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September 13, 1938.

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

Dear George:

You will remember the fellow that you met in the Palmer House in Chicago a couple of winters ago, one of three sons of a former faculty member, who told you that certain changes had to take place.

Well, this same gentleman saw me at a country club dinner in Kansas City, Missouri, and came over and put his arm around my shoulder in the most loyal and confiding manner, and said, "Phog, how are things? Are you happy?" And I said, "I've never been happier in my life". Then he said, "On the square, are you really?" I want to know. You know I have always been a strong booster of yours, and I want you to know that I am much concerned how you are getting along." I said, "Well, that is just swell. Everything is lovely."

And then he told me that he was playing cards with a fellow a couple of years ago out in Colorado and this fellow said, "Well, we will never have a football team until they get rid of Phog Allen", and my protector rose up and said, "Well, I just want to tell you I am a friend of his, and it won't do any good to talk to me." And of course that fellow desisted and apologized.

So you see, my old friend has come back home, and like the stone that the builders rejected the same has become the head-piece.

I just thought I would write you this note so when you snap out of your dilemma and think you are in a dream, I want you to know that you are really living and breathing and reading words that you can hardly believe. I thought of writing this the other day, but did not want to combine humor with business, so made a separate item of this epistle.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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December 16, 1938.

Mr. Nelson W. Nitchman,
Basketball Coach,
Union College,
Schuectady, New York.

Dear Coach Nitchman:

I am sorry that I have delayed answering your letter as long as I have.

Yes, I would use a pressing defense with my two 5'8" forwards and I would retreat my other three men on a 1-2-1 zone. Then I would have my two fast forwards float back into that, but instead of dropping back on the court in a straight line I would criss-cross my men in dropping back in the court. That cuts off any fast rush or dribble.

Yes, I would also rely on a fast break, but when the opponents have an equal number of defensive men back I would cease my fast break and set my plays up in a set offensive style. There are set formations in my book which we practice and when the defense gets set then we shoot a set offense against them.

I do not use a double pivot. Rather, I use my forwards in the corner. You speak of the double pivot attack taking one of your best set shots away in the person of the tall lad who is deadly from the outside. Why not use him in the back line on offense and have one of your other men take this chap's work? In addition to the fast break and the set plays you could also work on the free moving of the ball with a swing or switch system. That would give you enough versatility and it would be difficult for any team to meet, and yet it would enable you to utilize every force at your command.

I trust this information will give you what you want. If not, come back at me with questions and diagrams, so that I may mark the diagrams which will enable you to understand what I am trying to explain to you.

Thanking you for your kind wishes, and wishing you the best of success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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UNION COLLEGE
SCHENECTADY
NEW YORK

Dear Coach:-

I have not only heard you lecture at Columbia Summer Session but have also read your book thoroughly. As a hard-pressed young coach with small fast men and one tall lad of 6'-1" I am asking some advice of you. Would you suggest a pressing defense all over the floor, press with my two 5-8" forwards and retreat my other three men or our going into a 2-1-2 zone?

We shall obviously have to rely on a fast break primarily for offense but how would you supplement it when the defense gets set--the double pivot attack takes one of my best ~~at~~ set shots away in the person of the tall lad who is deadly from outside--would you work on free moving of the ball or systematize the attack for situations when defense is set?

I have used your fast break rotating drill, your 2 on 1, 3 on 2 and shadow drills to great extent & find the machine gunning drill very good.

I hope you continue your success this year and will greatly appreciate these few comments from you.

Sincerely yours,
Nelson W. Mitchman

December 9, 1938.

Mr. Nelson W. Nitchman,
Union College,
Schenectady, New York.

Dear Mr. Nitchman:

Your recent letter addressed to Dr. Forrest C. Allen has been received during Dr. Allen's absence. He will return to the office early next week, and I am sure that you will hear from him shortly.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Allen.

Union College
Schenectady, New York

DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

Dear Coach Allen,

Thank you very much for your detailed and lengthy explanation. Knowing how effectively you have employed the defense you speak of I duly appreciate your suggestions as to the use of it with the material which I have on hand.

I also appreciate your suggestion as to offensive play and the manner in which I should use my center.

Sincerely yours,

Nelson W. Hitchman

UNION COLLEGE
SCHENECTADY
NEW YORK

May 1, 1939

Dear Coach Allen —

Thank you very much for your clear explanation of how you employ the fast break. I appreciate your kindness in giving me this information and know it will help me considerably.

Sincerely yours

Nelson W. Hitchman

September 12, 1938.

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

Dear George:

I immediately got in touch with the people concerned regarding the possibility of Dale Garrison getting on CSEP. I found that there were so many applications already in that he would not have a chance to get in on the allotments that were then being made out; but I did inquire about it.

So I believe the best thing to do is for you to write to the CSEP headquarters or to Raymond Nichols telling him about this boy and that you realize of course it is too late now but you are interested in him and would like to have him put on the eligible list for future attention. Won't you do this and see what sort of a reply you get?

Then I saw Professor F. A. Russell about Dale and told him that Dale would have 64 hours with advanced standing from Pittsburg Teachers College, that he was a good student in technical subjects and would make a good electrical engineering prospect. I stated that you rated him average in his other subjects. Professor Russell said, "Well, tell George to have him come on up and I will do what I can to help him after he gets lined up in his enrollment."

I believe, George, it would be a good idea if you could also write to some of the professors you know in the Engineering School and see if they won't take a friendly interest in him. I assure you that I will do as I said, but of course since he is located in Engineering it is much easier if he could get started right over there. I told you that I would help him out, and of course I would gladly do it, but I would appreciate it if you would endeavor to make these other contacts. I am writing Dale and telling him to stop in when he comes to the University so that we may get better acquainted and be in position to help him.

It was good to see you.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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September 12, 1938

Mr. Dale Garrison,
Route 1,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Dale:

Your very good friend, Mr. George Nettels, called to see me last week with an idea of aiding you in your work here at the University of Kansas.

When you come to the University, would you stop over and see me? We will be glad to have you here, I assure you, and we will be equally glad to consult your schedule and help you whenever possible.

Trusting that you will have a very pleasant and profitable stay at the University of Kansas, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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cc to George Nettels.

September 14, 1938.

Major L. McC. Jones,
Director of Athletics,
University of Nebraska,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Biffer:

I wrote you some time along in the summer asking for five tickets, and sent you a check for the same, for the Nebraska-Pittsburgh game at Lincoln on November 12. I presume that the tickets have not been mailed out as yet, but thought I would drop you a line to check up on the matter.

I am wondering if you will kindly have your secretary give me the information on this item, as I have made arrangements with Dr. Esterly and a party of our friends to make the pilgrimage on that date, and I would not like to disappoint them.

I notice you have another high-powered group of men, and I am sincerely hoping that you will take Dr. Jock Sutherland into camp. It would be a glorious achievement for Nebraska and the Big Six.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

September 9, 1938.

Dr. D. M. Nigro,
Argyle Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dr. Nigro:

Upon coming to my desk this afternoon I find your kind invitation to the stag picnic at your CAMPAGNA on Wednesday.

I regret that it was not possible for me to be with you, as I am sure you had a great group of wonderful fellows assembled there. However, it was nice of you to think of me, and I trust that at some future time I will again be fortunate enough to be included in your personal list.

Very appreciatively yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

YOU ARE INVITED--



STAG PICNIC!

OF THE 3D's--

DOCTOR — DENTIST — DRUGGIST
M.D. D.D.S. P.H.G.

AT NIGRO
(CAMPAGNA)

BROOKSIDE FARM
in Johnson County



WEDNESDAY

SEPT. 7

6:30 P. M.

(Let's get together)

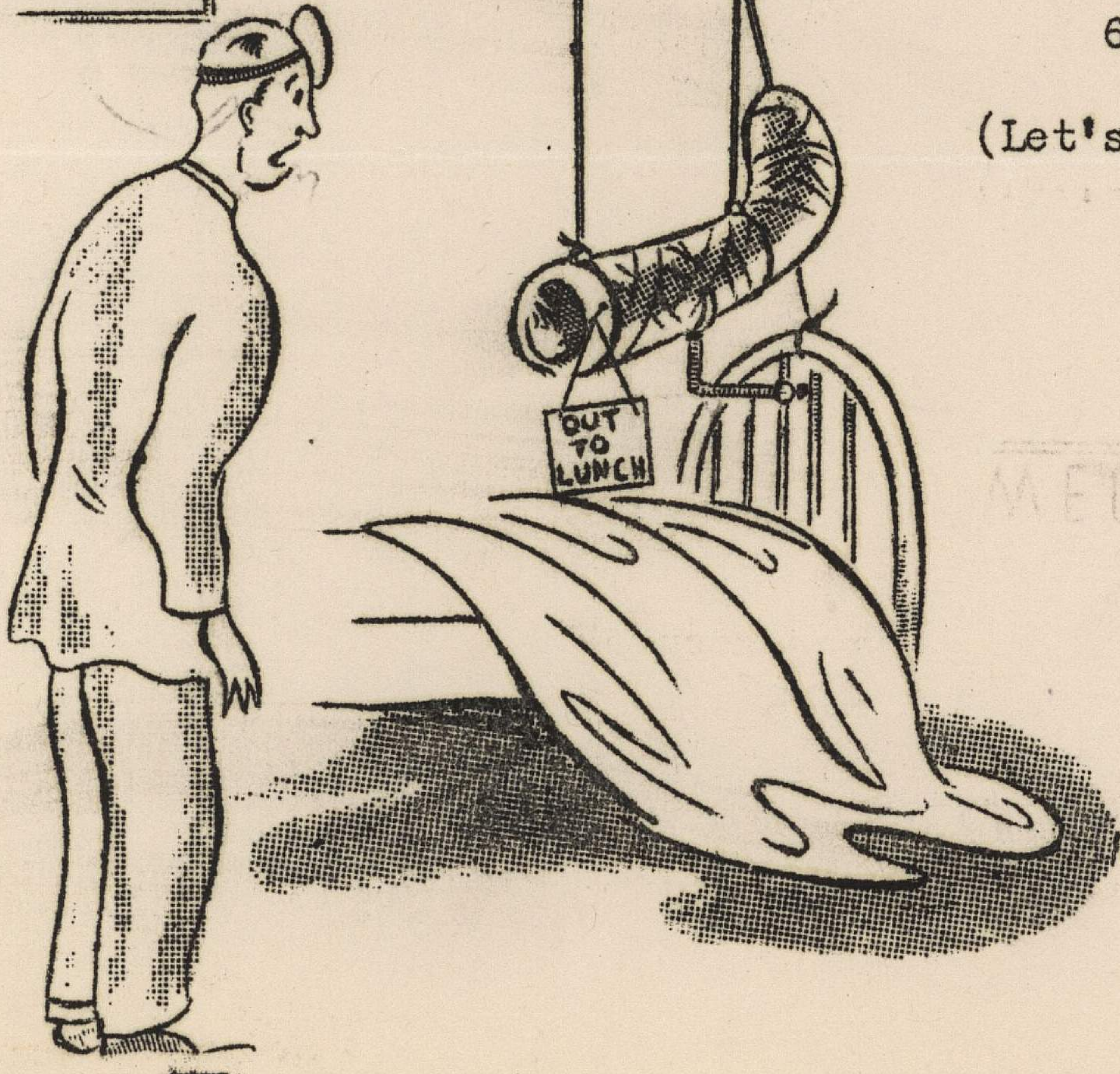
In case of rain, postpone
to the following day.

Route 75 West to State Line, then
straight West on 75, cross 69 highway
to sign - about two miles.

If accepted, please
reply Harrison 2388

DR. D. M. NIGRO

M.D. NIGRO



September 28, 1938.

Dr. L. S. Nelson,
Salina Clinic,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Doctor "Phat":

Your son Larry just came in and I immediately went to Mr. Earl Falkenstien to find out the difficulty concerning your tickets last year. He did not seem to know much about how you got such poor tickets, and he was quite a bit worried.

I assure you that you will not have any more difficulty. Earl is especially anxious to please, and Lawrence is going in tomorrow and get four of the best seats in the stadium. You will be entitled to one on your K ticket, and they will all four be together and they will be dandy ones.

I am glad that you wrote me and that I really had an opportunity to do you a small kindness. I can assure you that any time you have anything that you want, if you will inform me it will be more than a pleasure to do your bidding.

My, Larry is a fine looking chap! Big and handsome, and I am sure a most satisfactory son.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Nelson, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Salina Clinic

L. S. NELSON, M. D.
PORTER BROWN, M. D.

W. E. SMITH, BUSINESS MANAGER
MISS JOSEPHINE PARSONS, R. N., CLINIC NURSE
MISS MAUDE DUNN, SECRETARY
MISS FRANCIS BERTSCHE, B. S., TECHNICIAN

K. L. DRUET, M. D.
GEO. E. STAFFORD, M. D.

SUITE 408 FARMERS UNION BLDG.

Salina, Kansas

September 26, 1938

Dr. F. G. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

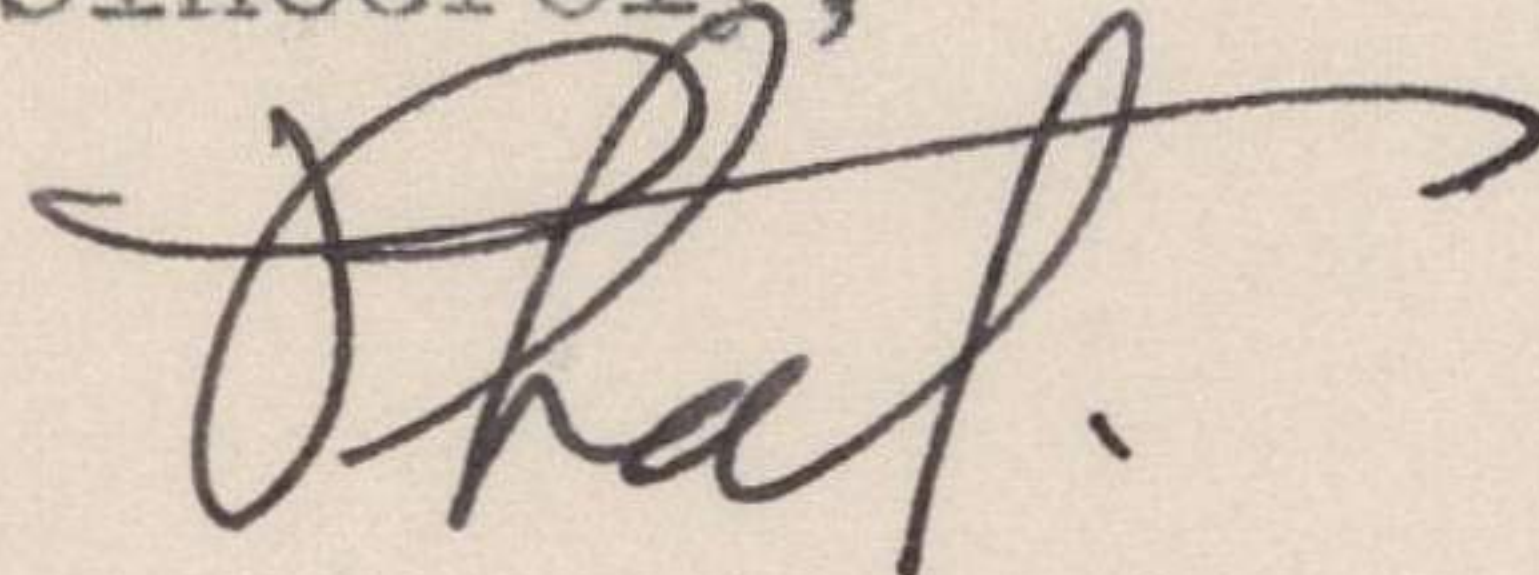
Dear Phog:

I have asked our son to come directly to you concerning the matter of acquiring four tickets to the Kansas-Oklahoma football game October 15th.

The reason is that the last time he got tickets for us they were in the end zone on a day when there were not many people at the game, and we did not like it. I believe that some clerk in the department misunderstood the situation, and while I do not expect to have any particular favoritism, I also do not expect to be put clear down at the end, especially on a day when there are not many people in attendance. I therefore would feel it a personal favor if you would supervise this business yourself and see that these tickets are all right. Two of them are for Dr. and Mrs. Kline of Dodge City who will be with us, and two for Mrs. Nelson and me. I suspect I am entitled to some consideration because of my K, but if that places me away out of line to see the game well I would disregard. I am sending Lawrence a blank check so that he will pay you whatever the toll happens to be.

Thanking you kindly for the trouble of taking care of this for me, and hoping that I may do some little thing for you some day, again, I am, as ever,

Sincerely,



L. S. Nelson, M. D.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
LINCOLN

DEPARTMENT OF
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

September 16, 1938.

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

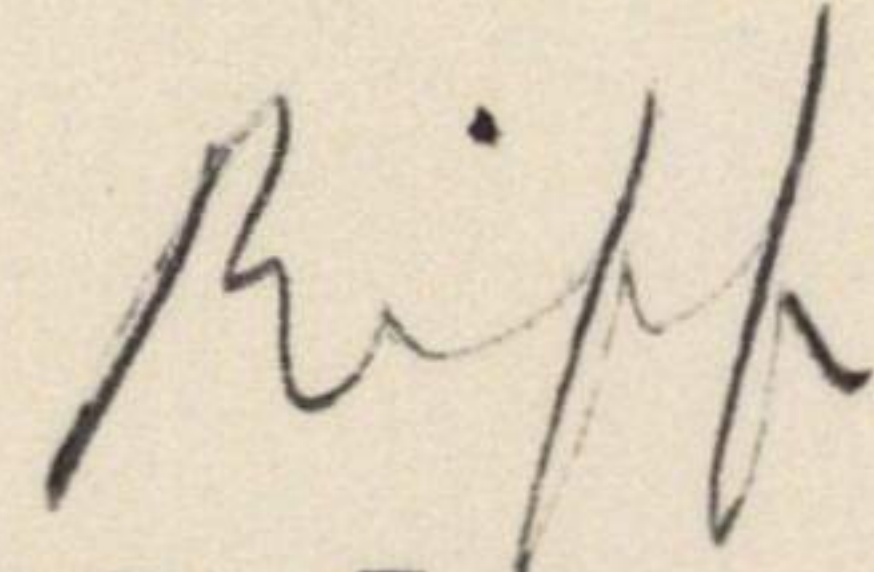
Dear Phog:

In reply to your letter of September 14th, John Selleck informs me that he is holding the five tickets with the rest of the Pittsburgh distribution to be mailed out a week or two before the game. I am sure that he will take care of you in good shape.

We started practice last Saturday and are hard at it trying to develop some sophomores to fit in with our three regulars of last year.

With best regards,

Yours truly,



L. McC. Jones,
Director of Athletics.

October 5, 1938.

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

Dear George:

Thank you so much for sending me the Pittsburg Midway Coal Mining Company industrial copy of the Pittsburg Headlight as of Monday evening, September 26. I looked through the whole publication for a picture of this guy, Nettels, but I missed him.

But on page 17 I did see the photograph of the largest stripped in the world. F. A. Russell and I have been using a gasoline shovel of one-half yard capacity down here on the intramural field. We thought we were doing a little something, but gosh, when I look at your 33-yard capacity dipper that looks like it is just sixty-six times as powerful as ours! You certainly must move all of Pittsburg when you move this thing. Congratulations, old fellow, on this power machine!

Bring up your machine and run it once across our gridiron!

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

October 20, 1938.

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

Dear George:

Immediately after talking to you last Saturday I called Professor Russell, and he stated that Dale Garrison had not been in to see him. I asked Russell if he couldn't do something for him, and he said he would do the best he could.

Then I sent word for Dale to come in to see me and today I had a talk with him. He had been to see Professor Russell after he received your letter, and Russell told Dale to fill out a CSEP blank, but of course he wouldn't have a chance at that until next semester. I got his schedule, and we are going to try to find more work for him. We are now using him four hours a week in the towel room, and will try to find work for him on Fridays and Saturdays when his class schedule does not interfere.

Dale is the most difficult boy I have ever talked to. He has never worked for anybody, and I can see why he would have difficulty in getting a job. Jim Rapert, one of our instructors who supervises the towel room employees, says Dale is a rather peculiar boy.

I asked Dale about his finances, and he said, "What do you mean - I don't understand." It was just like pulling eye teeth to get any information out of him. I explained that you had such a high regard for his father, and told him that if he is going to work for people he must get out and sell himself. I gave him a regular pep talk on waking up. I told him the reason we were helping him was because you like his father so much, and were sure he would be the same type of fellow so far as loyalty and service is concerned. It is a pretty tough job to get this boy going. He is a nice boy but he just doesn't know the score when it comes to putting himself in the position of responsibility. However, that won't keep me from helping him.

I told him that he could use my name as a reference when he makes his application for a CSEP job. I also told him he should write home and secure permission to use the name of a minister, banker and business man as references.

This is just a progress report. I wanted you to know that we are going to help him if we can. I am doing what I promised you I would do - carry on.

It was good to see you Saturday and to have a visit with you, as it always is.

The long, gaunt, lean wolf is smacking his chops.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

P.S. The Relays Club membership is 450.

Niagara University Athletic Association

Niagara University, N. Y.

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

October 15, 1938.

Dear Coach:

The coaching Ethics Committee of The National Association of Basketball Coaches is attempting not only to improve the ethical practices of our basketball coaches, but also has started a national movement to improve spectator sportsmanship at basketball games.

Our committee feels that there is room for improving the ethical standards among basketball coaches. We also feel that in recent years there has been a tendency for basketball spectators to conduct themselves with the bias obnoxious attitude that is so noticeable at professional baseball and wrestling contests. We feel that the proper conduct at basketball games by students will help accomplish the sportsmanship ideals which all educators are anxious to instill in the hearts of their students.

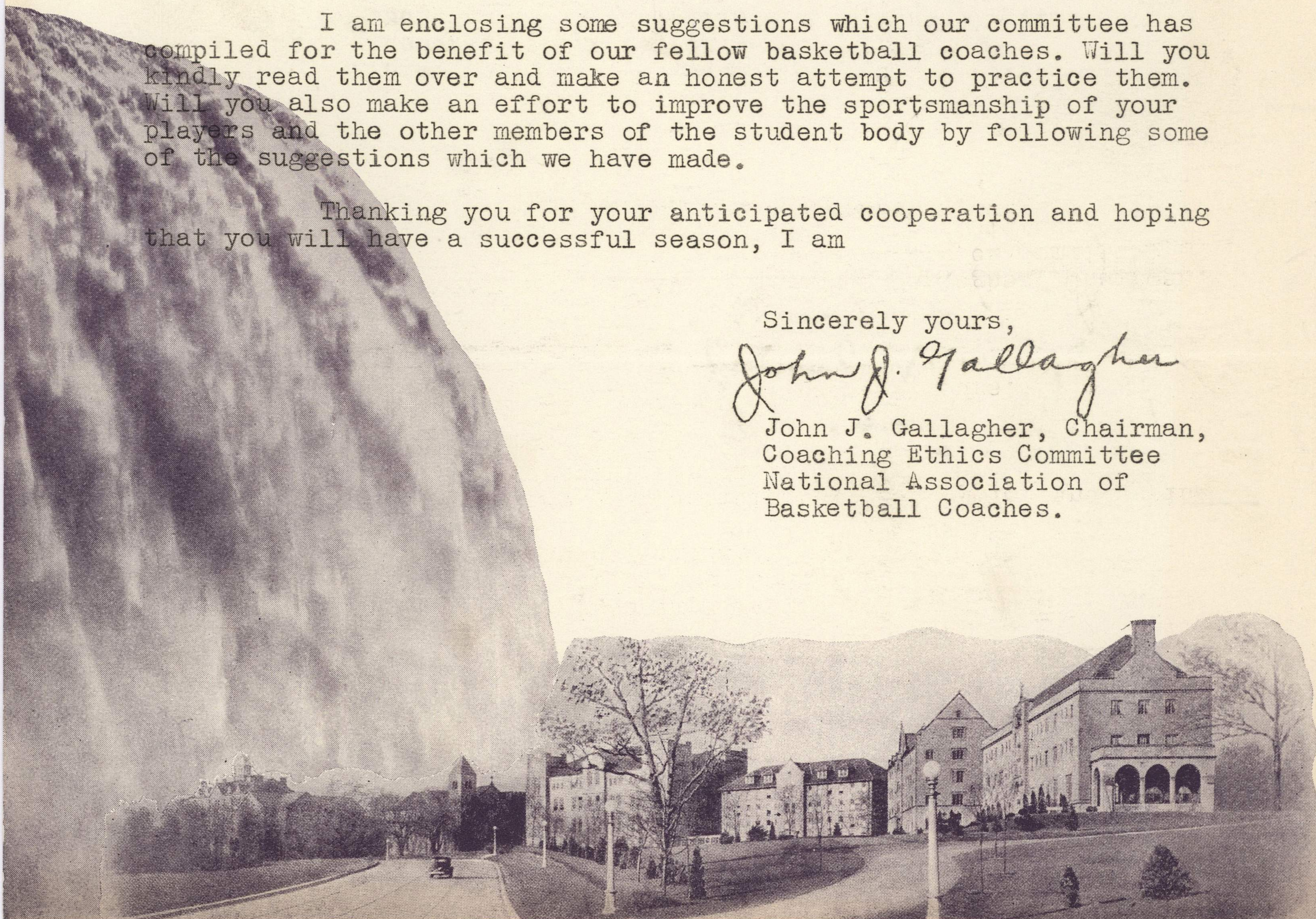
I am enclosing some suggestions which our committee has compiled for the benefit of our fellow basketball coaches. Will you kindly read them over and make an honest attempt to practice them. Will you also make an effort to improve the sportsmanship of your players and the other members of the student body by following some of the suggestions which we have made.

Thanking you for your anticipated cooperation and hoping that you will have a successful season, I am

Sincerely yours,

John J. Gallagher

John J. Gallagher, Chairman,
Coaching Ethics Committee
National Association of
Basketball Coaches.



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BERNAM G. HINES, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Hotel ROOSEVELT

MADISON AVENUE AT 45TH STREET

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Dr. J. C. Allen,
Physical Education Department
University of Kansas,
Lawrence Kans.

Dear Phog:

I wish to express my
gratitude to you for the courtesies
extended by you and the Athletic
Department when we attended the
Oklahoma-Kansas Football game
last Saturday. Our seats were
perfect and it was a fine game
except the score which we would
have liked reversed.

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BERNAM G. HINES, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Hotel ROOSEVELT

MADISON AVENUE AT 45TH STREET

NEW YORK, N.Y.

The meeting of The American
College of Surgeons is proving
most interesting and instructive.
We will finish tomorrow and
then take time to see a little
of New York.

Again thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Phat Nelson.

IN THE **UNITED** SYSTEM

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IN CANADA

TORONTO

THE KING EDWARD

November 3, 1938.

Major L. McC. Jones,
Director of Athletics,
University of Nebraska,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear "Biff":

On October 11 you mailed me five Pittsburgh tickets, 10 MM East balcony, 6 to 10 inclusive. I find that three of my people who were expecting to go to the game have backed out, and I am wondering if I could mail back these tickets so that you could sell them for me before Saturday, the 12th of November.

I notice that they are running special trains from Kansas City to Lincoln guaranteeing good seats for the game, so I feel that you may have ample opportunity to get rid of the tickets for me.

Since I purchased these personally for a group who desired to go, and since they have backed out, I would appreciate it if you would assist me in my desire to get the tickets back to you in ample time so that you can sell them. I assure you I will appreciate it very much.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

November 3, 1938.

Mr. John Selleck,
Athletic Association,
University of Nebraska,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear John:

If the Biffer is too busy to handle this detail, will you kindly take care of it for me? I assure you I would do as much for you.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

November 4, 1938.

National Physical Education Service,
National Recreation Association,
315 Fourth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing 25¢ for a sample set of National
Physical Achievement Standards for Girls, as mentioned
on page 2 of your October News Letter, No. 113.

Very truly yours,

V. W. Lapp,
Assistant Professor,
Dept. of Physical Education.

November 4, 1938.

National Physical Education Service,
National Recreation Association,
315 Fourth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

I am very desirous of receiving your mimeo-graphed newsletters, and understand that this service is available for \$1.00. I am enclosing this amount, and should appreciate having my name put on your mailing list.

Very sincerely yours,

PCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

November 8, 1938.

Mr. C. W. Nelson,
Liberty, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Thank you for your inquiry concerning my new book on basketball. It is entitled "Better Basketball" and is published by McGraw-Hill and Company, of New York. The price is \$4.00.

"Better Basketball" explains the newest developments of the game, and is profusely illustrated with diagrams and photographs.

I regret that it is impossible for me to send you a copy c.o.d. I shall be glad, however, on receipt of your check or money order for \$4.00, to send you an autographed copy, postpaid. I shall be glad to hear from you again if you are interested in securing a copy of "Better Basketball".

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Liberty, Nebr.
Nov. 8, 1938

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

Will you please send me your
book on basketball? I don't know
the price of your book so send it
C.O.D.

Yours Sincerely,
B. W. Nelson
Liberty, Nebr.
(Gage Co.)