friday 8/18.

Dear "Judge" . Guilty of taking my time getting home but arrived safely Tuesday night via St. Louis, Memphis, Jackson, Miss. Gulfport, Mobile, Tallahassee, and home. We stopped at Pleasant Hill, Mo on our way for a day and Louis had secured a position there so he will be back in your neighborhood next year. Will report there the 28th of August. We went back to KC that night and left Friday morning for St. Louis. We encountered two heavy rains entering St. Louis and leaving the next morning. They were as heavy as I have ever seen ~~ever~~ down here. Visibility so poor, had to draw up on shoulder and wait for the worst to get over. Fine trip and so cool. We all send love.

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"JUDGE", Lou.

"BESS"

"GOODBYAAA"

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October 9, 1939.

Mr. Louis Maser,
Ft. Pierce, Florida.

Dear Judge:

I received your card of September 30th, and was glad to hear from you. I am delighted to know that you have taken the tablets and that you feel so much better. Yes, I believe I would have an x-ray and see what is happening to those gall stones.

If you feel that you want to continue the treatment further I can get you some additional tablets at a very reasonable figure. I think they run about a cent a tablet. If you buy them on a doctor's prescription they run about five cents, but I get them through the Abbott Company at the same price the druggist pays for them. So if you want any you let me know.

I would suggest that you try another course of treatment because it was nearly a year before I got the full benefit from them. Dr. Abbott claims that this sodium succinate treatment will eventually dissolve these gall stones, but it is a slower process than one would contemplate. You may still have some gall stones, but they should be not any larger - and some smaller. It acts on the gall bladder and the duct and reduces the catarrhal inflammation along the duct. You see, the gall stones set up this irritation and the gall bladder and the duct become inflamed, and it adds insult to injury.

You do what you want and let me know, and I will deliver the sodium succinate and the calcium chloride tablets to you.

I am delighted that your family are all well and I want to congratulate you on David's commission in the Bolles Military Academy. That kid has a lot of stuff on the ball. I saw Louis at the Chancellor's reception. He looks like a million dollars and seemed to be very happy. I am sure this experience down at Pleasant Hill will do him a world of good. Give Mary and Kemp our kindest regards, and tell the whole family that we, too, pray that our own will not be called into this "hellish mess".

But, Lou, I am game enough to make any normal sacrifice to stop that mad dog over there. If he whips the French and English, then we are in a bad position to talk about fighting. Personally, I would be very much in favor of revising the neutrality law to the point that we would have cash and carry, and then when their funds were exhausted, darned if I wouldn't vote for our country giving all the ordnance they need. But I would not vote to send our sons until such a time that they were badly needed. And then I would even be willing to do any darn thing that our country should ask of me to put that mad dog in a place where even his breath wouldn't disturb anyone else.

Our love to your family.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

TOM I. NALL
STATE ARCHITECT

STATE OF KANSAS



OFFICE OF STATE ARCHITECT
TOPEKA, KANSAS

October 17, 1938

Prof. F. A. Russell
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Russell:

I have been looking into the matter of adding the additional space between the trusses of the Robinson Gymnasium and it does not appear that this is possible for a number of reasons.

If the floor joists were run between the trusses the bottom cord does not have sufficient strength to take the load in bending, and if we put beams between the trusses the panel points and carry the joists between the beams we would become involved in complicated connections which I believe would exceed the value of the installation. From the standpoint of a stress diagram on assumed loadings it would not appear to be advisable to add the additional load even if we could overcome the difficulties mentioned in regard to framing the floor between the trusses.

Cordially yours,

CHARLES L. MARSHALL

Charles L. Marshall
Assistant State Architect

CLM:JM

Dr. Allen: Without the approval of State Architect, am afraid we are not going to get any piece. I am not so sure if he is right but for present, think we had better rest. May seem appropriate to look into it again later.
F. Russell
12-15-38.

[1939]

Monday August 21

Dear Dr. Allen,

I am planning to enter the University of Kansas this fall. I am also working in Augusta, helping to build a refinery and save a little money to go to school on. Although I am saving it will not be sufficient for a year in college. Consequently, I will need work of some type to help defray expenses. I would appreciate it very much if, when I get there, you could tell me of some job I might be able to get.

I haven't seen or heard from Ralph at all since the operations, but I understand it was very successful.

I hope so because he should go
places this year. I think he has
now had his share of tough luck
and bad luck.

Until I see you next, I remain
A prospective student

Dick Miller.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
DIVISION OF MILITARY SCIENCE AND TACTICS

LAWRENCE, KANSAS
September 1, 1939.

Subject: History of Military Training, University of Kansas, for period
September 1, 1938 - August 31, 1939.

To: Commanding General, Seventh Corps Area, Omaha, Nebraska.

1. The following annual supplement to the History of Military Training at the University of Kansas, is submitted pursuant to Par. 27, Sec. I, R.O.T.C. Bulletin No. 1, Seventh Corps Area, dated January 1, 1934.

a. Enrollment:

Covered by routine reports during the year.

Beginning of 1st semester: 370
End of 2nd semester: 316

b. Courses completed: June 8, 1939.

Course	Coast Artillery	Infantry	Total
1st year Basic	91	47	138
2nd year Basic	54	41	95
1st year Advanced	24	25	49
2nd year Advanced	20	14	34
	<u>189</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>316</u>

Increase over last year: 37
Coast Artillery - 32
Infantry - 5

c. Reserve Commissions: Commissions or certificates of eligibility were awarded as follows:

	Coast Artillery	Infantry	CWS	Total
Commissions	17	12	2	31
Certificates	1	2	0	3
				<u>34</u>
		Grand Total		34

d. Regular Army Personnel: (On duty August 31, 1939)

Colonel Karl F. Baldwin, C.A.C., PMS&T.
Major Raymond F. Edward, Inf.
Major Carroll G. Riggs, C.A.C.
Major Carleton Smith, Inf.
Tech. Sgt. William Kollender, DEML., (ROTC)
St. Sgt. Harry E. Roy, DEML., (ROTC)

e. Inspections and Visits:

The R.O.T.C. Units were inspected on April 27-28, 1939, inclusive, by Colonel Raymond W. Briggs, F. A. , R.O.T.C. Officer, 7th Corps Area, Lt. Colonel E.C. Mead, C.A.C., and Major W.H. Donaldson, Jr. (CAC) G.S.C.

The Coast Artillery and Infantry Units were rated "excellent".

On May 8-9, 1939 the demonstration detachment of the 61st CA (AA) gave an afternoon and evening demonstration for all members of the R.O.T.C. and citizens of this city and county at Haskell Institute which was witnessed by over 40,000 people, who crowded the stadium and roads leading to same. This was the largest crowd on record to witness a military event in this city and created immense interest. Prior to the evening demonstration the Chamber of Commerce of the city and the R.O.T.C. entertained the personnel of the 61st CA, at a barbecue at which over 1100 citizens, soldiers, national guardsmen, reserve officers and R.O.T.C. members participated. National guardsmen and reserve officers residing within a fifty mile radius of this city witnessed the demonstrations in the afternoon and evening. The cost of the barbecue was shared by members of the Chamber of Commerce and R.O.T.C. Splendid cooperation was received from the officials in charge of Haskell Institute who turned over all their facilities for use of the 61st CA, who were encamped on the institute's grounds. It is believed that this demonstration staged by the 61st CA greatly increased interest in the military service of citizens residing in the vicinity and without question added to the training of the R.O.T.C. at this institution. The officers and men of the 61st CA were most cooperative and a credit to the military service. Their deportment and willingness to explain the various equipment to all caused much favorable comment and was greatly appreciated.

f. Competitions, Awards and Social Activities:

The R.O.T.C. and Women's Rifle Teams completed a successful year.

The R.O.T.C. Rifle Team this year has shown great improvement over preceding years.

The dances in the fall and spring of the year are very popular with members of the R.O.T.C. and representative members of the faculty and community.

The barbecues staged in the spring and fall afford members of the R.O.T.C. and leaders of the faculty and community opportunity to meet and get acquainted, and enhancing the position of the R.O.T.C. in university and community activities.

g. Relations with University Authorities:

Excellent.

h. Training Camps:

- (1) Coast Artillery Unit:
Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, June 17 - July 28, 1939.
Students satisfactorily completing camp - 20.

- (2) Infantry Unit:
Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, June 11 - July 22, 1939.
Students satisfactorily completing camp - 22.
- (3) The following Regular Army Personnel attended camps during the year:

Major Raymond F. Edwards, Inf., National Rifle Matches
Camp Perry, Ohio, July 30 - September 15, 1939.
Major Carrol G. Riggs, C.A.C., ROTC Camp, Ft. Sheridan,
Illinois, June 15 - July 28, 1939.
Major Carlton Smith, Inf., ROTC Camp, Ft. Leavenworth,
Kansas, June 8 - July 22, 1939.
St. Sgt. Harry E. Roy, DEM., (ROTC), ROTC Camp, Ft.
Sheridan, Illinois, June 15 - July 28, 1939.

i. Miscellaneous.

- (1) Richard F. Ludeman who was appointed 2nd Lt. CA-Res.,
June 2, 1938 and who received one year active duty
training under the provision of the Thomason Act for the
fiscal year 1939, took competitive examination in June for
appointment in regular army, successfully passed same and
was appointed a 2nd Lieutenant of Coast Artillery.
- (2) William F. Beaty who was appointed 2nd Lt. INF-Res.,
June 8, 1939 and selected as Honor Graduate R.O.T.C. for
the school year 1938-39 was given appointment in the regular
army as 2nd Lieutenant of Cavalry.
- (3) The following graduates of the ROTC were selected as
Honor Graduates for the school year 1938-39:

William F. Beaty, Infantry, ROTC Unit.
James H. Sund, Coast Artillery, ROTC Unit.

2. Recommendations:

None.

3. Remarks:

The past three years there has been a gradual increase in the ROTC enrollment at this institution and present indications are that the enrollment for the school year 1939-40 will be the largest in history. Increased interest has been created in the ROTC and splendid cooperation is being received from members of the faculty of the University and scores of interested citizens of the community.

Karl F. Baldwin,
KARL F. BALDWIN
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PMS&T.

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Cof Inf-1; Senate ROTC Comm-1; Sec Alumni Assoc-1.

September 16, 1939.

Mr. Joel N. Martin, Principal,
Dwight Rural High School,
Dwight, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Martin:

Harold Wright has been in the office several times since he came to Lawrence, and we are very favorably impressed with him. He is a fine boy, and we are going to do everything we can for him.

Harold has a place to room and board with some friends from Dwight, and I believe he is going to be very happy. Our enrollment takes place next Tuesday and Wednesday, and we shall be happy to advise him and help him in any way possible.

Again thanking you for your fine interest in this boy, and assuring you of our cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Write

Sept. 7, 1939.

Dr. F. C. Allen
Department of Physical Education
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you most sincerely for your letter which has made it possible for me to tell Harold Wright that he should go on down there and enroll for school. Harold was in my office this morning, telling me that he had also heard from you, and feeling very happy over the fact that it was now beginning to seem possible for him to attend K. U. He told me that he had a couple other offers from other schools so that he could attend there if he didn't make the grade at K. U. but that he had entertained the ambition of attending Kansas University and playing basketball under "Phog" Allen ever since he was in the grade school and that he would certainly be disappointed if he didn't realize this ambition. Psychologically, Harold is quite an "introvert" but he really displayed his satisfaction from your letter.

I must apologize for the typographical error in my previous letter and for its being ambiguous in meaning. I had reference to the Gibbens boy, and I didn't mean that you, personally, had given him any work. I meant that I understood, from quite reliable sources, that he had obtained considerable work in Lawrence because of his athletic abilities.

Harold plans on coming down before time for registration to get lined out on his work. He will write you as to when he plans to come down and will come to your office as he also wishes to discuss his enrollment with you. He is somewhat uncertain as to whether he wishes to take up engineering or to prepare himself for physical education and coaching.

Thanking you again for your time and the work you've done for this boy, I am

Respectfully yours,

Joel N. Martin

Joel N. Martin, Prin.
Dwight Rural High School
Dwight, Kansas.

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Sept. 9, 1939
Dwight, Kansas

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you for your kind letter of September 5. I wish to thank you for all your kind help.

If I can work for my board and room and still keep my N.Y.A. job, I am sure I can make it. Keeping in mind all that you have done for me, I'll do my best to make good in basketball.

I will be down either Monday or Tuesday. I hope that my not knowing definitely will not inconvenience you too much.

Sincerely yours,

Harold E. Wright

Harold E. Wright

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September 18, 1939

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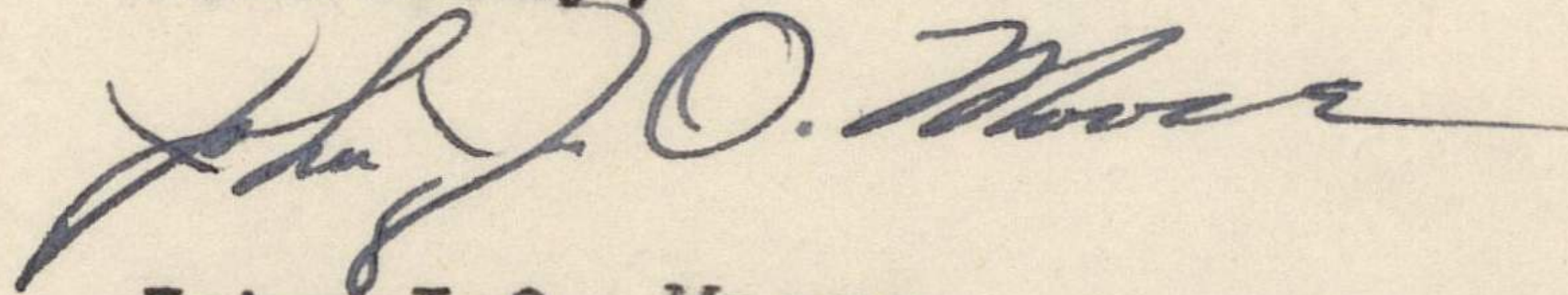
Dr. F.C. Allen
Robinson Gymnasium
University of Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Just a note to thank you again for taking part in the Freshman Mixer yesterday. Your contribution gave me a clue for much of our freshman emphasis. It seems to me that it should be fundamentally a matter of physical and mental health.

I hope you will feel free to call on me if I can ever be of any service to you in any way. Thanks again.

Sincerely,



John J. O. Moore
Executive Secretary

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