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March 7, 1941

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

Dear Mac:

I read your sporting comment of last evening with a good deal of interest.

I do not care to take part in any controversy such as this. This season makes my 24th year of coaching at Kansas and I will let my acts in those 24 years speak for themselves. I only care to make this statement.

Thompson, Livingston and Fitzgibbons were more aggressively repulsive the second half than they were the first half of the Nebraska-Kansas game at Lawrence. I was sitting on the players' bench with our players, and next to me sat Hal Ruppenthal, one of our cheerleaders. When Thompson danced before one of our players, who was starting to throw a free-throw, showing his maniacally, mephi-
stophelic grin, I will admit that I could take it no longer. I leaned over and said to Hal Ruppenthal, who was parked on a thin ledge beneath the scorers' bench.

I said, "That is Dean Thompson's young son at the University of Nebraska. Dean Thompson is the Dean of Men at the University of Nebraska. The Dean should see him now." I imagine that I yelled this to Ruppenthal rather vociferously because the crowd had already challenged Thompson, especially as he seemed to be the greatest offender.

All during the first half they yelled "Rose Bowl" and "Big Shot" at Nebraska so I felt it justice to Mr. Thompson's acts that he should be made conscious of the fact that he was the Dean of Men's son and that he perhaps owed something to his papa in the way of respectable attitude.

Now for the Nebraska game at Lincoln. Our Kansas team went out to the Nebraska fieldhouse an hour and fifteen minutes before game time. As we walked through the outer door and got into the inner part of the gymnasium I was accosted, not accidentally I think, by Cy Sherman, who seemed to be waiting for me. For the past several years Cy has shown rather an aversion to me and I assure you that this has been mutually happy, as far as I have been concerned. I have never cared a great deal for Cy Sherman after my experience in the fall of 1919 when Nebraska withdrew from the Conference and all the Missouri Valley schools abrogated their contracts with Nebraska with the exception of Kansas, whose policy was this: That Kansas would play out her existing contract in football with Nebraska but would schedule no other games.

Mike Ahearn, who was then faculty representative at Kansas State, Dean Byer at Iowa State and Dr. Manley at Missouri all put double pressure on me to insist that I not keep that football contract. They wanted to punish Nebraska for withdrawing and they had signed a contract the same as Kansas had but were abrogating them. I stuck by my guns and we played the football game in 1920, but I gained the eternal ill-will of Dean Byer by not going along with them.

However, I was a fair-haired boy so far as Cy Sherman was concerned and for three or four years Cy Sherman thought I was a grand fellow. But when I consistently began to whip them in basketball, Cy, like a lot of other Nebraskans I know, just could not take it and he began to yip at my heels. I have never cared much for him and care less for him now. Enough of that background.

Cy swung over and said to me, "Phog, I want to talk to you", just as I was going down to the dressing room with my boys. I stopped and Cy said, "Phog, I had hoped you would be getting more mellow as the years rolled on, but instead you are getting more vindictive."

I said, "Cy, I just tore a front page from your own book for my own example. You are the most bitter, sour and dour old man toward your opponents whom I have ever met. Instead of your getting soft you have grown old and bitter." Cy said, "But you are giving the Conference a black eye." I said, "Well, then keep your muckers at home and teach them to act like gentlemen and they will not get a black eye."

I was just as vindictive as he was and the meeting ended in a dog-fall. I started on and had gotten about twenty feet when Hallie Bowers, a salesman for Lowe & Campbell, a Nebraska graduate and a good friend of mine, said, "Phog, you are going to need a bodyguard tonight. You had better look out." I said to him, "Hallie, I came up here without a bodyguard, I will stay here and I will leave here without a bodyguard and everything will be quite satisfactory so far as I am concerned." I then swung on to my dressing room.

During the half the football men, who make a little money on the side, sold apples and during the game Norman Sameman, one of our substitutes, was struck by a half-eaten apple, and when it hit him it shattered and ricocheted out on the court. The spectators were throwing at me but their marksmanship was bad.

You doubtless will remember several years ago when Pat Mason was officiating they hit me with an apple core; we were playing at Lincoln at the time. The crowd is as bad as it could be and no one restrains them. You doubtless have learned regarding the episode of a spectator who followed me from my bench on the way to John Selleck's office where I was to phone Mrs. Allen.

I am sending you a copy of a letter which Mr. Stanley G. Walts, General Manager of the University of Michigan Union, wrote Chancellor Malott regarding the Kansas team. I am also sending you a copy of the letter that he wrote me. Surely such letters as these could not come from a man who is apt to make a mistake as to the action of gentlemen and muckers.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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March 20, 1941

Mr. Alston McCarthy
730 York Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Alston:

I know that you have plenty to do without being asked an additional chore. However, I am saying something to you that I want you to keep in strict confidence.

I am desirous of helping a very worthy person and her family and if you can help or can get some of your good friends in Denver to help, I will deeply appreciate it. Ernst "Dutch" Uhrlaub, one of the Uhrlaub twins who played basketball here and was my captain in 1921, and who also played a fine game of Varsity Baseball as well as being an expert in golf, has been divorced by his wife, Vernadine Uhrlaub. There are two children in the family and Dutch has not seen fit to support them, although there is a court order to that effect.

May I give you a little background of Dutch's marital dislocation. Dutch taught at Salina, Kansas after having made a fine success in Arkansas City. He was fine with the boys and a good coach. He married his wife, who was one of the students in the Salina High School, after her graduation. She previously had been in his classes. They had two lovely children and apparently everybody was happy, but the same old triangle worked to the detriment of the family.

She was a school teacher in the Salina School System, that Dutch became enamored with, and that broke up the home. Of course, he lost his job as did the other teacher. I did not know all the background at the time, but I knew that he had lost the job and I heard pretty definitely that it was his fault. Not being able to procure a job, I suggested to Dutch that he come to the University and work out his Master's Degree, which he did. My only motive was in helping him and the family.

My notion was that if he should get a Master's Degree it would again make him more valuable and perhaps get him a job at a better salary, and in that way a part of his salary would go toward the support of the children. So he came to the University a year ago and I engaged him as my Freshman Basketball Coach and my Assistant Varsity Coach, knowing that he knew basketball and feeling we might lift him up and put him in a better environment, both mentally and physically, than he had been exposed to the last year so previously to this.

Dutch officiated basketball and football games but contributed very little to the support of the family. Different prominent citizens of Salina came to me saying that Dutch was not taking care of his children, let alone his wife, who was forced to work in the school cafeteria so that the children might have the elemental necessities of life.

Both children are talented and the boy, 15 years of age, was playing in the band. A trip was to be made to Kansas City, so this kind-hearted citizen of Salina purchased shoes so the boy could make the trip well equipped, as were the other children. I only mention this to show you that apparently everybody believed in the wife. But most everyone was entirely out of patience with Ernst. He apparently continued to see the other individual and ignored his family.

When I found this out I called him in and tore him to pieces mentally. I told him the only reason I was helping him was to help his family, and if he was going to pull that kind of stuff he certainly could not expect any cooperation from me. Of course, he denied it generally, but he was very non-committal.

I have been in the Uhrlaub home at Salina and have met them when they came here to Lawrence to visit his relatives. So naturally I offered to help Mrs. Uhrlaub in any way that I could.

Way back in January, 1941, to be exact, I received a letter from Mrs. Vernadine Uhrlaub at 1029 East 17th Ave., Denver, Colorado. I told her that I had some very good friends in Denver like Alston McCarthy, Bill Griem, and other individuals who I am sure that I could turn to for a bit of friendly cooperation for a person in time of need. I further told her that if there was any way that we could help her I would be more than glad to do it.

Her letter to me of January 15, 1941 reads as follows:

"I'm sorry to have taken so long to answer your letter.

"The flu epidemic is very much in evidence here. Both Dene and I have had it.

"I returned to work only to be laid off. If you think you can help me in any way at all to find work, I would greatly appreciate it.

"Dutch is working and has been sending some money each week but I can't depend on that alone.

"It is so kind of you to want to help.

Sincerely,

Vernadine Uhrlaub"

I believe Mrs. Uhrlaub is living with her folks in Denver. Alston, I realize that this is asking a lot of you but I have no better friend to turn to than you and I am wondering if in some of your rarely spare moments that you have, if you would look into this situation for me and let me know if there is any way we could use legitimate friends in Denver for helping a very worthy woman who is trying heroically to raise her two children. I understand both the children are afflicted with asthma at times. So even though the boy is old enough to work part-time, I am not sure just what is strength is.

Dutch was a Phi Delt, you know, and you were a Beta, but I am sure the great athletic fraternity to which we all belong will cause us to want to help some person not so fortunate as we might happen to be.

Now, Alston, I will certainly want to reciprocate your kindness, and if you can by any manner use your fine influence in helping Mrs. Uhrlaub, I am sure that the bread will be returned upon the waters.

Please give my kindest regards to your wife and your good family. It would be a great pleasure to see you and have a chat with you.

By the way, I told Howard Engleman and John Kline to look you up. Both boys are playing on the Kansas City School of Commerce Team and they are out there for a little fun and a light lark. I told Engleman, who is President of his class in the School of Business, not to make the mistake of getting out of Denver without looking you up and saying hello. Both Engleman and Kline are of the highest type of gentlemen and I wanted them to have the benefit of knowing you.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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April 28, 1941

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

Dear Mac:

Mrs. Allen asked me when I returned Sunday morning at 2:00 A.M. if we had had trouble in any of our baseball games. I said, "Well, the only trouble that I know of that we have had was the difficulty we encountered in getting Iowa State out at bat. It seems as if we had more difficulty getting Iowa State out than any other trouble that I know of." She said, "Well, there is a copy of Mr. McBride's sports page and he must have heard something." She was greatly worried, so to sooth her fears and to ease any misapprehension that you might have I thought it best perhaps to write you the full facts of the case.

When I was asked to take charge of baseball here I called the baseball candidates together and made this statement, "Boys, we are playing college baseball and if any of you heretofore have had any idea of charging the umpire or running out toward him on any decisions, then I want to say here and now that all that stuff is out. We are a college baseball team and we are going to play strictly college baseball and none of the semi-pro stuff, imitative of the belligerent baseball barnstormers." Not only have I said this to the players, but a number of people wrote in to me congratulating me on taking the team, and in each letter I stated to them that our baseball material and morale was at a very low ebb and we were going to have a scrappy, aggressive team, but we were going to put our fight into the game and not at the umpire.

And we have followed that to the letter. We played three baseball games, one at Oklahoma and two at Ames, and I would be very pleased indeed if you could grapevine Mr. Harold Keith or Professor Jap Haskell or Professor Louis Menze or L. C. "Cap" Timm, baseball coach at Iowa State, and find out if we have ever been belligerent or have fallen in the evil way of the umpire charging habits of a baseball manager.

Coach Haskell had his assistant, Coach Jack Baer, on the coaching line for the first seven innings at Norman. I politely walked over to Jap and said, "Jap, isn't there some rule in the Big-Six code among baseball coaches that the Big-Six coaches shall remain off the coaching line?" Jap said, "I don't know, Phog, is there?" I said, "I think there is, Jap, is there not?" And with a friendly slap on the shoulder to subdue the bickerings from the Sooner rooters, I walked back to my bench and sat down. The approach was most pleasant, the conversation cordial and all the actions on my part were a friendly gesture. The Sooner rooters could not tell whether I was batting a lame baseball shoulder for Jap, or inviting him out to dinner. But the barrage was the same. In the next inning, Coach Baer kept his position on the bench and Coach Haskell sent a player out to do coaching on the third base.

At Iowa State in the first game, Kansas was leading by one run, 8 to 7. There were two down and Iowa State was at bat with a man on third and the call 3 to 2. This was in the last half of the ninth. The runner from third started with the pitcher's arm, the batter struck out, the catcher dropped the ball, the runner from third crossed the plate, but the catcher threw to first in time to retire the side. The umpire called the player out and apparently the game was over. Immediately I ordered our boys to grab their equipment and start for the club house on the run. The rooters and team members charged the umpire, claiming that the runner was safe and the umpire changed his decision. Both umpires then came in and concurred with the home team's desire.

Coach Timm overtook me in the left field on the way to the club house and said, "Phog, the umpire called the runner safe." I said to Coach Timm, "Cap, there is a man scouting this game from the Boston Red Sox called Becker. He is an old umpire. You look him up and he will tell you the rules. The ball game is over." I had quite a time getting my boys off the field because in the case of a fire or dog fight everybody wants to see it. I finally pulled them into the dressing room under the stadium and then Timm came to me and said, "Phog, the score is tied." I said, "Well, Cap, it might be a tie in your mind but according to the rules the ball game is over. If you want to argue with anybody see Mr. Becker who knows the rules." Coach Timm was most polite and courteous but insisted that we play some more baseball. We took our showers and went to the hotel.

Louis Menze came down to the hotel later and said that in his opinion he thought we were right, but when the players and the crowd ran to the umpire and the umpire changed his decision then he was not sure so he looked it up. Rule 52 clarified the matter definitely for him. Scout Becker of the Red Sox, Louis and I had a fanning bee that evening and the next morning Coach Timm and Louis and a group of us played golf. Becker said there was no doubt in his mind from the beginning. But it was not my job to find Becker; it was my job to know the rules and not argue with anybody. So if you read anything in the papers about the thousand rooters swarming on the field, you perhaps felt that I would be right in the center of the argument, but if you would have bet on this situation you would have lost all your money in this case. I had the rule on my side and there was no need to argue; in fact, there was every reason why I should absent myself from any declamation or oratory.

So thanks, Mac, for expressing hope that I am not going to play semi-pro or pro baseball. We are playing amateur baseball and we are keeping it amateur, at least during the time we are playing our opponents, and at all times when we are admonishing the boys to put the fight into the game and not at someone who is calling the decision.

I take it that you paid me a compliment because in the last part of your sentence you state as much. But even some of our best friends and those who care most about us read with apprehension and fear rather than the meaning which you set forth. But I will not let you down, Mac, I'll do the job in the same manner that I have admonished the boys to do it.

Mr. C. E. McBride

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April 28, 1941

I have been very much on the run with speaking engagements out over the State, coaching baseball, and what not, but with the first opportunity I am going to drop in to say hello to you.

With kindest regards to Mrs. McBride and your good family, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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August 29, 1941.

Mr. A. J. McDonald,
Southwest Missouri State Teachers College,
Springfield, Missouri.

Dear Andy:

I have just returned from the Iowa State High School Coaches Association coaching school where Clark Shaughnessy, Bernie Bierman, Henry Iba and I were on the teaching faculty. We had a full week with 325 high school coaches in attendance.

I will be happy to help you on your thesis requirement for the Master's degree. I would suggest, Andy, that you have some place in this numerical list something to show the research work, administrative work, and so forth.

I am not trying to toot my own horn, but when the Rules Committee some ten or twelve years ago legislated the dribble out of the rules, I remember that I was speaking before the National Education Association Committee on Athletics which met in Des Moines, Iowa. Knute Rockne was speaking at the Drake field house at this section on the Pedagogy of Football, and my subject before that was the Pedagogy of Basketball. The news came over the wire regarding the action of the Rules Committee back east legislating out the dribble.

I made the following statement to the assembled group in the Drake field house concerning the deletion of the dribble: "The autocratic and high-handed method of the National Basketball Rules Committee in ruling out the dribble without obtaining the permission of the majority of the coaches is subject to gross condemnation. What the broken field run is to football the dribble is to basketball. When a man is closely guarded the dribbler can break to an open position and pass. It gives an opportunity for more open play and frees the ball from congestion. Personally, I resent the action of the Rules Committee and I propose to call a meeting of the coaches to be here in conjunction with the Drake Relays, which will be in about two weeks. We will ascertain whether the rules committee can do such a thing in the face of open criticism of the coaches."

I received 160 telegrams from the outstanding coaches of the country agreeing with my stand and we called this meeting to be held in Des Moines the night prior to the Drake Relays. We had a great meeting and the coaches voted to meet in Chicago at the time of the National Collegiate Athletic Association meeting and formulate rules and procedure for the formation of the National Association of Basketball

Coaches. I remember a few outstanding coaches who were there -- Clarence "Nibs" Price, of California, the Big Ten coaches, the Missouri Valley coaches, - in fact it seemed as if we had the majority of the nation's coaches there. They elected me as the first president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, and the following year they re-elected me.

During all the time that I have been connected with the National Basketball Coaches Association the coaches have never proposed an important change to the rules body without it being adopted. I think that is an exceptional record. Born in a state of insurrection, so to speak, the Coaches Association has been the Rules Committee's best advisor.

We immediately started on research work. We would try certain projects out before we would recommend them to the Rules body. I served for a number of years as chairman of the Research Committee of the Coaches Association, and also for a number of years I was chairman of the Research Committee of the National Basketball Rules Committee. There has been much research done. John Bunn at Stanford, Porter, of Chicago, and I perhaps have done the most. Until the formation of the National Association of Basketball Coaches there was no research work done. There is much being carried on at present.

So, as Dr. Naismith was the originator of the game of basketball, we here at Kansas have been the originators of the formation of the Coaches Association and the research work.

In 1929 I wrote an article for Major Griffith in the Athletic Journal entitled "Basketball in the Olympics". Even prior to this I had been working on incorporating basketball in the Olympic Games. In 1932 I obtained approval that we have basketball as a demonstration game in the Olympics in Los Angeles, but due to a monetary consideration a game of football was put on which Pop Warner, Jimmy Phalan and the Coast crew promoted - a demonstration for money and not for the sport. So basketball lost out.

I continued the fight and while at Los Angeles met Sohaku Ri of Waseda University at Tokyo, Japan, and had communications with Dr. Carl Diem, of Berlin. Dr. Diem notified me here in Lawrence prior to any notification in the country that basketball had been incorporated in the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936. I then visited the executive committee of the National Basketball Rules Committee, Major Griffith of the National Collegiate, and I formulated and started the drive for the "Naismith Night", the money to be obtained to buy Dr. Naismith a home that he had lost during the World War, and to send him to Berlin, Germany. We raised seven thousand dollars by this means, and the entire sum was turned over to Dr. Naismith.

At the present time the Springfield College at Springfield, Mass., is endeavoring to have a Naismith Night to obtain funds to build a field house in Dr. Naismith's memory. Personally, I have not been hepped up on the plan to build a utility for some school to honor the man. Years ago I went to Dr. Naismith and asked him to tell me where he would want a memorial if he had the choice. He said, "Well, I had thought after retirement of moving to California, but since I have worked most of my life at Lawrence, Kansas, to be specific since 1898, I would much rather have it here in Lawrence than any other place." I had a life mask made of him in plaster of paris and have it here in our possession. I had thought of sometime obtaining a sculptor and having a fitting memorial to Dr. Naismith's memory here. When I broached the subject most of the administrators discouraged the idea of a non-utility memorial, and they want something that they can use.

Personally, I have done little promoting to erect a building, and as far as I am concerned I am not going to be able to subscribe heartily to the Springfield plan of having a Naismith Night and the contributions going to a college for a building.

I talked to Porter, of Chicago, who is national secretary of the High School Federation, and he feels the same way about it. So I am not sure whether the drive will go over this winter or not. This year, of course, is the 50th anniversary of the birth of basketball, and incidentally it will be my 25th year of coaching Kansas basketball. Due to the fact that this is the semi-centennial there will be a tendency for people to want to celebrate Naismith Night. With twenty million people in the world playing basketball this year will be a prosperous year for promoters and money gatherers who play on the Naismith idea.

In 1920 I went back to New York to the National Collegiate Athletic Association meeting and pointed out the fact that the Rules body had taken Dr. Naismith's picture and name out of the Rules Guide and stated that they should restore it and pay him the honor that was due him. They did this. Dr. Naismith, being a very quiet and obscure individual, did not go in for fanflare, so I have been his champion having played under him and having played against his teams prior to my coming to the University. I thought he was a grand gentleman, a great teacher and a man who bequeathed a sport to the American public that had not been fully appreciated. He had never made a penny off of the game that he originated and in his later years I wanted him to receive some of the compensation that should rightfully be accorded him.

There is a book on basketball called "Basketball", by Dr. Naismith, printed by the Association Press, 347 Madison Avenue, New York. If you have not gotten it I think it might be helpful to you in your research work. The book sells for \$2.00. This is

merely a historical book and well worth the money from the standpoint of history.

Andy, the greatest difficulty that you will have in seeking unbiased information from the present coaches will be the fact that most of these fellows think they originated these ideas. I have heard more than fifty men claim that they were the originators of the five-man defense. Meanwell claimed that he was the original pivot and short pass man.

I played against the Buffalo Germans in 1905 when we licked them for the so-called world's championship. They were the original pivot and short pass chaps if there ever were any, and the history of Dr. Meanwell's rise in basketball was due to the fact that he studied medicine in Buffalo and while there was a teacher of wrestling and boxing in the Y.M.C.A. He never played basketball but he used the Buffalo German's pivot and short pass that he learned at Buffalo when he coached basketball at Wisconsin and Missouri. It was not Meanwell's at all, but the Buffalo Germans, but he being connected with basketball used it as his.

Personally, I think you have a pretty tough go if you work on the basis of your listings on sheet #1 because it will not be authentic due to the pathfinders and the pioneers of the game having passed on. The fellows in the game at the present time are not historians, but most of them are boys who have borrowed these ideas from the old-timers and the pathfinders who have passed on. There are always pathfinders before pioneers, you know.

On sheet #2, a study of the men and their definite contribution to basketball, should be easier.

I believe the evaluation of the game would be much more authentic by using this Association book as a legitimate background, and then working in the development of the game from then on up would be something that you could bank on. In my book, "Better Basketball", I give the evaluation of the game from the playing standpoint, and this Association book gives it from Dr. Naismith's standpoint of the original game.

I might also say that while I was chairman of the Research Committee we definitely settled on the terminology of the game which then was in a very bad way. Each section called a certain play situation by a different name.

It might be a fine idea to assemble all the texts on basketball that have been written and see where the new ideas have come from in these texts. Certainly authors who write would be organized to bring out these thoughts, and a research of the texts of these authors would be a definite research work well done.

Also, the films that have been made of the game - not of games played, but of fundamentals showing teaching films would be helpful. You will remember that in 1956 I made a two-reel film for the Eastman Kodak Company for their teaching films division. It is maintained for classroom work, and Eastman used Harry Kipke in football, Helen Wills in tennis, and used me in basketball to demonstrate these teaching skills. They used the silent film because they sold their product to the movies and they would be competing with the movie industry if they used a talking movie.

All these teaching aids are helpful. Then there are the summer coaching schools that sprang up in 1928 and 1929 where doubtless thousands of men sit at the feet of the different so-called basketball masters and hear taught the fundamentals of the game. All of these are definite contributions to the spread of better basketball.

Men like Meanwell, Piggie Lambert, Sam Barry, Wibs Price, Tony Hinkle and other coaches who have traveled from coast to coast lecturing and teaching are worth mentioning. The schools of physical education in which basketball textbooks are used definitely in teaching the game show a definite progress.

These are my ideas of some work that can be well done. I am glad to fill out this questionnaire for you, Andy, and I hope that this will be helpful to you. If I can help you further please command me.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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September 19, 1940

McMorrow

Miss Marie McMorrow
828 East Drive
Apartment 2
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

My dear Miss McMorrow:

I am very happy to comply with your request of September 17 and we are sending you three or four football schedules so that you might pass them out to your friends. As you will note, we are playing Oklahoma here on November 9, and I am afraid it is going to be a tough game for the home boys that day.

If you should decide to see the Oklahoma game let me know. We will see if we cannot arrange to get you a seat in a good location. I assure you that it is no trouble at all and we are glad that you wrote us.

Things here are moving along nicely. School is just opening and it looks as if we, along with other schools, will march forward until the call comes to serve more definitely.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Sept 17-1940

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I wonder if you would be so kind as to send me a K. U. Football schedule? I wish them luck on every game but one and of course you know that one is O. U. I would surely like to see that game, as I feel sure it will be interesting.

Hope it will not be too much trouble for you but I felt sure I would get a schedule if I wrote you.

Sincerely

Marie M. Morrow.

828 East Drine Apt 2.

Oklahoma City.

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September 30, 1940

Mr. Mickey McBride, Coach
East Central State College
Ada, Oklahoma

Dear Coach McBride:

Coach Victor Hurt referred your letter of the 19th instant to me for attention.

I regret to advise you that our schedule is entirely filled. Since the conference has cut our allowable games from twenty to eighteen this year, we have had difficulty in keeping the teams that we previously played, as well as others desiring to play on our schedule.

You have had some very good teams, and I am sure this year will be no exception. I wish you lots of luck.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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cc: V. Hurt

October 5, 1940

Mr. Gerald McClure
The Bulletin
1008 Waldheim Bldg.
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. McClure:

I have been out of the office since your letter arrived until just before school began, and since that time I have been engrossed with the multiplicity of duties in connection with the opening of school.

Four years ago the Department of Athletics underwent a change. Mr. Gwinn Henry is now Director of Athletics and I am Director of Physical Education. I regret that I am not in a position to aid Mr. Thayer M. Boardman. While Thayer was in college, and later when he was in Kansas City, we worked with him and he did a very nice job, yet I know at the present time there is no money to promote this proposition about which you speak.

I am sure that the delay has not resulted in any financial loss to Thayer because there is no money to pay for work of this kind.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
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Dr. F. C. Allen
Athletic Department
University of Kansas
Lawrence
Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

A man claiming to have known you a few years back, Thayer M. Boardman, has outlined a job which he did for you under the head of Jay Hawk Juniors, as a promotional scheme to make the unoccupied seats at the football games and the K.U. Relays show a profit.

Since leaving school he has taken a course at Huff's Business College, -able to take shorthand at 120 words per minute and type at 60, which is average or above.

As a K. U. man of 1930, it strikes me that this sort of work would be advantageous to the Athletic Department in interesting the youngsters in the activities of our school. I am writing you for your consideration and opinion of this chap to be placed into your office as a secretary-stenographer to promote this Jay Hawk Junior plan as a perennial operation. He offers to do this at any reasonable figure that could be decided upon between you.

Would appreciate your immediate answer as to how this strikes your fancy.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald M. Christ".

GM:mf

THE BULLETIN
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October 15, 1940

Miss Marie McMorrow
828 E. Drive
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Miss McMorrow:

Your letter of the 7th instant finds me telling you that Kansas won a game this last Saturday over Drake, but they did lose one to Iowa State two weeks ago. The O.U. game will be a tough one. O.U. lost a tough game at Austin.

In regard to the Oklahoma game, we will be glad to order tickets for you. The tickets for the Oklahoma game sell for \$2.25. We are enclosing a football schedule and you will note the price on the back.

Trusting that you will be able to come up, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

Oct 7-1940

Dear Dr. Allen:

Has carry to see
Kansas lost the game Saturday
as I had my money on Kansas
and thought they would win
hope they do win all but the
O.U. game.
I am really a wreck after Saturday
game between O.U. & Okla A+M. it
was surely exciting, but mighty
hot weather, we nearly melted
and of course I now have a fine
sore throat, but it was worth it.
I do hope we can come up for
the Kansas, O.U. game, but we
three of us would like to come
but you did not tell me how
much the tickets will be, so
please let me know, so we can
see whether we can afford it.
With best wishes for the success of
the team.

Sincerely,
Marie M. Marrow.
828 E. Drive.
Oklahoma City, Okla.

October 30, 1940

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

Dear Mac:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter addressed to me with the title, Director of Athletics. Thank goodness, Mac, I am not Director of Athletics, because the Board of Regents some four years ago took care of that in a very handy fashion. I am sure that you knew this, but just from habit you used a cognomen.

I took your check with your request to Mr. Earl Falkenstien, the financial secretary of the Athletic Association, together with your two relay coupons and your K-man priority. You will hear from Mr. Falkenstien, who will enclose your tickets in a very short while.

With best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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

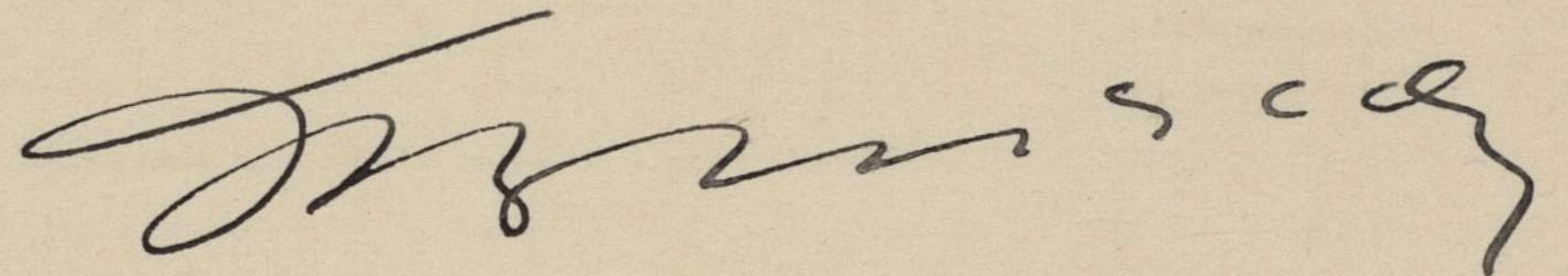
October 28, 1940.

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I want six good tickets to the Kansas - Oklahoma game. I enclose two Relay Club coupons, and I presume I am still entitled to one ticket as a "K" man, which leaves three to be paid for. I am not sure of the cost, but I believe it is \$2.20 per ticket, plus 18 cents postage, making a total of \$6.78, for which I enclose my check. If this amount is not correct, please advise me.

Yours very truly,



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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION KANS UNIVERSITY

THANKS SO MUCH FOR WRITING ABOUT TICKET BUT DUE TO ILLNESS

WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COME UP FOR THE GAME SURELY

DISAPPOINTED=

MARIE MCMORROW.

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November 7, 1940

Miss Marie McMorrow
828 E. Drive
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Miss McMorrow:

Your letter of November 6 making inquiry regarding the football tickets for the Oklahoma-Kansas game has been received.

Dr. Allen is out of town at the present time on speaking engagements, and does not expect to return until sometime Saturday.

I have made inquiry regarding your tickets, and find that Mr. Earl Falkenstien, Financial Secretary of the Athletic Association, has three seats reserved for you. Mr. Falkenstien advised me that you may receive these tickets at the Athletic Office in Robinson Gymnasium any time Saturday morning up until 12:00 noon. After that time you may call for the tickets at the ticket office at the stadium, window 27.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen

Mr. Falkestein

Did Dr. Allen see
you about the Mc Morrow
tickets?

I should write today
& let her know -

J. G.

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Widdow 27
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Wednesday,
Nov 6 - 1948

Dear Dr. Allen;

Have not received
the tickets as yet, looks now
like we will come up
on the train. Sorry to hear
Kansas lost Saturday, and of
course you know Okla. lost to
Nebraska, but it was a grand
game, enjoyed every minute
of it.
With best wishes.

Sincerely
Marie M. Morrow
828 E. Drine
Okla City. Okla.

October 25, 1940

Miss Marie McMorrow
828 E. Drive
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Miss McMorrow:

Yes, our maps in Kansas are queer ones at times. In fact, any map that you would look at after the Kansas-Nebraska game would have been a distorted one.

We will strike out the city of Austin and not let that occur again.

We will order three tickets for you for the Oklahoma-Kansas game but we hope it will not turn out as unfortunate as the Nebraska bout.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

Oct 17-1948

Dear Dr. Allen:

Your letter is at hand and I was surely glad to hear Kansas won, it looks like Kansas and O.V. have a tough one this week but I am hoping for victory for both. See Dr. your maps in Kansas must have changed in the last years as O.V. played Texas at Dallas not Austin. There are three of us coming up for the N.Y. O.V. game, so would you please order three (3) tickets. Thank you so much for your trouble as I know what a busy person you must be.

With best wishes.

Sincerely

Marie M. Morrow.

828 E. Drine
Okla City, Okla.

Dr. Allen:

my face
is red!