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December 29, 1939.

Mr. Harry Newman, Coach,
Collinwood High School,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Coach Harry:

Well, it has been a long time since I returned to Lawrence after my very pleasant trip to Cleveland, but I find on checking some of my details that I have failed to send you data to be used on your research on the 11-foot basket.

I would be happy to see you play as many games as possible choosing the extremely tall players on one team and pitting against them men 5 feet 10, or shorter. Then I would like to see these same teams play under a 10-foot basket, and see if there is any difference day in and day out of results obtained. On all of these games I would like for you to chart a field goal for 3 points and a free throw for one. Then also check on a field goal for 2 and a free throw for one, and see if any of these games would have resulted differently had we used the new scoring instead of the old.

Also, I would like for you to chart the fouls using a 10-foot basket and using the 11-foot basket. I maintain that many of these drive-in shots that draw two fouls will be lessened with the higher basket. Also, see on the 10-foot basket if there are any violations on tapping the ball when it is on the rim, either by the offensive or defensive side. I maintain that the three-second rule interferes with the basket while the ball is on the rim and all those rules that we have in there at the present time will largely be done away with by using the higher basket.

See if the arc of disbursement of the rebound is not considerably greater on a higher basket.

It is unfortunate that you do not have the end line further back on your high basket because this is one of the very telling points in that a shorter player can go in and retrieve a goal on a high basket and still play it, much to the consternation of a team playing a zone defense. This higher basket will be the cause of penetrating a zone defense much more readily than the lower basket because the ball will bounce further out causing the guards to play further out for a rebound and allowing the short, fast men to cut in and obtain possession

of the ball and pass out to the side for a possible shot.

I am sending a carbon copy of this letter to Mr. Floyd Rowe and I am going to ask him to see if he will not get some time to aid you in outlining research work on higher baskets. We have done so much of this that I am desirous of getting some new angles rather than asking you to do the same old work that we have done on a 12-foot basket. I would be glad to have you write me regarding any possible findings that you might have worked out in the interim so that I may learn of them.

It was a great pleasure to be in your school and to know your fellows. You have a dandy lot of boys and I want you to give them my kindest regards.

With all good wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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PITTSBURG, KANSAS

September 7, 1939.

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

Dear Doc:

Haven't heard a word of you or from you or by you since school was out and I am wondering if you and the family are altogether and intact. As a matter of fact, I have seen hardly anyone from Lawrence with the exception of Vic Hurt, with whom I witnessed the All Star game in Chicago last week.

I expect to be in Lawrence Sunday, having Ann in tow who will start at the Alma Mater for a glorious career, I hope. I have made her a great speech about the record of the Nettels which, if examined closely, might not augur well for my hopes and aspirations for her, but anyhow she loafed so completely at Stephens that I am a little concerned about what she will do at the University. If she does as good a job loafing there as she did at Columbia, she will no doubt be sent home.

Sometime during the afternoon I shall drop by and renew my acquaintance with the family.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

GEN:OM

September 9, 1939.

Mr. W. C. Nesmith, Coach,
Richmond, Kansas.

Dear Coach Nesmith:

Your letter to the Athletic Office was referred to me.

I am sure either one of the following books would be helpful to you:

Corrective Physical Education, by
Josephine L. Rathbone - \$2.50
W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia

Preventive and Corrective Physical Education
by George T. Stafford - \$3.00
A. S. Barnes Publ. Co., New York City.

I am sure that either one of these books would be sent to you on approval. If this is not sufficient information, feel free to drop me a line at any time and I will attempt to be of service to you.

Sincerely yours,

E. R. Elbel,
Associate Professor of Physical Education.

August 12, 1939
Richmond Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We intend to give each boy a physical examination the first week of school and then through well planned gym classes see what corrections we can make.

I have been unable so far to find a suitable book on corrective exercises and would appreciate it very much if you would suggest some book or books we might use and where we might purchase them.

Sincerely
W. C. Hessmith
(Coach)

September 20, 1939.

Mr. George Nettels,
Pittsburg Midway Coal and Mining Co.,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear George:

I understand you have a board meeting here Friday evening. Why don't you bring your golf clubs along with you and I will take you out to the Lawrence Country Club in the afternoon for a game of golf. Let me know if you can make it.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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September 21, 1939.

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

Dear Doc:

I am awfully sorry, but I won't be able to get to Lawrence Friday afternoon in time for a golf game. Will probably be there for the meeting. I think I am going to have to leave for Ottawa, Illinois tonight in which event, I shall be an AWOL.

Sincerely,

GEN:OM

October 3, 1939.

Miss Ann Nettels,
1616 Louisiana St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Ann:

Congratulations on your achievement of being pledged to Quack Club! You are just like your Dad - you have a lot of athletic ability and you are able to deliver it, besides being a source of great pleasure to you in your aquatic achievements.

We don't see much of you, but we hope to as time goes on.

With lots of good luck, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

October 3, 1939.

Mr. George Nettels,
Pittsburg Coal & Mining Co.,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear George:

If you are coming up to the Iowa State game I want to have a visit with you on some important things. I don't want a thing for myself personally, but I want to talk to you about thirty minutes when you and I can be alone.

Let me know, big fellow, because I want to see you.

Very sincerely yours,

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October 9, 1939.

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

Dear Doc:

Meant to see you before we left but apparently we left before you you thought we were and consequently missed.

I would appreciate a lot anything you can do for Ann. Your suggestion about working through the boys is right, I know, and more can be accomplished thus than anyother way. If you aren't successful there is no hard done and if you are, I shall be very thankful.

I believe I can see that Ann is going to make it all right anyhow. She is showing a lot of interest in school and school activities and I am certain that if she gets through this first semester without being discouraged she will make it in a splendid way. She will get interested in this journalism course that she is taking to the extent that she won't care whether she belongs to the sorority or not. I know how she performed in highschool as editor of the school paper and if she has any success at all in that line at the University, everything will go rosy with her.

I want you to know I appreciate your thoughts and your desire to be of help. With best regards, I am

Cordially yours,

GEN:OM

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October 30, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the November 1938, New York State Association athletic bulletin and the charts referred to in my article. These charts are merely to illustrate the types of facilities that could be provided for schools as shown. There is some specific information about lay-out of court areas and orientation of baseball diamond.

I will appreciate your criticisms about this material so that we may improve it on the next revision.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Miles

Caswell M. Miles

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October 31, 1939.

Mr. Arthur T. Noren, Secretary,
Joint Rules Committee on Softball,
City Hall,
Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Noren:

Will you kindly send one of the mimeographed
copies of the complete softball rules for 1940 as
approved by the Joint Rules Committee on Softball?
We are enclosing ten cents in stamps.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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The mimeographed copies of the complete softball rules for 1940 as approved by the Joint Rules Committee on Softball are now available and may be secured from the secretary of the Committee, Arthur T. Noren, City Hall, Elizabeth, New Jersey. Anyone wishing the rules is requested to send ten cents in stamps to Mr. Noren.

The committee in charge of editing the 1940 Softball Guide is interested in securing photographs and stories of local softball activities. It is requested that anyone having such material to submit send it to Mr. Noren before November 15th.



AMERICA'S

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**Sporting
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NATIONAL

CORNHUSKING CONTEST

NOVEMBER 1, 2, 3, 1939

LAWRENCE, KANSAS



The 16th Annual National Cornhusking Contest



Fifteen minutes before noon on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, the explosion of a huge aerial bomb will start twenty-two husky farmers on a gruelling contest to determine who will be the world's champion cornhusker. And this year, with the contest staged in the fertile Kaw Valley with a 75-bushel yield of corn, a new all-time husking record may be established.

The twenty-two contestants will be champion huskers from eleven cornbelt states, proven performers for the 80-minute race down the corn rows which will be watched by approximately 150,000 people. The field, 3 miles northeast of Lawrence, is surrounded by several hundred acres of free parking space, with surfaced roads leading in from all directions.

The "Farmer's World Series", as the contest is frequently called, is the greatest agricultural event of the year: a huge midway with more than \$500,000 in farm equipment; a tremendous natural resources exhibit; broadcast by more than 100 radio stations; an army of 2,500 men to run the show.

Resource-Full Kansas Exhibit

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, will be the opening day of the Resource-Full Kansas Exhibit, a display which is certain to draw acclaim as an effective showing of the great natural resources and commercial development of progressive Kansas. Under a huge tent, 50 feet by 500 feet, will be exhibits of many state departments, agriculture, mineral resources, leading industries and state schools. Dr. R. C. Moore, state geologist, has developed this important 3-day exhibit under sponsorship of the Kansas legislature and state administration. Prepare for several hours of entertainment under the "big top".

Farm Power & Equipment Day

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, the roar of a mass of tractors will usher in Farm Power and Equipment Day. Under auspices of the Kansas Farmer, a Capper Publication, which is sponsoring the national contest this year, farm implement manufacturers are preparing for one of the largest implement shows ever staged in America. Every type of farm equipment, including about 300 tractors, will be put thru the paces on this day. Primarily an exhibit for farmers, this show will be entertaining for city dwellers who will be amazed at the scope of the display and the unusual showings of individual exhibitors.

FOOTBALL

ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, at 2:30 p.m., after the close of the husking contest, the football teams of Kansas and Kansas State will meet in their traditional annual battle. The mammoth K. U. Stadium with seats for 40,000, is located only five miles from the contest field. Admission price is \$2.25 for a reserved seat.

Lawrence, Kansas, November 1, 2 and 3, 1939

FREE PARKING FREE ADMISSION

Admission to the grounds and to all exhibits is FREE. No charge will be made for parking cars. More than 300 acres have been leased for parking, with large fields located at each corner of the F. H. Leonhard farm where the contest field and exhibits are located. Food will be available at nearly fifty concession booths, where standard prices will be charged. Because of splendid cooperation from several agencies, this is strictly a FREE show.

"The Best Community In America"

is a frequent comment of visitors to Lawrence and the surrounding agricultural districts. They are impressed with the friendliness of the people, the schools and other facilities which make Lawrence an ideal home city, the business activity, and the fertile farm lands operated by capable and industrious farmers.

Lawrence, population 15,000, is the home of the University of Kansas and Haskell Institute, largest Indian school in the world, both of which bring youthful enthusiasm and top-notch entertainment to the community.

Business in Lawrence is good;—for years per capita retail sales have been double the national average. Principal contributing factors are the schools, active industries, progressive merchants, and good farms operated by good farmers.

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January 8, 1940.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Varsity Basketball Coach,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doc:

I was very happy to have yours of the 27th. with re-
ference to the basketball situation.

My Boy, you need have no worries over any idea I might have
about the basketball team - whatever you do is OK by me. If
you want to schedule 24 games and can get away with it, it suits
me fine. So long as you can stay out of trouble with other
jealous competitors I can certainly see no objections and even
if you get into trouble I shall certainly try to help you out.

As you well know, the basketball situation at the
University of Kansas has been a constructive force and will
continue to be so long as you head it. For this and many
other reasons you have my unqualified support and should
you happen to need it in the Athletic Board, you may count
on me as being 105% behind your plans and activities.

Best regards to you and the family and hoping to see you
before the season is over, I am

Most Cordially,

GEN:OM

Ray
Are going on the start - may you have many
man
G.H.

Manhattan, Kansas
Jan. 10, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Fog:

I am writing you about the chance that was given to me last fall and wonder if it still holds good. I find my school work here all right, and my grades are above average. I am carrying 17 hours of work. The proposition on my coming here was that I was to receive a job. In fact the powers that be guaranteed that I would get a job. This never came to pass. I talked to him about it and all that he could do was to send me to the Y.M.C.A. They have no facilities here to help students much regardless they should keep their promises or never make them. I have not forgotten that "dollars worth" you spoke of in your last letter. How true that is. Everything was taken when I inquired at the Y.M.C.A. office for it was way into the semester.

If you care to you may inquire of Don Lovett, here in Manhattan of my first semester record. You may know Don. He worked at Ober's in Lawrence prior to 1932 and is now owner of the Don & Jerry's clothing store here.

It is necessary that I have assistance in order that

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I can continue my schooling. In short, I'd like to transfer to K. U. if possible, yet, mind you, I am not on the road of becoming a "tramp athlete." Anything you can do for me will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours

Jack Nash

1805 Leavenworth

Manhattan

P.S. If you so desire I shall be glad to come and talk to you personally.

Thank You

September 20, 1939.

Mr. Jack Nash,
1805 Leavenworth St.,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Jack:

Thank you very much for your fine letter of September 15th. It is perfectly all right, Jack, and I want to congratulate you on having chosen a fine school. I wish you all kinds of good luck.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Manhattan, Kan.
Sept. 15, 1939

Forrest C Allen
Coach of Basketball
Kansas University

Dear Fog:

I hope, that to you, I do not look as dumb as it may seem. I by all means don't want you to think for a minute that I choose K.S. over K.U. That just isn't done, I had confidence in your support before the letter. Besides support I had to have some real means of living after my college days. I was very undetermined as to what I would take besides Ph.D. I wanted a trade. I have enrolled in Milling Adm. I found (5 ct.)

that to be my best course and
took it. My folks are interested
in K. S. through my brother which
~~bound~~ binds a lot of my decisions.

I don't want you to think that
I am a "quiter" or was just playing
you. I had two decisions to make
one a sure college year (yours) and
two, something when I got out and
nothing but a promise now. I
do not know yet which was the
best. I must look ahead, four
years can be a short time or a
long time in a persons life that
is something we do not know, yet
we are all looking ahead and that
I must do. I appreciated your letter
very much. It put a lump in

my throat as large as the one
when I left home. I received your
letter here today. I unraveled Mon.
afternoon. I am so terribly sorry
and hope that this letter will
enlighten your thoughts of me.
I thank you very much

Your Admirer
Jack Nash
1805 Leavenworth
Manhattan,
Kans.

September 8, 1939.

Mr. Jack Nash,
Lakin, Kansas.

Dear Jack:

When a fellow goes in to a store to buy a suit of clothes he has confidence in the man selling him the suit that he will get one hundred cents in service for his dollar. If I promised you anything you can rest assured that you will get it.

All the jobs that we have are in the Physical Education Department and it is impossible for us to tell where we will place the boys until their working schedules as well as their study schedules are made out.

Jack, you need not have any fear about work, if you will come with the right idea in mind. We will help you as we promised and you can count on that. Come to my office when you get here and I will be glad to iron out all your difficulties.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Lakin, Kansas
Sept. 4, 1939

Forrest C. Allen
Basketball Coach

Dear Fog:

I was very glad to hear from you. I feel sure that I can reach the three items you mentioned financially. As a special work I have none however I would prefer staying in the athletic dept.

As to my studies in school, my first two years were not so good, but the last two were very good. I missed only once of being on the honor roll my last year.

Will you be kind enough to write of the situation as I am a little shabby.

Thank You
Jack Nash
Lakin

September 2, 1939.

Mr. Jack Nash,
Lakin, Kansas.

Dear Jack:

I ask your pardon for the delay in responding to your kind letter of August 18. Your letter arrived here after I had gone to Atlanta, Georgia, for a coaching school - hence the delay in replying to you.

Yes, Ken Campbell spoke to me about you, and I am very glad to know of your interest in the University of Kansas. If you have saved enough money for your books, tuition and incidental expenses, then I am sure you will have no difficulty in making the grade here at K. U. I tell the boys that the first thing they must do is get their academic work. That is the thing you go to school for, and you will find that your degree from the University of Kansas will amount to just as much as you put into it.

A boy's academic record is the thing we look at first, and if he is a good student that proves he is a good academic risk. Otherwise, we feel that the boy should not participate in intercollegiate athletics because that takes more time away from his studies. But, if he is a good student, then his athletics serve as a stimulus to him because his desire to play necessarily fits in with his whole program. A boy has ample time to play because he is a good student.

We shall be glad to do what we can to help you help yourself, and if you will write me again telling me what kind of work you are capable of doing I will be glad to help you in any way possible.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Lakin, Kansas
August 18, 1939

Dear Dr. Allen,

Ken Campbell, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, requested that I write you on the chance that you might be able find work for me during the coming year of school at K.U., enabling me to go to school there.

I have had several offers to go to other schools and play basketball. I would like better though, to go to K.U. and be able to play under your coaching. I would like to be able to pay for my room and board by working if possible.

Sincerely,
Jack Nash,
Lakin, Kansas

July 8, 1939.

Mr. Jack Nash,
Lakin, Kansas.

Dear Jack:

I am sorry that I have not answered your kind letter of the 19th ultimo sooner. I am teaching two classes every day in the Summer Session, in addition to being in charge of the recreational program, and these duties have caused me to delay answering some of my correspondence.

I am very glad to know of your interest in the University of Kansas, but, as you know, we do not have any special scholarships for athletes here at the University. We do not place especial emphasis on athletics, but rather we encourage boys who are desirous of primarily getting an education. If you have saved enough money to pay for your books, tuition and incidental expenses, then I am sure you will have no difficulty in making the grade here at K. U. I tell the boys that the first thing they must get is their academic work. That is the thing you go to school for, and you will find that your degree from the University of Kansas will amount to just as much as you put into it.

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I am glad to know that you are particularly interested in Physical Education, and am enclosing a bulletin which will give you an idea of our program. We shall be glad to do anything we can to help you help yourself, and if you have any further questions it will be a pleasure to hear from you again.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Lakin, Kansas
June 18, 1939

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am very much interested in going to K.U. and if you would know a little about me maybe you could help me.

If I were to go to K.U. I would major in Physical education and take an active part in music & dramatics.

You are probably thinking of the kind of a fellow that is writing you. I stand 6'2" & weigh 130 lb. I have played on Lakin's first squad for 4 years. Each year taking this League but for the last year then ranking second. Every year always taking 3rd or 4th in the regional. I have had chances to go to Hays, Southwestern, Garden City, J.C., & Ottawa. Last year I had a chance to go to Sterling & one around Wichita. I never did see him, he told some of the kids that he would be back my last year as yet he has never showed up.

Now I have a job paying \$2 a day with an irrigation Co. and it is very nonconsistent. I am afraid that there will be but little work here and things are slow around here anywhere. It would be hard for me to say as to the amount of money I might be able to save. I am always on the look out for a better job but there are hard to find. I may have

a hundred dollars and maybe not. You
see when the Co. runs water in the ditch
it is muddy that it cuts off the work.
Any attention on your part will be
full appreciated. Thank you

Yours sincerely
Jack Nash
Lakin,
Kansas