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Miss Gerstenberger:

I have learned the address of the two <sup>Nesmith</sup> Nesmith children that you do not have. One is Mrs. George B. Stanley, 1043 Berkley, Pueblo, Colorado. The other is Jack Nesmith and his address is Ford Garage, Tonganoxie, Kansas. Mrs. Stanley's name before her marriage was Margaret Nesmith. This will enable you to write to Mr. John T. Doyle of the American Sports Publishing Company, New York, to give him the new addresses. Also, write to Jack Nesmith and Mrs. Stanley in my name and tell them that books had been sent them but had been returned because of lack of an address. Thank you.

Dr. Allen

write letter to Dr. Keene + send carbon copy to Kowle. - please return dictionary to Collins office.



December 2, 1940

Mrs. George B. Stanley  
1043 Berkley  
Pueblo, Colorado

Dear Mrs. Stanley:

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We trust you will receive your copy of the Guide within a short time.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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December 2, 1940

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c/o Ford Garage  
Tonganoxie, Kansas

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Varsity Basketball Coach

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November 15, 1940

Mrs. Florence Naismith  
Housemother, Sigma Phi Epsilon  
University of Nebraska  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Mrs. Naismith:

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Mr. Doyle tells us that two copies of the Guide were returned; one addressed to Mrs. George B. Stanley, Orday, Colorado, was returned and marked "moved left no address"; and the other was addressed to Mr. John Edwin Naismith, c/o Western Inspection Co., Walloway Building, Topeka, Kansas and was returned and marked "Unclaimed."

We would appreciate it very much if you could give us the correct addresses for Mrs. George B. Stanley and Mr. John Edwin Naismith. The Alumni Association here cannot furnish us with addresses other than the ones used.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Dr. Allen:

I called the Alumni office and found the following address for Mr. John E. Naismith:

Universal Adjustment & Inspection Co.  
212 W. 6th St.  
Topeka, Kansas

The Alumni office gave Ordway, Colo. as the address for Mrs. Geo. B. Stanley, and that is the same address we gave Mr. Doyle. Perhaps we could write Mrs. Florence Naismith or one of the children for Mrs. Stanley's address.

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**AMERICAN SPORTS PUBLISHING CO.**

**19 BEEKMAN STREET • NEW YORK**

November 4, 1940.

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

Dear Sir:

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Will you kindly let us have their correct address by return mail.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

AMERICAN SPORTS PUBLISHING CO.

AF:



OHIO UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
ATHENS, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN

July 22, 1940

Dear Dr. Allen,

Thank you very much indeed for your kindness in forwarding the excellent glossy print. I trust the editors can use it in their make-up.

- I have not yet mailed it since I am waiting for glossy prints for reproduction from the Alumni office of some scenes in the life of Dr. Naismith to accompany this one of yourself. The material is not scheduled much before November so I may have your print in my hands longer than you like. I have offered to pay for the other prints. Might I pay you for this also? Then I would have it for use in a Saturday Evening Post or other article which I should like to write sometime since I feel that this brief sketch to appear in the Christian Herald is not the only piece I have in my system, on the subject of Dr. Naismith and basketball. (I may be wrong of course.) In any event, I am grateful for the use of the picture.

Cordially yours,

*M. Whitcomb Hess*  
M. Whitcomb Hess

(Mrs. John A. Hess)



Excerpts from Paul Moritz's Letters

"...., The students have a magnificent spirit. Despite the constant threat of air raids and the difficulties and inadequacies of their life, they go along in a calm, determined, and often enthusiastic manner which puts to shame some of our American student's attitudes."

"Winter clothing is badly needed. Buildings are usually in the open, Chinese style and without heat. In some cases they are built on stilts in the middle of a lake (Kwangsi University)."

"The old temples of China have been taken over in some of the centers and are being given new life. Sometimes one finds devout Chinese worshipping grinning Buddhas, while in the same room, at the same time, classes are being held, and modern scientific terms mingle with the heavy odor of incense."

"Dormitories are very crowded and clean, although bats flit through the open woodwork carving (for temples also serve as dormitories in some schools)."

"Athletic equipment is woefully inadequate. One university of nearly 1000 students has one basket ball and no other equipment. Tennis balls are \$20.00 a piece, other things of comparable price. Less important than other needs, these things are still very important, for with so little leisure time Chinese students must use their time well."

"The health of students is very poor. At Fukien University 8 out of ten students had malaria, and at other schools the percentage was almost as great. Dysentary is very common, as are various types of fever. Surgical cases may mean death, although now doctors can be found in most communities."

"China! exotic land of enchantment! Of pagodas, philosophers, mountains,--and basketball. Any traveller in war-torn China cannot fail to be impressed with the widespread popularity of the game. The basketball goal, in fact, has become an almost essential feature of the Chinese landscape--even more common than pagodas. Schools, colleges, hospitals, army camps, play grounds, everywhere, the square backboard rears against the sky--for all courts are out of doors....."

"Each time when in some small village, stumbling through narrow crooked streets, we happen upon a spirited game, as I hear the familiar shouts and calls delivered in a strange tongue, I realize keenly again how widely the game has spread in the short span of a generation since Dr. Naismith invented it. Each time, I thrill with the thought that this quite, unassuming gentleman has given the world a game which from all indications will continue to increase in popularity and influence.."

"So, with each new village and its basketball game or games, in thought I bow to Dr. Naismith. It's 'only a game'. But it bids fair to be recognized as one of the great contributions of the modern age!"

"Fellowship groups are springing up spontaneously in which Christian students meet in worship and meditation. There is nothing unrealistic in such groups. When at any moment the air raid alarm may sound, one is constrained to say something which will not sound foolish upon reflection in a dugout." (Continued on back)



"I thanked the general for his courtesy. He pushed aside my thanks, and asked me to thank American students for their aid to China. 'We look to America as our best friend', he told me; then with a bow-- he had to remain within the inner wall--he ushered me past the Chinese sentry."

"All the girls present had already worked twelve hours....They had come directly to the meeting, and did each night without supper.... They are usually the sole support of their families, and wages average about \$12.00 a month (one dollar gold). This was their only organization. Unions are illegal. They come to these meetings secretly. Next week's meeting is to discuss 'Marriage Problems'--one of their major interests I was told. Ninety percent will never be able to marry. Most will die before thirty."

"All of your spare energy should be put in to the FESSF this year in the region, both for its value to China and to keep American students from becoming so completely absorbed in the European situation that they forget the lesson of the Far East."

"Best of luck in your drive. The help must not stop now!"



FAR EASTERN STUDENT SERVICE FUND DRIVE  
May 7--8, 1940

Steering Committee:

Alice Ann Jones--Co-chairman  
Charles Wright--Co-chairman  
Prof. Henry Werner  
Prof. G.W. Bradshaw  
Bob McKay  
Maurine Mong

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Bowl-of-Rice Supper--  
Don DeFord  
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April 18, 1940

Dear Faculty Member:

An important and far-reaching challenge faces the faculty and students of American colleges and universities.

In the Far East the right to an education is being seriously threatened by a totalitarian power, determined to wipe out the last outposts of freedom and liberalism of a great nation--the few remaining colleges of China.

In this nation of four hundred million people, thirty thousand students are struggling desperately for the right to seek the truth. As a result of conditions existing in the world today, this small band of courageous young men and women can look only to America for aid.

This campaign is not an ordinary financial drive--it is much more than appeal for funds. It is an opportunity for all those who believe in and love freedom and democracy to place their contributions where they will be used in the best possible manner to further the cause of liberalism and democracy.

The drive will be conducted on May 7th and 8th, and will consist of a Bowl-of-Rice Supper and Tag Day. Dr. T.Z. Koo will speak here Tues., May 8th, and the film "The 400 Million" will be shown on one of these two dates.

This drive is deserving of the support of the entire faculty. We urge your cooperation in making this movement a success.

Very sincerely yours,

*Charles Wright Jr.*

Charles Wright  
Co-chairman

*Alice Ann Jones*

Alice Ann Jones  
Co-chairman



Dr. James Naismith was born in Almonte, Canada, on November 6, 1861. He died at Lawrence, Kansas, on November 28, 1939.

Dr. Naismith became a member of the Physical Education faculty at the University of Kansas in 1898, and retired from active teaching duty in 1937.



# American Sports Publishing Company

NEW YORK

Feb 28, 1940

My dear Dr Allen

Of course we shall be more than pleased to make up a book for Mrs Naismith--and Mrs Dawes, too, if she wishes--when published. We shall keep your letter against the time the book will be ready. My time with the American Sports is practically coincident with the game, as I came with the company right after it started, early in 1893. What strides the game has made.

With best wishes for you all-

Faithfully yours

*John Doyle*



December 7, 1939.

Mr. E. S. Hickey,  
Basketball Coach,  
Creighton University,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Eddie:

Your message of sympathy concerning the death of Dr. Naismith has been received, and I have sent a copy to each one of his sons and daughters. I know they will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



WESTERN UNION

Omaha, Nebraska  
December 2, 1939

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his promotion and leadership in a great game.

Eddie Hickey, Basketball Coach,  
Creighton University.



December 7, 1939.

Mr. Pierce Works,  
630 Alta Drive,  
Beverly Hills, California.

Dear "Caddy":

Your letter of November 29th has been received,  
and I have sent a copy of it to each of Dr. Naismith's  
sons and daughters. I know they will appreciate your  
thoughtfulness in writing. We shall all greatly miss  
Dr. Naismith.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Pierce Works  
630 Alta Drive  
Beverly Hills

November 29, 1939

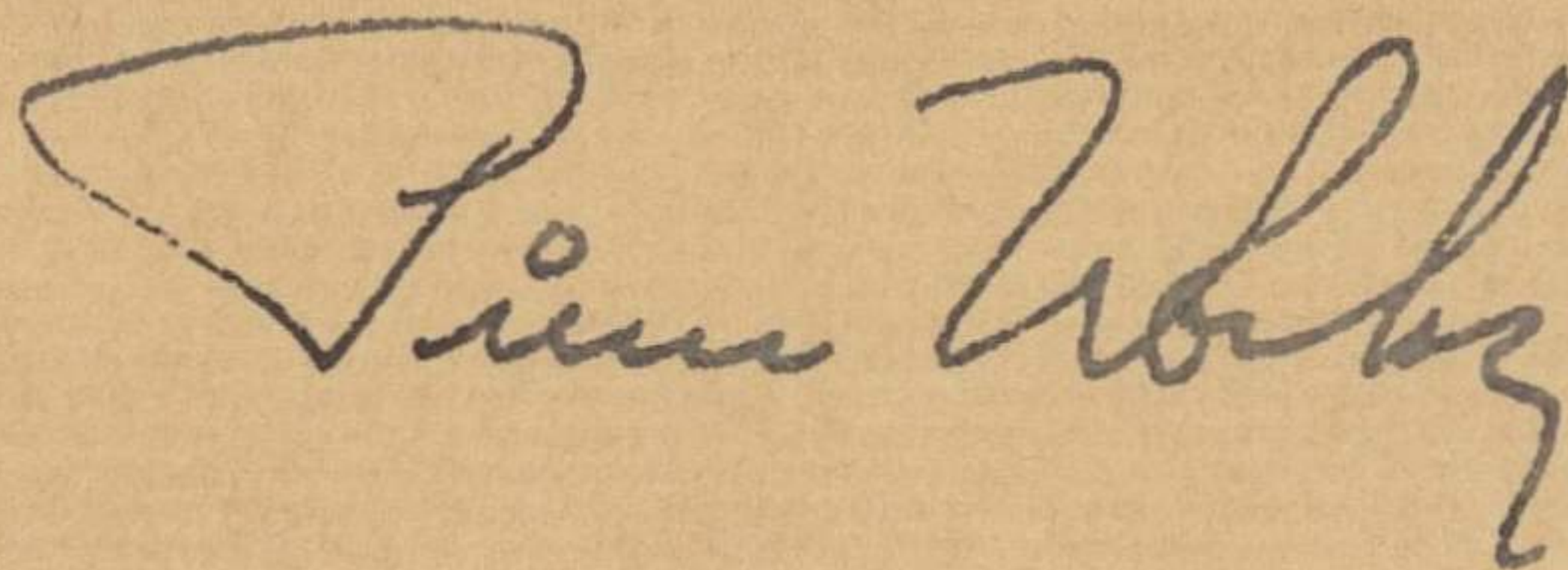
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Director of Athletics,  
Kansas University,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Dr. Allen:

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With kindest personal regards to your good self, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Pierce Works". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely,".



November 18, 1939.

Dr. James Naismith,  
Bell Memorial Hospital,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Naismith:

We are sorry to learn that you are in the hospital, but I hope that you are getting along nicely and will be out in a short time.

We think of you often, and will be glad when we can see you again.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



November 9, 1939

Dr. James Naismith,  
1515 University Drive,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Naismith:

We missed you at the Sasnak dinner meeting a few weeks ago when Mr. Strong Himan gave our majors a very instructive and interesting talk on what they may expect when they enter the teaching field. We are sorry that you could not be with us.

I am sending this note just to remind you of the dates in Kansas City in March which I sent to you in my previous letter. Don't fail to put these on your calendar. We are counting on you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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January 16, 1939

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Flint*

Professor L. N. Flint, Head  
Department of Journalism  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Professor Flint:

K. U. broke into the Roto Gravure Section of the Washington Sunday Star yesterday in a big way as witness the enclosed. On the theory that this particular use of the pictures would not otherwise reach the University, I am sending the pages to you.

As one who had very helpful and pleasant association with Dr. Naismith some 30 years ago I am more than delighted to see him get this nation-wide recognition for his fine contribution to college sports.

I am still hoping that the time will come when I can drop in at Lawrence during the collegiate year.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours cordially,

*Edgar Markham*

Assistant Director.

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C O P Y

December 1, 1939

Mr. Wesley H. Loomis, Jr.  
1311 Telephone Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Loomis:

Thanks ever so much for your good letter of November 30.

Dr. Allen did call me about your contribution and I ran a story about it in the October Graduate Magazine. Enclosed in this letter is a sheet from the magazine with the story as it appeared on page nine. You may have the satisfaction of knowing that Dr. Naismith saw this story before he died.

I heartily agree with you that some memorial should be erected to the memory of Dr. Naismith here on the campus. The business of raising a fund by popular subscription right now is rather touch, not only because of financial conditions, but also because of the fact that we are already launching out on two or three different campaigns among K.U. alumni. The chief one of these is a campaign to furnish a dormitory for self-supporting boys by buying the old Acacia property.

We need a field house terribly. It might be that we could get some fellows with big money who were interested in Dr. Naismith's life and contribution. I certainly agree that if any person deserves to have a building named for him Dr. Naismith is one. I will be glad to help in any reasonable movement.

Cordially,

*Fred Ellsworth*

Secretary

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February 20, 1940.

Mr. J. E. Naismith,  
1347 Winfield St.,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Jack:

Since I have heard nothing from you in reply to my letter of January 30th in regard to the Naismith Trophy, I am wondering if you and the family have reached a decision as yet. If we are going to do anything about it for the tournament this spring we will need to start on it at once. I shall be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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DR. R. TAIT MCKENZIE  
2014 PINE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

December 12, 1936

Dear Allen:

I thought you might be  
interested in this clipping.

Sincerely yours,

R. Tait McKenzie



Nov. 9, 1940

Mrs. Florence Naismith, Housemother, Sigma Phi Epsilon,  
University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Mrs. Thomas L. Daw - 1006 Forrest St., Topeka

Mr. John Edwin Naismith - ~~Universal Adjustment and~~ *Ford Garage*  
~~Inspection Company, 212 W. 6th Street, Topeka~~ *Longanopia, Kas.*

Mrs. George B. Stanley - ~~Ordway, Colorado~~ *1043 Berkeley, Pueblo, Colo.*  
*(Margaret Naismith)*

Mrs. L. H. Dodd - 1344 Flora, St. Louis

James Sherman Naismith - 5812 Prospect, Dallas



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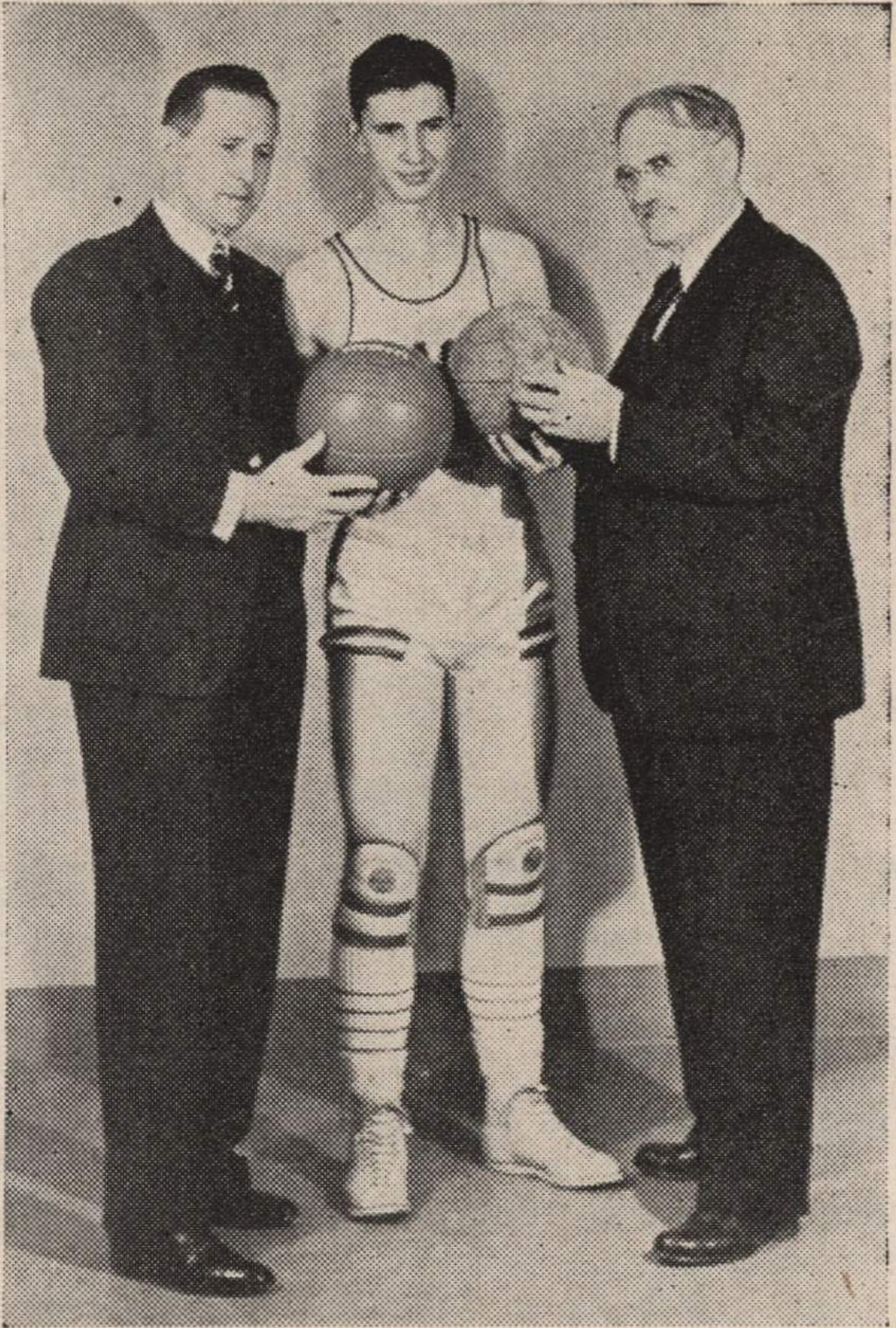
With kindest personal regards to your good self, I remain

Sincerely,

(Signed)

Pierce Worris





### *Two Ancestries*

The late Dr. James Naismith holding the original basketball, compares it with the modern ball held in the hands of Dr. Forrest C. "Phog" Allen. Bob Allen, son of Phog and one of the mainstays of this year's varsity team, forms the background for the 'old and the new.'



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: VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

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