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October 7, 1940

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

Dear Mac:

I am sending you a complete file of information regarding our—I hope not—too much lamented basketball tournament. The reason I say lamented is because of the fact that we lament the fact that the N.C.A.A. outfit took the \$10,000 net profit.

I am withholding this and do not expect to send it to you until you have gotten back from the World Series and have had time to catch your breath. Sometime I am coming in and spin a yarn with you.

When I was in Chicago I was ready to toss this little foundling, which I had hoped was a legitimate babe, back in the nurse's lap, but I am cogitating, meditating and expostulating upon the similarity of aims, purposes and intentions of two organizations; namely, the A.A.U. and the N.C.A.A. There is very little difference between these two organizations in that the members all put their pants on one leg at a time, and they all put their money in the hip pocket.

By reading this letter you may think I am either inebriated or just plain nuts, but I am so darn disgusted with these guys that I do not want to act concerned over the noble and grand purpose of building basketball up from an idealistic standpoint. The A.A.U. got the \$10,000 when we played the Oklahoma Aggies, and the N.C.A.A. got this \$10,000. I do not know which was the better or which was the worse.

I will tell you the rest of the story when I see you. It is a sad tale for little Liza.

Regards,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Encs.

October 25, 1940

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

Dear Mac:

I was sorry that I had such a short opportunity to visit with you and Helen, but it was good to see you even for that short time. Bess and I are leaving Saturday morning early for Kirksville, Missouri where we will attend their homecoming and I am to speak at their homecoming banquet. It will be a lot of fun to see some of those old timers at Kirksville who were very fond of me in the earlier days.

Thanks for your wonderful invitation. Bess and I have been declaring that we were going to make that said visit, but it seems as if old people get busier everyday.

I am to speak at Toledo, Ohio on November 1 and Bess is going to drive up with me. Then we will drive down to see the Northwestern-Minnesota game on the second, and then we go over to Shoreland, Wisconsin, just out of Milwaukee, for a meeting on the 7th. I have to be back here for the 8th to officiate at a game at Haskell, and of course, will be here on the 9th for our homecoming with Oklahoma.

I guess we are going to have to do some night driving to get back from Milwaukee in time. We plan to do a little visiting with Jane in Chicago in the meantime. She is with the American Art Institute there and seems to be enjoying her stay in Chicago very much.

I trust that your family is getting along splendidly, and that you and Helen are enjoying life in the extreme. Really, I have not been in Kansas City at all this fall, not once. I have been wanting to run in to see Gene Zachman, and of course, when I do I will give you a ring and have a short and pleasant chat with you.

I do not like these alphabetical guys that want all the money. While in Chicago I am going to see the good Major, John L. Griffith, and as it is my habit, I expect to speak my mind pretty clearly regarding the group of fellows who want to give you the honor of working hard and they keep the money. You will understand, Mac, I do not want it for myself, but I do believe that people come to see teams play and not alphabetical big wigs who enjoy the glow of realm--in other words, filthy lucre.

I am still hard to get along with, Mac, but I will not be so when I drink that red soda with you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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October 18---

Dear "Phog": So the N.C.A.A. has joined the A.A.U. Well, well and several million other ejaculations.

What say to tossing in the W.P.A., the Y.M.C.U., the X.Y.Z. and all the other organizations with alphabetical appellations into the discard. I don't like any of 'em, that is, not so many of 'em---much---if any.

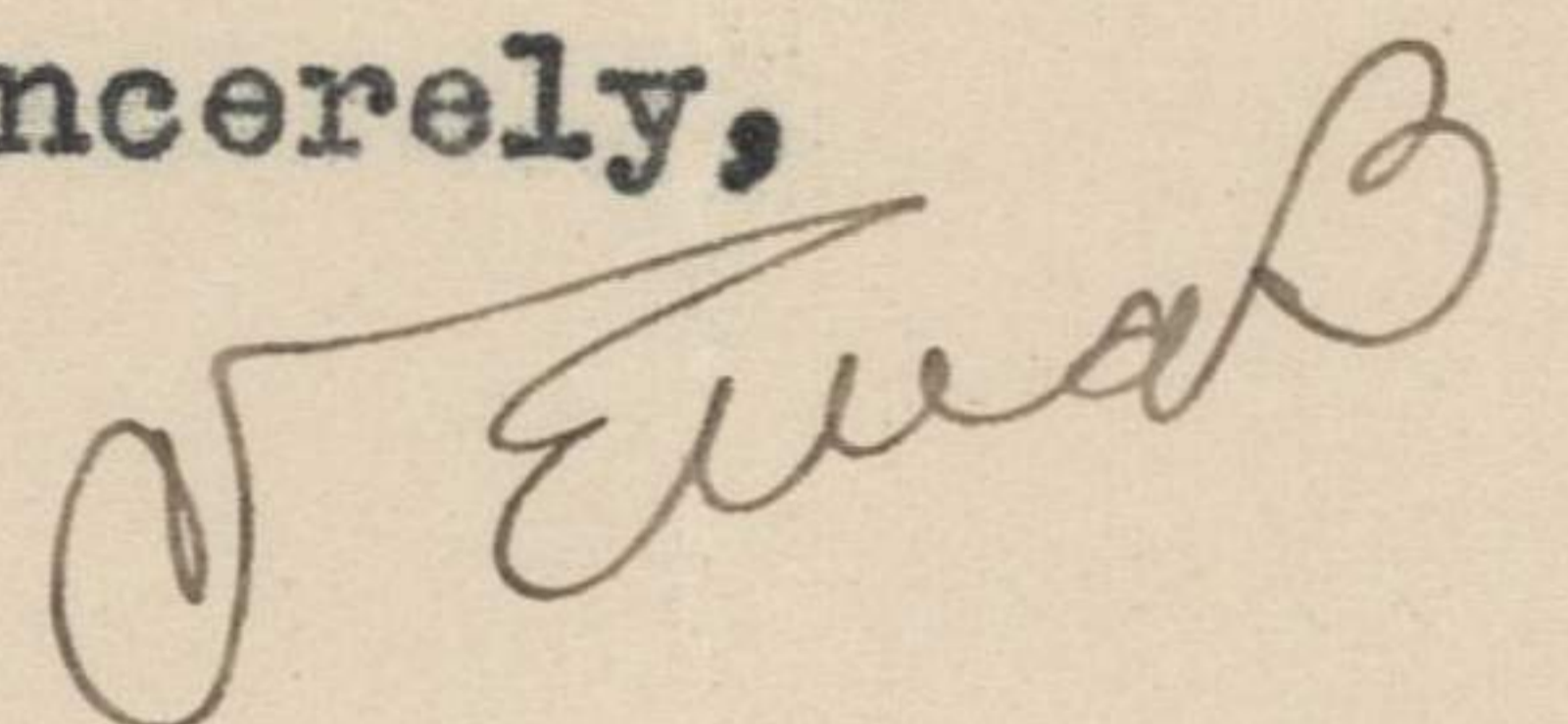
Anyway let's have another fine tournament---let the money fall where it will.

Sometime you and Bess come up and let's all have a drink of something stronger than red soda...and then throw a lotta conversation.

Hope you have another fine basketball team.

Our regards to all the Allen tribe.

Sincerely,



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November 11, 1940

Mr. Robert McKinney
Secretary to the President
Northeast Missouri State Teachers College
Kirksville, Missouri

Dear Mr. McKinney:

I have just returned from the east and
I find your favor of the 7th instant.

I have run over the manuscript and made
corrections where I deemed it necessary. I am send-
ing you the definition of a blush and you will be
able to insert it in the proper place, and also this
will enable you to give copies of that definition to
those who may want it.

Congratulations to the coach and the boys
on their upset against Warrensburg. It must have been
a great battle.

My kindest regards to the President, his
good wife, to Dean Eubank and his help-mate, and all
the other kind administrators in your institution.
Do not forget Cliff and Mrs. Cornwell. I think that
fellow Cornwell has lots of stuff on the ball!

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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NORTHEAST MISSOURI
STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
KIRKSVILLE

WALTER H. RYLE, PRESIDENT

November 7, 1940

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

Dear Doctor Allen:

Enclosed you will find what purports to be the stenographic transcription of your speech at the Homecoming banquet at Kirksville, October 26, 1940. You will readily see that we were not able to get down with syllabic perfection, everything you said. For this inefficiency or inability we make no apology, but hope you will be kind enough to read our transcription and make what changes you wish before we have it bound in our permanent records.

Several people have asked for a copy of your definition of a blush which we were unable to get, and I hope you will find time to jot it down.

The Bulldogs scored a surprising upset against Warrensburg last week, 10-7, and we are hoping for a repeat against Maryville this week.

I hope you will be able to return the corrected manuscript soon, as we are anxious to get the proceedings of the day in the hands of the binders.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert McKinney
Robert McKinney
Sec'y to President

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December 11, 1940

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

Dear Mac:

I have written Bill Gray and am sending you a carbon copy which is herewith enclosed. The facts have been definitely and straightforwardly set forth in my letter and I challenge Mr. Gray to prove otherwise.

Bill Gray asked me down to his home for dinner. There were about eight or ten men from Chanute whom I knew - Fred Harris, son of Senator Harris, who is on one of the papers, and a group that I learned were Phi Psi's. Bill Gray is a Beta. The Beta's have refused his son for initiation in the Beta Chapter. This made Bill quite angry and the Phi Psi's pledged him. The second son was coming up to the University at the same time that Ralph Miller was due to attend college. Bill took the active part in pledging and rushing Ralph Miller and his younger son, William Gray, in the Phi Psi Fraternity.

I am told, and I do not have it on any direct authority, that a group of Phi Psi's raised enough money to pay Ralph Miller \$50.00 a month if he would attend the University. I do not know that this subsidy of theirs carried any restriction as to what fraternity he was to join, but he pledged Phi Psi and I am told that only Phi Psi's contributed to this fund.

I did not talk to anyone, I did not talk to an intermediary, and ~~no~~ one gave me any information regarding what Ralph Miller was to get if he was to get anything. Bill Gray was the prime mover and I did not discuss with him or anyone else any subsidy or any job that he should have. If Bill states otherwise, he is a prevaricator of the deepest dye.

Now let him come on and have his say. I have never offered a subsidy, nor will I, nor have I had anyone else to offer a subsidy.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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December 14, 1940

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

Dear Mac:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have just
written to Bill Gray.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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December 17, 1940

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

Dear Mac:

I am sorry that in our issue of the Kansas City Times as of December 10, 1940, the article which you marked for me on the tear sheet did not appear in the Lawrence issue. Had it done so I am sure I would have read it because I digest your sheet from top to bottom.

I am still hoping to read a statement regarding my proselyting, which appeared in your column concerning Mr. Bill Gray.

Don't you think it is coming to me, Mac?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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December 17, 1940

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

Dear Mac:

I am sending you in confidence a carbon copy of a letter that Sidney S. Linscott, President of the Home State Bank, wrote to Bill Gray. Sidney Linscott is a Phi Psi and Bill is a Beta.

I am also sending you in confidence a copy of a little slip which Mr. Linscott attached to his letter.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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January 2, 1941

Mr. V.R. McMillan
McMillan Athletic Goods Co.
726 Wabash Avenue
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Mr. McMillan:

Your letter of December 24 regarding
the article in the Saturday Evening Post has been
received.

Dr. Allen is out of town at the present
time, but your letter will be brought to his
attention as soon as he returns.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen



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and Manufacturers
of Athletic Specialties*

December 24, 1940

Coach Phog Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

I owe you a Christmas present but will have to make this letter suffice as this is Christmas Eve and the funds are depleted! I want to thank you very much for the very fine accidental advertising you gave my pump, as the pump in the photograph of you on page 23 of The Saturday Evening Post, recent issue, heading up your article is one of my manufacture. I brought this pump out some seven or eight years ago and have had the very pleasant experience of doing a volume of about 3,000 of them a year since then. I am glad to see you are using it. I hope you will need another dozen soon.

I liked your article very much and have been, over the past years, very much interested in your progress. You certainly have been a standout in your profession. Of course, now being an adopted Hoosier, I would like to give you a word of caution to avoid the teams from good old Indiana as much as you can. They play a very fast brand of basketball back this way. Maybe you haven't heard of the teams down here, but it seems to me you did have a game with one of them last year.

It has been a long time since I saw you and during that time I have very proudly stated many times that you were an old-time friend of mine. I hope our paths will cross at some early date. The last opportunity I muffed, as when you stopped through here you couldn't locate me and left a note under my door which I appreciated very much. You, of course, will remember my mother. She got here last night from Kansas and is having a delightful visit with my two kiddies who are three and four years of age.

I'm one of the old timers who would read your article with the greatest interest. I went to Baker in the fall of 1908 when they celebrated their fiftieth anniversary. I was then next to the youngest student in school, as they had an academy at that time and the girl who was younger than I died shortly after, so I happen to be the youngest person living who was in Baker at the celebration of their fiftieth anniversary. I hope to attend the one hundredth anniversary in 1958 which isn't far off.

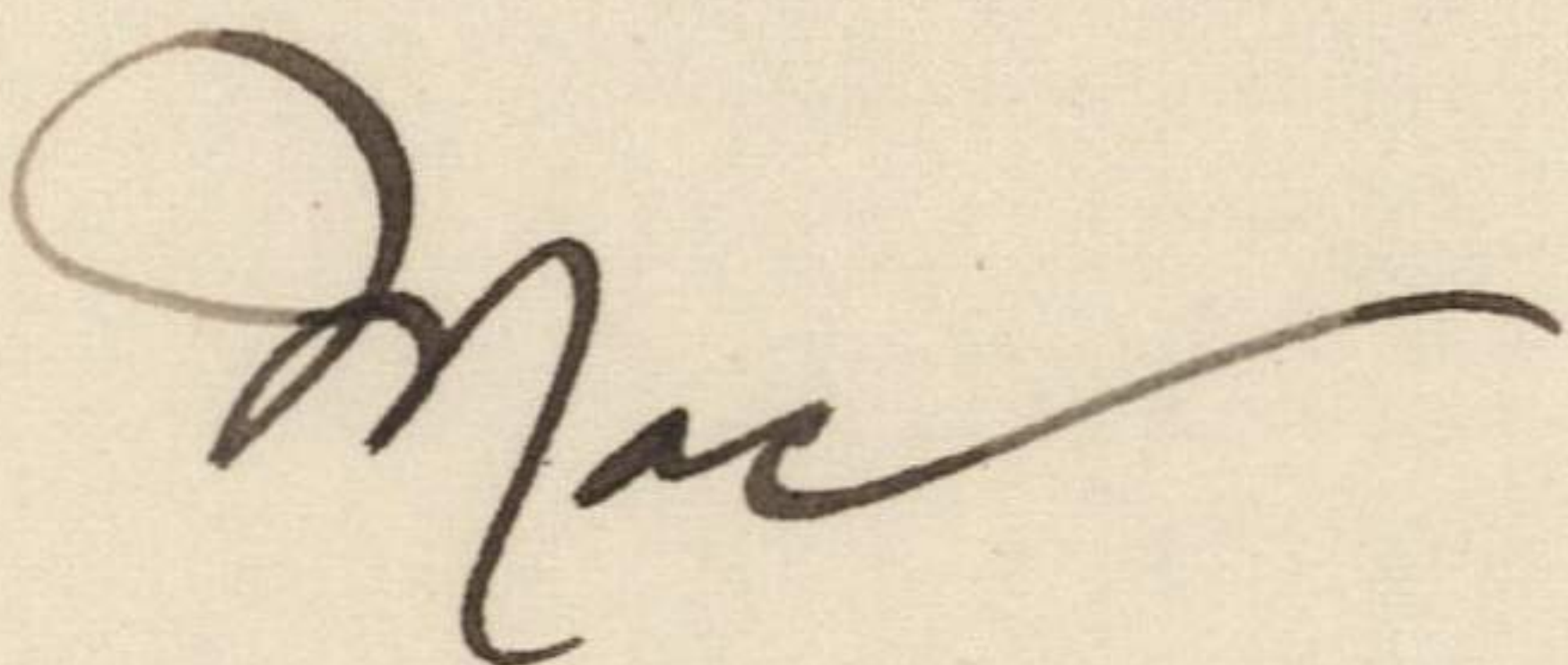
There seems to be a very minor mistake in your article, although I could be wrong, inasmuch as I am one of the old timers. I note that the article states that you went to Baker to coach in 1908. I presume that this means in the fall of 1908. As I remember it, Baker's great team, which you coached, was the prior season of 1907-08 and in the fall of 1908 we had only a skeleton of the great team left. Price was the only letter man left over from the great team. O'Neil was coming up and Cub Brainard was, I believe, a freshman about then who showed great promise but none of these fellows did much on your great team which was so successful. As I remember it, the team in 1908-09 had only a mediocre season and I don't think you were coaching. Emil Liston came along then, as a youngster, and I believe won his first letter in either 1908 or 1909. I just thought perhaps the article was off one year concerning your early history but I can't blame you for that because I feel that I am growing old too as I've now seen forty-eight summers and would like to cut a year off now and then myself.

We have a coming basketball team here at Indiana State Teachers College in our city. It is now coached by Glenn Curtis who is really one of the truly great coaches of the country. He has come up fast and will give an excellent account of himself next year. In fact, he isn't doing bad now. If you want to sharpen up for Purdue or Indiana sometime, it would be good experience to play this team. Possibly a vacation trip out your way would be in line next year although Curtis is working a little bit now on a trip South as far as Florida for the Holidays next year. I think Curtis has told me of meeting you.

I hope you'll be successful in bringing your football up on the level that you have brought basketball to in your fine school and want to wish you the joys of the season.

Most sincerely yours,

McMILLAN ATHLETIC GOODS COMPANY, INC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mac", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Dr. Allen:

I called Miss Rich about Irene McAdoo. She says Miss McAdoo was up here sometime ago and stated she wished to return to school next semester. Miss McAdoo was or seemed to be in much better health and spirits (compared to her physical health and mental attitude before she left), and she told Miss Rich she had secured a loan from the P.E.O. (which is the organization that asked us for a recommendation).

Miss Rich stated that Miss McAdoo checked up on what she needed to take in order to finish school, and she had enrolled in a correspondence course in math. Miss Rich does not know how she is getting along with the correspondence course.

Miss McAdoo has a high enough average in all her work for practice teaching but lacks .09 of a point for a high enough average in her major work (which isn't lacking very much).

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January 10, 1941

Miss Irene McAdoo
Kinsley, Kansas

Dear Miss McAdoo:

Your letter of January 8 has been received and I too feel depressed for you. It seems as if our troubles never come singly; they come in bundles and large bundles at that sometimes.

The recital of your tough break causes me to wish that I had sent the letter on to Miss Mann as I had planned. I remember so distinctly of having a long conference with you regarding the payment of your bill that I felt it my duty to check up with Mr. Weaver and when I found that you had not written him then certainly there was reason for uncertainty in my mind. Had you written him and told him that you were having difficulty but you still expected to pay your bill, then that would have been evidence that would have been much in your favor. Even though a person cannot pay any on his indebtedness, a note to his debtor many times is like gold; it pays a certain kind of a debt that nothing else can pay.

The letter that I sent to you was the original one that I had written to Miss Mann. I had it already for mailing and then decided that I should check up on the debt before mailing it. I had dictated this before we started for New York but something told me positively that I should not send it until I had checked up. You can appreciate the administrative detail that one is subjected to to follow out all of these leads before he writes a very simple letter when he is desirous of helping an individual.

Had I known of your family background and your difficulties I would have been impelled to pass up some of the inhibitions that I placed in your way and would have taken the chance on your paying out.

I appreciate the great debt that you feel you owe your mother; and no one knows that obligation better than you. However, if you feel that you can work this out and you desire me to write the letter to Miss Mann that I did not send her, I will still recommend you. I am sure that Mr. Weaver and all the other people that you owe would be very lenient under the conditions and I would be very happy to be one of those individuals to intercede in your behalf.

You state that this amount is not very much but would have meant everything to you; then it is, Miss McAdoo, a very great thing and if it means everything to you we are willing to help you because we believe that if you can surmount these difficulties you will have done far more to make a success out of things than you would if you fold up and quit.

Miss McAdoo

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Jan. 10, 1941

I trust you will believe me as one wanting to help you
and wanting to help you help yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Kinsley, Kansas,
January 8, 1941.

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Director Of Physical Education
University of Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen,

I just received your letters and copy of letter sent to Miss Katherine Mann. I appreciate your directness in this matter.

On January 7, I received word from Miss Mann informing me that the amount asked for had been granted. But before this reply came to me, I had planned to refuse the offer. I have not been able to carry out any of my plans that would make returning to school the joy and opportunity it would necessarily have to be for me if I were to produce work and have the interest and whole-hearted enthusiasm that I must produce in order to finish on schedule and with the full recommendation of my superiors which is so absolutely essential to getting a job.

My disappointment is too keen to mention just now nor can I blame you for feeling as you do. Certainly you have every right to completely distrust me and I regret that very much. Although my friends and acquaintances here who made the loan possible knew nothing of the accounts I have at Lawrence, I gave them a figure representing the total of my indebtedness and my solemn promise that unless this sum was erased, I would not consider going ahead and trying to re-enter school.

Though I laid my plans carefully and budgeted every penny of my small monthly income so that I could clear everything, I could not foresee that my brother and his wife and baby would be thrown out of work and would so irresponsibly as to come home to mother and myself for support. Had there been any way out, I would have rebelled, but duty compelled me to do the only white thing for the sake of my mother and their tiny baby. Also my father whose mind has been crippled by long physical illness, suddenly decided to leave right after I made application for the loan. He draws a pension for unemployed unemployable veterans to the amount of \$30.00 a month. This of course isn't much but would have meant everything to me. If I could only have had the last three months checks free as planned all of my problems would have been solved, but things have turned out badly. I am sorry to have troubled you and thank you again for your kindness.

Respectfully,

Irene McAdoo
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January 6, 1941

Miss Irene McAdoo
Kinsley, Kansas

Dear Miss McAdoo:

I dictated the two enclosed letters before I left for New York, but I had my secretary, Miss Gerstenberger, call Mr. Weaver and he states that you still owe them \$10.45 from your 1937 account.

In view of this situation I do not see how I can write you a letter recommending a loan of \$300.00, especially when you have made no payment whatsoever on Mr. Weaver's bill. The fact that you have been working and are working now leaves me to the conclusion that you certainly could and should pay something on this long past-due account.

I have not written Miss Katherine Mann and will not do so until I hear from you, but it will take a better explanation than the one you gave me before to cause me to write you a letter recommending a loan. If I do not hear from you soon I will be forced to tell Miss Mann about your long past-due accounts here.

I want to help you but I want to help you help yourself, and apparently the way that you have been going does not leave me to believe that you are a good loan risk.

Wishing you more success in the future than you have had in the past, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Encs.

December 26, 1940

Miss Katherine Mann
Executive Secretary
P.E.O. Sisterhood Educational Fund
Mount Pleasant, Iowa

Dear Miss Mann:

I have your letter of December 9 making inquiry regarding Miss Irene McAdoo, Kinsley, Kansas, for a loan of \$300.00 from the P.E.O. Educational Fund.

I have known Miss McAdoo for two or three years and I find that she has had quite a struggle to get her education. She has had to work her way through school which has deterred her at times in making better grades. It is very difficult for a boy to work his way through school, but I think it is an added difficulty for a young woman. I feel as if Miss McAdoo has the ability, and if she could have a sufficient loan to enable her to put more time on her studies, I believe that she would make a go of it.

The general condition of her health is very good and so far as her sense of responsibility is concerned, I might say that I do not see how anyone could accept a loan of this kind and not have a deep sense of appreciation, sufficient to want to pay the loan at the earliest possible time. Personally, I cannot comprehend anyone making application for such a thing without having an innate and a deep desire to repay the loan as soon as possible.

I have had several conferences with Miss McAdoo regarding her difficulties in working her way through school, and I have always found her deeply sincere in her desire to obtain a higher education.

I trust that you will give her application your careful and deep consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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December 27, 1940

Miss Irene McAdoo
Kinsley, Kansas

Dear Miss McAdoo:

I am sending you a carbon copy of a letter that I have just written to Miss Katherine Mann, Executive Secretary of the P.E.O. Sisterhood Educational Fund.

I have started to call Miss Hoover three or four times and talk with her about you and what she thought of your possibilities. I was just afraid she would not give you a strong enough recommendation, which would enable me to give you the letter that I want, so I did not call her. So you see, I am really skating on thin ice when I am making a recommendation without consulting her.

I can frankly say to you that some of the instances surrounding your activity have caused me not to be sold on you 100%, but I do want you to make good and I do not want to say anything that would deny you the right of this loan. However, it would be a terrible thing if you took this loan and would not make the most out of it.

I would not be in a position to offer you the swimming pool this summer. I would much prefer to see how you get along before I make any commitments. Your work would of necessity have to be of very high order, and up to the present time you have not developed to the point that I would give you the job on your 1939 summer session work. A fair amount of success will not do; it will have to be outstanding.

I have been very frank with you because I want you to know that when a person accepts a loan a great responsibility goes with it; the responsibility to be an outstanding student and the responsibility to repay this loan with interest.

Before I sign this letter I will call Weavers and see if you have paid any on that bill. I am leaving town and do not expect to return until after the first of the year, and I trust by that time you have succeeded in obtaining the loan.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Kinsley, Kansas,
December 11, 1940.

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

Dear Dr. Allen,

The other day I mailed an application for a \$300.00 loan to the P.E.O. Educational Foundation. In that letter I stated ~~that~~ this amount was essential to put me through school next semester and summer school. No reference was requested from the University, however I gave your name because I feel that the only business I have been engaged in has been going to school and you would be in the best position to state my qualifications and progress in that business. You no doubt remember our discussion of my problems--financial and personal. Not everything I attempted was successful nor was everything a flop.

This foundation allows me five years from the time I start drawing a steady salary to repay the loan which draws only 3% interest. The P.E.O. women here in Kinsley came to me and told me of this fund and asked ^{me} to try for a loan. Then they recommended me 100%. Since I have lived in Kinsley all my life, I am proud of this splendid backing.

I wanted to see you last October when I was in Lawrence, but the only opportunity I had, you were not in. I wanted to talk to you and apply for the position of overseer of the swimming pool for this coming summer. I had this job in the summer of '39 and certainly enjoyed the work and had a fair amount of success with it.

Although I have a good job and one that I am enjoying, I would rather be finishing school and getting ready to teach physical education. And if ever I can get through school, I'll get a good job.

I hope this does not take too much of your time and I certainly do thank you for your assistance. Ask me any questions you need to. I also want to thank you very much for your time in reading this lengthy letter.

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Sincerely,

Jene M. Adas

December 26, 1940

Miss Katherine Mann
Executive Secretary
P.E.O. Sisterhood Educational Fund
Mount Pleasant, Iowa

Dear Miss Mann:

I have your letter of December 9 making inquiry regarding Miss Irene McAdoo, Kinsley, Kansas, for a loan of \$300.00 from the P.E.O. Educational Fund.

I have known Miss McAdoo for two or three years and I find that she has had quite a struggle to get her education. She has had to work her way through school which has deterred her at times in making better grades. It is very difficult for a boy to work his way through school, but I think it is an added difficulty for a young woman. I feel as if Miss McAdoo has the ability, and if she could have a sufficient loan to enable her to put more time on her studies, I believe that she would make a go of it.

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Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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cc: Irene McAdoo

P. E. O. Sisterhood Educational Fund



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MISS KATHERINE MANN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
P. E. O. GENERAL OFFICE
MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA

December 9, 1940

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

My dear Dr. Allen:

Miss Irene McAdoo, Kinsley, Kansas has applied
for a loan of \$ 300.00 from the P.E.O. Educational Fund and
has given us your name as reference.

Will you please give us all the information you can as to her
character, sense of responsibility, ability as a student and
as a prospective business woman, her ideas of thrift, and her
general condition of health? In your estimation, will she
repay this loan?

An early reply will greatly benefit the applicant and will
be appreciated by the Board of Trustees.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Mann

Executive Secretary

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January 18, 1941

Miss Irene McAdoo
Kinsley, Kansas

Dear Miss McAdoo:

I was glad to have your letter of the 15th instant. It pleased me very much to know that you feel you have some friends that will help you; then you are in a position to help yourself.

If you could send Weavers 50¢ or a dollar on your account it would make them know that you intend to pay the bill, and it renews confidence in them and also renews your confidence in having the desire and ability to pay for something that you got the benefit of, long before it was paid for.

There is something about the payment of debts that does something to a fellow. A fellow who will not pay his debts never can succeed, but a person who is determined to pay his bills will always succeed regardless of how difficult the struggle.

Please remember that I believe in you, but also remember that I think you get discouraged at times and sometimes when you are low you think, what is the use.

I want to say that it is always worthwhile to keep struggling and fighting. Keep your chin up and do not let anyone ever feel sorry for you and do not feel sorry for yourself. The moment that you feel sorry for yourself you are whipped, and as long as you refuse to feel sorry for yourself you are never whipped.

Good luck.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

Kinsley, Kansas
January 12, 1941.

Forest C. Allen
Director of P. E. and Recreation
University of Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen,

Thank you so much for your letter of January 10. I deeply appreciate your understanding at this time.

I know disappointments come everyone's way at times. I can't come back to school but I don't propose to fold up and quit. I am determined that there is some way to get an education. I have already written and refused the loan. When I go back to school I want to ^{be a} really carefree happy student and having outstanding debts that I cannot pay will never allow me to be such.

I stopped in ~~at~~ the Weaver store before going home last summer to tell them my address. Also they should have a letter from me dated about August 30, th stating that I was unable to pay but would try to remit in the coming months. I still plan to do so soon. Perhaps I should again write to them. I did not feel I had neglected this account

in that respect, but I will write an apology immediately and an outline of plans for payment.

My present job folds up at the end of this month. I have enjoyed the work here in the District Shelterbelt Office & now that it is being discontinued I am very thankful I have another job to go to although I am not at all certain it will be very profitable. I am going to Ft. Smith, Arkansas, to work in a photographer's studio. I enjoy the work, but it is very confining for a person of my disposition. I hate to leave home but there is no work for anyone here.

I appreciate your offer to assist wherever possible. I yearn to go back to school & put an end to this being buffeted from post to pillar, sick of having my plans ruined. I guess however struggle improves the fiber of a person, anyhow I shall not quit trying.

Sincerely yours.

Gene M. Odo

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February 1, 1941

Miss Ruth McNair
204 Snow Hall
University of Kansas

Dear Miss McNair:

I imagine that you will be quite surprised to hear from me, Miss McNair, but nevertheless I want to thank you for the patience and the cooperation as well as the inspiration that you gave Charles Black, even though he got a very low grade and I imagine did very poor work for you. Although Charles made a C average in his semester's work, I want you to know that I continually pounded him on the back endeavoring to get him to do better work for you.

I should like to give you a personal history of this boy: He was in Wisconsin during the summer working at some camp. His parents moved to Lawrence, Kansas in the late summer and Charles returned home just in time to enter the University. However, he was attacked with a very serious granuloma, which was a heavy pus sac on one of his molars. Dr. Alexander extracted the tooth and told me that he has never seen a worse case of mandibular infection.

Charles was kept flat on his back for over two weeks while this infection cleared up and this left him in a weakened condition. He entered school some three weeks late, I believe, and seemed to lack any enthusiasm or interest in his work at first. I constantly spoke to him about his studies and he said he just could not get pepped up about them.

I am only mentioning these things to let you know that sometimes there is a story back of so-called voluntary inertia or mental lassitude. Charles came in this morning and said never again would he get a grade like that in this school and I believe it. Being so near the brink of failure and yet escaping the ignominy of such an experience I believe has cured him. At any rate, I want to thank you for your patience and kindness. He thinks you were excessively kind to him to do all the extra work that you did.

In the name of the Black Family I thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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