November 20, 1940

Mr. J. B. McKay, Attorney at Law
Eldorado, Kansas

Dear Mac:

I was told by Arnold Long that Covert was attending Kansas State, not that I cared particularly where Mr. Covert went, but I recall that you stopped me in Wichita and told me what a wonderful boy Covert was. We discussed him about one-half hour in the Allis Hotel. Then, when I went down to see you, I was told that Covert could not attend any school but would go to junior college. I assure you that I would never have bothered with checking him up but I felt that you were particularly interested in him and I wanted to please our own alumni.

I have never made it a business to solicit athletes and I will not start now, but I was doing it because I thought you were tremendously interested in him. Perhaps you do not know why he went to Kansas State but it certainly must have taken some money to get him there, and I was told they were without funds.

Can you tell me how that adds up?

With all good wishes I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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November 27, 1940

Mr. J. B. McKay
Attorney at Law
Masonic Building
ElDorado, Kansas

Dear Mac:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22nd, giving an explanation of why the older brother came home so the younger one could go away. You will understand that I didn't lose much sleep over the incident.

I am glad that we lost Tucker to Oklahoma because I do not want a case of small-pox at Lawrence.

With all good wishes, I am,

Cordially,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg:mln

J. B. McKay
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MASONIC BUILDING
El Dorado, Kansas

November 22, 1940.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have your letter of November 20th.

I investigated the Covert incident rather closely, and do not believe there was anything "sinister" about his having enrolled in Kansas State. His mother, who is a widow, is in ill health, and can not be left alone. When you and Vic Hurt were here I thought he would have to attend the local junior college so that he could be with his mother. Later, arrangements were made for an elder brother to be at home this winter, and Covert enrolled at Manhattan rather than at Lawrence primarily because it is closer, although you realize that Kansas State has quite an edge on us because of the fact that the highschool coach, Emmet Breen, is from Kansas State.

Anyway, we didn't lose Tucker to Oklahoma!

Yours very truly,

JBM:ES

December 7, 1940

Mrs. Elizabeth D. MacCurdy
244 Bronxville Road
Apartment 4F
Bronxville, New York

Dear Elizabeth:

I am still miles and hours behind schedule. I was supposed to be in Kansas City at 2:00 to attend a meeting of the conferences of the Missouri Valley and the Big-Six, but I am sitting here Saturday afternoon at 1:44, after having finished basketball practice this morning, determined that I should dictate this letter and get it into the mail over the weekend. I will not sign your letter but will ask my secretary to do so and mail it, because I will not be back until late tomorrow afternoon.

I am so sorry that I have failed to get this information to you earlier, but I have never been busier in my life. I have been even busier than when you were on the campus and you used to think then that I was a busy man.

Lots of good luck to you and your good husband and your son.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

P.S. We are enclosing the material you asked to be returned to you.

244 Bronxville Road
apt. 4F
Bronxville, N.Y.
October 22, 1940

Dr. F. C. Allen
Director Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen: —

The above address may explain to you what has kept me busy for the past six weeks. We've moved again, just around the corner from where we were and this time we're all hoping that it's the last move for some years. Quite as if moving itself weren't enough labor and chaos I became possessed to urge to change a lot of things and have a shot home painting. Heh! Heh! Never did it before but sleigh dowing has time — so I just plunged in. But the results have been so good I've taken on twice as much as I had any idea of doing at the beginning. Painted our bridge set so it could double as a breakfast set — And now I'm anticipating (?) have decided I'd have to shave my head too if I keep on because my bangs change color with every piece of paint.

This is going to be a long letter I'm afraid so I'd better not waste time with chatter — first — the matter of Catherine! I must confess I had rather a bad weekend after receiving her special delivery letter Saturday.

The news was a complete bombshell to me - and I was not only surprised but a little let down I think! - Not because she had not mentioned anything of the fellow to me before - Someway or another in our family we've never meddled in one another's private affairs because we've always felt whenever one of us was ready to shape the rest of us know anything he would tell us - and until he or she did it usually only produced embarrassment or resentment to beg confidences. But I was a little disappointed that she had let herself even consider the K. G. job if she was so interested in somebody at Co/Jeyville she didn't want to leave - In fact I wrote her a ten or twelve page letter before she made her decision trying to point out the factors I felt she should take into consideration. And the one important point I made was that if she was not really happy in teaching, or if she didn't like the idea of doing advanced study towards another degree, or if she might be contemplating marriage within a year or so then I felt she would be wrong to go to K. G. I felt it wasn't fair to the job and that it was silly for her to go into the difficulties I felt in new courses and meeting new challenges if she was not planning to use that as a step in her professional progress -

So evidently all that time and advice was

wasted - I guess I'm the damn' fool to take things as seriously as I do - I can see her side & know she has felt lonely and insecure since I left and particularly since Grandma's death last winter. And I felt that way often enough to know how miserable it can make one. I just hope that what she feels is love is not the result of some of these other things. Knowing nothing of the man and never likeing him I naturally have qualms at times but well I know that her decision is what matters so I hope she contenies as happy as she says she is now.

As I said I'm sorry she ever considered coming to K. C. now for it has only made more trouble for everybody concerned including herself - But what's done is done so well let's dismiss all that.

Her main anxiety in last Saturdays letter seemed to be advice from me as to what might take over for her + she not write her yet + but well as soon as I get this off to you - The whole point is she made all the suggestions I can make - In fact I only suggested Catherine you remember after it seemed there were no other possibilities I still feel very definitely that Ruth Pyle should not take the job because of her health. You know she spent two weeks with us this summer and we discussed the matter often - Did you know that her doctor

in D. C. was very positive in his advice against making the change - There's no doubt she's working harder than she should now but at least she's there at four and she teaches courses in government related her whole program is activity. I still feel we did our share towards aggravating her heart condition when she was a student and I could never conscientiously advise her to go into the routine I know would be hers in a job at H. U. She is too willing and too versatile - That combination means only work and plenty of it. I might tell you too, privately, that Rich Pyle a little resented the fact that even after she had written Rich sooner what his doctor said Miss Hoover felt urging her to come - She wondered if illness accidents might be indicative. So much for that. If the department finds hands to consider Rich you can tell her not to bother writing me for advice because I gave it all to her this summer. Hell!

Hell.

Virginia Walker would be a pippin if she could be persuaded to come. Lost track of her so have no idea - And those names are all I can think of from the U. of.

However - if I can help at all by interviewing people from schools around here you know I'm more than glad to. If the job Sept 14 it seems to me there might be a much better

chance of getting a well qualified person. Def
be glad to go down to Columbia and ask for
recommendations if you'd like- Don't hesitate
to let me know if I can help- In fact I've
got to help if I can cause now I come to the
second sides of this letter in the form of a
request for help from you- Begin!

A couple of weeks ago the phy. ed. supervisor
here asked me if I would consider being on
his substitute list & I think that might be a
very good idea providing the gals weren't out
too long at a time. You see I still take this
domesticity very seriously. So with his request
and my consent there remained the necessity
of certification in this state- and that, it
appears, is a pain in the neck- They accept
absolutely no credentials except those sent
directly from your schools and they also have
requirements and blanks to be filled out
that make enrollment look like loafing.
So I'm asking if you can possibly cooperate
with the Registrar in making official
affidavit as to some of the work I've done-

I'm enclosing the application blanks which
must be filled in under Part II as indicated
which subtleties courses from my record at K.U.
which would apply. In addition to that the registrar
must send in a/ copy of my complete transkript.
That goes directly to the state department at Albany.

Will you be so good as to fill in the character
recommendation section which is included in
the Part II.

(2) the phamphlet giving requirements for teaching service. I do this so you can see (on p. 5) what must be on the transcripts. Now according to my memory die never had courses named like the three die checked here. Whether my correcting courses could cover the "physical inspection first aid & safety education" requirements I don't know. Of course the theory work on correctyie this I had at Columbia will appear on their transcripts but I wondered if an official statement from you [perhaps accompanied by a universal seal (God emit it awful)] as to the courses I taught at K. U. would be a good idea along with my transcript.

In theory you know I taught "Content and Method" — elementary & secondary level "Physical Examination & Prescription of Exercise" — "Personal Hygiene" "Supervision of Practice Teaching" "Fundamentals of Rhythm" "Community Recreation" — You will notice there is a requirement of community recreation and no such course appears on any of my transcripts because I dedided the course when Elbel was teaching it & then I simply worked out my own course the summer I taught it. It does seem to me the courses I taught should in some way be appended to the transcript to show work done that wasn't as a student. There simply nothing I can do about the requirement for "physical education tests and measurements" — I always had it

was the hunk and never bothered with it.
Perhaps they'll let my educational course in measurements count -

(3) Am also enclosing a record from the registrar's office as to courses I took from Quick after I came to N.U. to teach - that record should accompany my transcript too -

(4) the letter from the state office here giving directions for procedure -

I debated for some time whether to send all this stuff to Mr. Foster & let him contact you as to the official statement of my teaching courses & the character recommendation or whether to do it vice-versa - as you see I decided on the latter because I could make one letter do several things and because I felt you might have some idea better than what I've suggested. However I am writing Mr. Foster requesting that he send my official transcript to Albany (accompanied by whatever data you append) & that he fill in the requirements of Part II on the application blank & and I shall tell him that you will forward this blank to him together with whatever official statement you have - this blank I want him to forward to the registrar at Columbia then as they can add whatever work applied there. However the official transcript is sent directly to Albany —

How does this make sense or is it completely impossible? At any rate I'll be undying

grateful - I'd sort of like to have the record
of my two courses & the requirements changed
back if it's not too much trouble - And
now I think that finishes the thing.

How I despise official red tape and
persiflage - They ought to give anybody a
certificate who is patient enough to get
this thing or who had a friend
willing to help him with it.

I'd give anything if I possessed a
magic carpet and could get to Lawrence
for a face-to-face conference with you and
with Catherine. It seems to me 2 years
reams and yet I've never said all 2
want to. At any rate I'll be expecting to
hear from you or Pie soon as to both
these matters. Remember I'll be glad to
do anything I can at this end as to
recommendations finding or interviewing
and for your help on this certification 7
business my present thanks.

With all best wishes and a reminder
that the Mac Cardys are expecting to see the
Allens this winter —

Yours

Elizabeth D. Mac

November 4, 1940

Mrs. Elizabeth D. MacCurdy
244 Bronxville Road
Apartment 4F
Bronxville, New York

Dear Mrs. MacCurdy:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 22, and the enclosed forms.

Dr. Allen is out of town at the present time speaking at the State High School Teachers Associations meetings, athletic sections, in Toledo and Milwaukee.

It was Dr. Allen's desire to answer your letter before he left town, but finding it impossible to do so, he has asked me to tell you that you may count on his taking up the matter as soon as he returns.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen

December 12, 1940

Miss Elizabeth D. MacCurdy
244 Bronxville Road
Apartment 4F
Bronxville, New York

Dear Elizabeth:

I imagine that our letters crossed in the mail. I owe you my abject apology in not doing this sooner, but it seems as if it was physically impossible for me to get the job done. If this is not what you want please let me know and I will do anything in my power to help you. Of course, the Registrar could only certify as to grades and the other statement could only be a statement, but I am hoping that the letter that I wrote will be of some benefit.

Yes, I too was disappointed in Catherine. I will not write longer regarding her, but will tell you when I have a chance to see you in New York.

Mrs. Allen, Jane and Eleanor are talking about making the trip with the team. The game is with Fordham on December 28 but we expect to arrive in New York on the 26th and see an earlier game there to see how they do it. We will stay at the Piccadilly Hotel. I will let you know a little later just when we plan to leave Lawrence and when we will arrive in New York.

Doubtless we will not be able to run out to see you but we will be very happy to have you and Leigh as our guests at the game, and of course, we want you to eat with us after the game. I am wondering where Howard is. If he is at home he is also invited. I will arrange with Ned Irish so we will have the tickets ready for you.

Referring back to Catherine, doubtless she told you that she left December 1. I told her that it would be much easier to replace her December 1 than it would in the middle of the year, and she is not with us any longer. Jerry Ulm is substituting and doing a good job, but Ruth is definitely lining up someone else for the second semester. She is working with Oberlin College, Smith and Columbia and thinks she has some very good leads.

Now regarding Ruth Pyle. I called her and told her to take a trip home and to make some decision when she returned. I was really worried about her heart so I asked Dr. Don Carlos Peete to speak to her physician about it. Her physician stated to Dr. Peete that her heart is not the result of anything she did here at the University but it was something that came on her as a child from rheumatic fever. He also told Dr. Peete that he had advised her to take this job; that it would be good for her. But Ruth wrote me saying that she turned the job down because she thought it best for her not to accept it. So we have dismissed that from our mind and glad she made the decision because if anything had happened I would have always felt guilty. I will also tell you about that when I see you.

Now back to Fordham. I feel that we may have a pretty good chance to play them a good game. We are much easier than we were last year but the boys will put up a good scrap.

I appreciate your sincere loyalty to the basketball team and when I say to you that I definitely feel that you are expressing your inner convictions, then I am expressing mine.

I am sure that the departmental situation will work out okay and I am quite an optimist in this, I am sure.

With all good wishes to you and Leigh, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

244 Bromfield Road
Apt. 4F
Bronxville, N. Y.
Dec. 9, 1940

Dear Dr. Allen; —

a hastily scribbled note to ask about a few things and to reassure you of my interest in things back home. Gee! Still seems like home.

First as regards the departmental problem — Just read a letter from Ruth Pyle which told of your visit with her — Knowing this would all come up again I wrote Ruth quite awhile ago and told her I felt the whole decision now should be with herself. After all no one knows definitely about any of these things and surely if the ideal appeals to her she should do it & doesn't she dismissed all the angles with you — so I'll be eagerly awaiting the outcome —

You of course know that I'm really disappointed in Catherine. Perhaps I'm the age I guess I've always had a stronger sense of obligation to others than most people have. But to me "I didn't realize all this" would come up when "is no excuse. It seems to me even as irrational a thing as love can well be tempered with a bit of judicial reasoning, and I'm quite

sure anything as sure as she feels this is could profitably endure a few extra months of trial and planning - If I were in your shoes I'm sure I should not hesitate to remind her of her obligation if replacing her on such short notice becomes difficult. So there's my attitude on this, an attitude which Catherine is aware of & in sure which I should think she expected.

Now about this basketball trip back here. Am I right it is Dec. 28th K. U. plays Fordham. And do you feel I should employ any methods I resorted to defeat or incapacitate this Fordham team, or have we a good chance to show them who can play basketball without that?

Seriously tho, you know I do want to see all of you on this occasion and I'm hoping you can find a moment to send me news of arrival and the amount of time you may have for reminiscing if any - I'd love to have you and your family but here — but if that proves to be impossible then we do want to see all of you in town.

And finally have you been able to attend to that certification matter I wished on you earlier? I felt like a heel asking you for that help - but couldn't

help feeling that you and Mr. Foster might contribute facts together that he couldn't do alone. Haven't heard nothing from Columbus or the state office yet either. Did inquire so I'd know whether to write them again or not -

Find myself in a melter. Details with Christmas plans and the responsibilities acting as a hostess for an AXΩ party here this week - so it's possible this letter isn't even coherent.

My sincere wishes for a successful basketball season are & any help you know they are there deep and faithful. And I do hope the departmental situation works out Dick some degree of permanence as well as satisfaction -

Yours Truly

Elizabeth D. MacLeod

December 13, 1940

Mr. C.E. McBride
Sports Editor
Kansas City Star
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mac:

I noticed your comment regarding the Big-Ten not playing in the Garden. Could you give me the information as to when they passed that ruling?

Illinois is playing in the Garden on December 26 and Minnesota is playing the same night we play, December 28. Minnesota plays N.Y.U. while we play Fordham.

We knew very definitely that the Big-Ten frowned on these games and did not want them to play, but Doug Mills of Illinois and Dan McMillan of Minnesota scheduled these contests. I would be glad to have a short note from you regarding the information that you have on the Big-Ten barring the teams from playing there.

You know the Big-Six would not let us play there until Oklahoma and Missouri tied. Then they gave them the "go" signal. If there was any easy way for them to debar us from playing, I am quite sure we would not have a chance to go, but Oklahoma is also playing there and it would be pretty difficult for them to reverse the ruling so quickly.

Frankly, I would much rather stay at home and practice fundamentals than take the trip, but everybody is on the travel and it seems as if some coaches offer rewards to boys in the way of trips if they will attend their school. When everybody travels then the boys who have not traveled want to travel.

Lots of luck to you, Mac.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

December 20, 1940

Mrs. Elizabeth D. MacCurdy
244 Bronxville Road
Apartment 4F
Bronxville, New York

Dear Elizabeth:

This will acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 18th instant and we will count on the three MacCurdy's as our guests. We will also have tickets for you so it will be necessary that I get in touch with you before the game. We will arrive at the Hotel Piccadilly late December 26.

I am sending you an itinerary that I gave the boys so you can tell how we are traveling and what fun we are having. If I should not get through on the phone to you you be sure and call us because we are anxious to see you all, and we certainly will be glad to talk your right arm off.

Lots of gossip in Lawrence that you would like to hear!

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

244 Bromwell Rd.
Bromwell, N.J.
afb. 4F
Dec. 18, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Allen: —

It was grand to get your last letter and the whole M & C Cindy camp feels flattered and pleased about your kind invitation. You can be sure we were counting on the game and wouldn't miss it under any circumstances, all three of us will be on hand all right. Our phone is Bromwell 5039 if there will be need for it. I think you understand how eager we are to see any of you whenever it can fit into your schedule - I realize the, you will have many obligations to meet in a short time.

So I shall anticipate hearing from you or the family as soon as it is

convenient, and then we can make any plans -

Thanks so much again for your generous invitation. There are so many things I'm bursting to tell you and ask about that I feel like going on a quiz program -

Sincerely Yours -

Elizabeth D. Mac

December 23, 1940

Mr. Andrew J. McDonald
Basketball Coach
Southwest Missouri State Teachers College
Springfield, Missouri

Dear Andy:

I received your request in your special delivery letter as of Sunday morning December 22. I notice that your letter is post-marked December 20 at 8:00, and arrived in Lawrence, Kansas December 22 at 8:00 A.M. I do not know what is wrong with Uncle Sam, but had I gotten it Saturday I could have had it in your hands Monday morning. I hope this arrives in time.

Texas plays three men in. They play double post with one man out near the side-line and just about in line with the free-throw circle. The other men are along the straight line, about four to six feet out from the line and just about where the free-throw circle meets the straight line. They both play outside of the free-throw area.

The ball is generally passed to the man out in front and along the side-line. Then the man along the free-throw circle may swing toward the man on the side-line and receive a pass and he may hand it back to the fellow who cut around him. The two guards bring the ball down the floor and dribble and they very seldom fast-break.

They have three very big men, 6'4½", 6'3", 6'2", and they never pass out when the ball gets near the basket; they keep rebounding, batting, or trying to throw it back in the basket. When the three men get in the offensive area one of the two guards may shoot a shot designed for the basket, but if it is missed the big boys endeavor to catch it and rebound it in. The three big boys also work the defensive basket, leaving the two smaller men out in front, in a position of the forwards on defense.

They play the figure-of-eight swing, much after Dr. Carlson's rolling offense. They are pretty rugged and some of these boys are hard fighters and pretty clever for their size. They are not as good ball handlers as the boys in our area but they make up for it in fight and determination. They are in pretty good physical condition and they guarantee anybody a good scrap.

Instead of floor bouncing when they are in the three-man offense area they will make low one-hand underarm passes and they are pretty good at it. But it is the old traditional rolling offense with mean well pick-off. The inside man moves out and the outside man swings in, hoping that they can work the pick-off in the usual traditional pick-off play. If you do a good deal of switching or trading you will get along all right.

It seemed to me as if they ran with the ball a lot on their starting of the dribble. It puts quite a burden on the guard and you have to switch pretty quickly to keep them from driving past you in a hard, vigorous fashion. They do a lot of one-hand shooting when they swing around near the free-throw line. In fact, I thought they did too much one-hand shooting.

As I have stated, the guards shot a great deal but were not too accurate. Hull, who plays guard and who is captain, played a forward position last year and is a good man; in fact, I think he is the best man on the squad when it comes to the offense. He drives by and draws fouls pretty cleverly, but you can drop your forwards back and have them help your guards and center on the rebound. They will have to do this if you cope with their size and aggressiveness. If you keep your forwards out in front ready for a fast-break I am afraid they will beat you rebounding.

They are double tough, big and aggressive, and you will have to pull your forwards back very deep to help out your defensive men. I think you understand what I mean.

Of course, this means that you are going to have to fast-break them, but I do not believe I would start fast-breaking too early because if your team is a little nervous it may throw them off in shooting. We started to fast-break too early the first game and it took quite a while for us to settle our men down. I instructed our boys the second half of the first game to go out there and set up their plays and set them up carefully and methodically. It was not long before we were able to tie the score and then we went ahead and stayed there. later in the game we fast-broke them after we got our bearings.

Our first game was much easier to win then the second one. These boys thrive on hard scrimmages and they can stand a lot of it, so you had better have your boys take out time when they get awfully tired, because your men will show the wear sooner than these Texas boys who are accustomed to this fast, aggressive and heavy scrimmaging that they seem to do so much of.

I trust this gives you the information that you desire.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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SOUTHWEST MISSOURI
STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
SPRINGFIELD

ROY ELLIS, PRESIDENT

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS
H. H. BLAIR, DIRECTOR

December 20, 1940

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

Dear "Doc":

Congratulations on your fine start for this basketball season.

We drew Texas University in the first round of the Oklahoma City Tournament and I wonder if you would mind giving me some information on this group. I have the box scores for several of their games from the Kansas City paper and remember somewhat their style of play two year ago.

I certainly would appreciate any information you fell that you could give to me.

Best of luck for the remainder of your season and best wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family.

Sincerely,

A. J. McDonald
Basketball Coach

AJMc:jc

January 10, 1941

Mr. Curtis W. McGraw
The McGraw-Hill Book Company
330 West 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. McGraw:

Please find enclosed a check in the amount of $12.24, the same to cover the cost of five only Allen Better Basketball, plus 24¢ carriage postage.

I am returning your statement on which doubtless there is a mistake. You billed me for 25% discount when it should have been 40% discount according to the contract. I am enclosing also a previous statement #T73249, which will confirm my statements.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Encs.

January 13, 1941

Mr. Clarence McGuire
647 West 58th Street Terrace
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mac:

I was mighty happy to know that you will be down for the Iowa State game tonight.

I realize that I am dictating this letter the same day you expect to be with us, but nevertheless, I want you to know how very pleased I am when I get a letter from you.

Although we do not get to see each other very often I assure you ours is a mutual admiration friendship. I have always admired you very much and I am sure that our friendship is reciprocal.

Thanking you for all your kind words of friendship and encouragement, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Mrs. Falkenstein

has been this

for tickets

647 WEST 58TH STREET TERRACE
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Jan. 11, 1941

Forrest C. Allen, Dean
Phys. Education Dept.
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

Kindly reserve four tickets for me for Monday Night.

If you will have them at the box office, I will pick them up some time prior to the game.

Coach Reed of Shawnee-Mission High School advises that he has written you trying to work out tickets for his boys. If he succeeds, then only reserve three for me, in as much as Reed was going with us only in the event that he did not take his boys.

I will be out there rooting, Boy.

With best personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Clarence McGuire

M:D

Some article in the Sat Eve P

647 WEST 58TH STREET TERRACE
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

January 14, 1941

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

Dear Doc:

The Kansas City Times said that a Hustling University of Kansas basketball team defeated the Iowa State Cyclones. That is putting the matter lightly. With two good boys, Doc, you defeated a ball club that handled itself like they had been under fire together for fifteen years. To say that the University of Kansas won that ball game becuase their coach stimulated them to heights that they didn't know they could reach would have been more accurate.

Doc, I don't know whether you had a chance to see that red-headed guard of yours perform down there under the basket the last half or not. You were probably too busy watching Englemann scoop them in with one hand and Bobby Stark the team when the score was tied up 32 all.

I realize that the two foregoing incidents were largely responsible for the ultimate victory but this red-headed guard, Solenburger or whatever you call him, stood right in there and took it that last half. I never saw a boy fight harder in my life. He was on top of the game all the way through -- relaxed, confident, and full of what it takes. He is a little awkward, but for my dough he can be in there.

Yes Sir, Doc, you really took two boys, Bobby Allen and Englemann and whipped the championship team.

God Bless you, Boy. To see you win is a privilege.

With best personal regards, I am

Cordially yours

Mike McGuire

P.S. I almost forgot to tell you what I started to write about. Please reserve six tickets for me in about the same place up a little ways from the floor so we can see what is going on for Thursday night. I am going to bring up a bunch of real Kansas rooters.

January 15, 1941

Mr. Curtis W. McGraw
McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc.
330 West 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. McGraw:

Your letter of January 13 has been received and thank you so much for correcting the error.

I should like to order another five copies of Better Basketball and will be glad to send my check upon receipt of your statement.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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January 18, 1941

Mr. J. E. McFarland
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Topeka, Kansas

Dear Jim:

Thanks for your lovely letter of the 17th instant. Mrs. Allen and I enjoyed it so very, very much.

Your Aunt Anna Church's letter was like a picture from an old degerrotype (?). She writes most interestingly and charmingly. I love to read letters from philosophers of the old school. What truthful things they say and how they place their words in enduring phrases, and too, I know how very much you enjoyed that letter because she brought you back to the days of your childhood; the happiest days of our lives. Also the fact that you made a success of life causes a fellow to be happily retrospective. But gosh, isn't it a battle, Jim!

The struggle that a fellow goes through for this so-called success seems to me at times almost a paradox. I believe that is the reason we pick up hobbies and follow them through as you have Robert E. Lee and a lot of your old immortals. They did things for you. Their struggles and their triumphs were but symptomatic of the smaller struggles that you endure. Their victories were yours, etc.

Sometime we will get together and really spin a lot of yarns. I want you to know that Bess and I very much enjoyed your and Jessie's visit with us, although I will admit it was far too short. Why don't you make it for all the basketball games? We will extend the invitation if you will respond.

I am sending you a schedule and you can pick out the dates that are convenient for you, and both you and the Mrs. can run down for an hour's excitement and some more good visiting.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. & Mrs. Phog Allen
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Phog:

Since I do not have Mrs. Phog's home address and have to write my letters in care of Phog, I might as well address this to both of you.

Anyway, I want to tell you how very much we enjoyed meeting you all again and the opportunity of a little visit. I think it is really a shame when there are people that speak my language, meaning rebel, that we do not have more time for such meetings and discussions. I trust that the future will provide more.

Mrs. Phog, I want to say that I did enjoy your letter very much and feel sure that if you so desired that you could have an article in the Saturday Evening Post.

I have a very dear cousin, a woman who is eighteen years older than I am, whose mother was my favorite aunt. For over seventy years, the family ran a little country newspaper in Stockton, Missouri, and she can write and loves to write and I have had many sixteen-page letters from her. I sent her a copy of Aneas and she enjoyed it just as much as you did and I am hoping that I can find that letter she wrote because I know that you would enjoy reading it and appreciate her style of writing. I really feel that my daughters have missed something in not knowing this cousin for she is of the old school and endowed with a lot of wonderful philosphy and common sense. I know Jeanie would scream if she knew I was imposing this first letter she wrote me upon you but I feel that you will appreciate it and not feel that I am imposing upon you. How we started the correspondence is an interesting story that I'll tell if I have the opportunity.

Again I want to say that Jessie and I both enjoyed our evening very much and it was such a grand basketball game and a pleasure to meet you and Phog again and to enjoy our little visit so much.

Sincerely yours,

Jim McFarland

J. E. McFarland

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