

July 14, 1945

Mr. James E. Briley
2012 East 13th Place
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Briley:

Yes, I remember your first letter and I am sorry that we neglected to handle the matter with respect. My former Secretary, Mrs. Alberta Hulteen who has most efficiently handled such matters for me resigned July 1st to raise her family. She is now out of town and has been since the 1st of July. I asked her to take care of this matter and thought that it had been done. I am sorry for the delay. I called the Alumni office and got the name of the young lady in charge of distribution of the Jayhawker year books, Miss Fitzpatrick.

I called Miss Fitzpatrick, and she advises me that the year book comes out in four different issues all bound in one. I would like you to advise as to whether you wish four complete books or 1 each of the different issues. I also regret to advise you that she is now out of the first issue of this book, and that she can send you the other three issues of the book in binding at the price of \$3.00 plus mailing charges which would amount to about \$.25

You may handle this either way you like, by sending check or by receiving the books collect. In either event, as Miss Fitzpatrick is leaving on a vacation a week from today, it would be well for you to contact her at the Jayhawker office in the Union building here on the campus immediately in order to receive your books promptly.

Again I wish to apologize for the delay in answering your request. With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Department of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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P.S. Please give my kindest regards to Jim. Let him know that we are wishing the very best of luck for him. We certainly miss him here. He was a great little fellow.

Tulsa, Okla.
7/12/45

Dear Dr. Allen,

Some time ago I wrote you requesting that you arrange to have the four copies of the JAYHAWKER year book for 1944-45 mailed to me at my expense. I have not heard from you on this matter, if it is inconvenient for you to do this please let me know and I will contact one of the brothers at the S A E house to get them for me.

Respectfully

J. E. Briley

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2012 East 13th Place
Tulsa, Okla.

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U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

29 June 1945

Dear Doc:

You should be in the throws of another summer session. I'm curious to know if you are still conducting Doc Allen's "Happy Hour on the Hill".

Our tempo of entertainment has been stepped up to where we need a swing shift to get the job done. Sounds like we are plenty busy, but I like it and my weight seems to stay up in spite of it. This month we are having Dick Haymes and Helen Forrest, Clyde Lucas's Orch., Joan Leslie, a piano team of National renown, and "Bobo" the Magician. This is in addition to our regular five picture shows a day.

Lucy is still here and trying to enjoy this suffering hot weather. The humidity of this country is terrific and you can just stand around and perspire.

Sam Barry has been transferred to Chicago and Lt.Cdr. Larry "Moon" Mullins is our new athletic Officer. We have had some good bull sessions already concerning our past contests between St. Benedicts and Rockhurst. Takes our minds off the war which is good. Naturally, being stationed in the states one does'nt feel the effects of the war like some of our fellow Kansans, but the fact that the war is still on is a depressing one and the sooner its over the happier we will all be.

My very best regards to all the Allens and Henry Shenk and family.

Sincerely,

Murray Brown

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SALINA, KANSAS

August 17, 1945

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EDGAR DAVIS
LEONARD WOOD
Associates

Public Utility Building
114 West Iron Ave.
Phone 563

Dr. Forrest Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

After I talked to you the other day in regard to Gene Anderson, I got in touch with Gene's father and even though several colleges have contacted his son in regard to attending their school this fall, I feel very confident that Gene and his father, Mr. Carl Anderson, have a decided leaning towards Kansas University, and I feel confident that when you come out that you will be able to secure definite assurance from Gene that Kansas University is the school that he is going to attend.

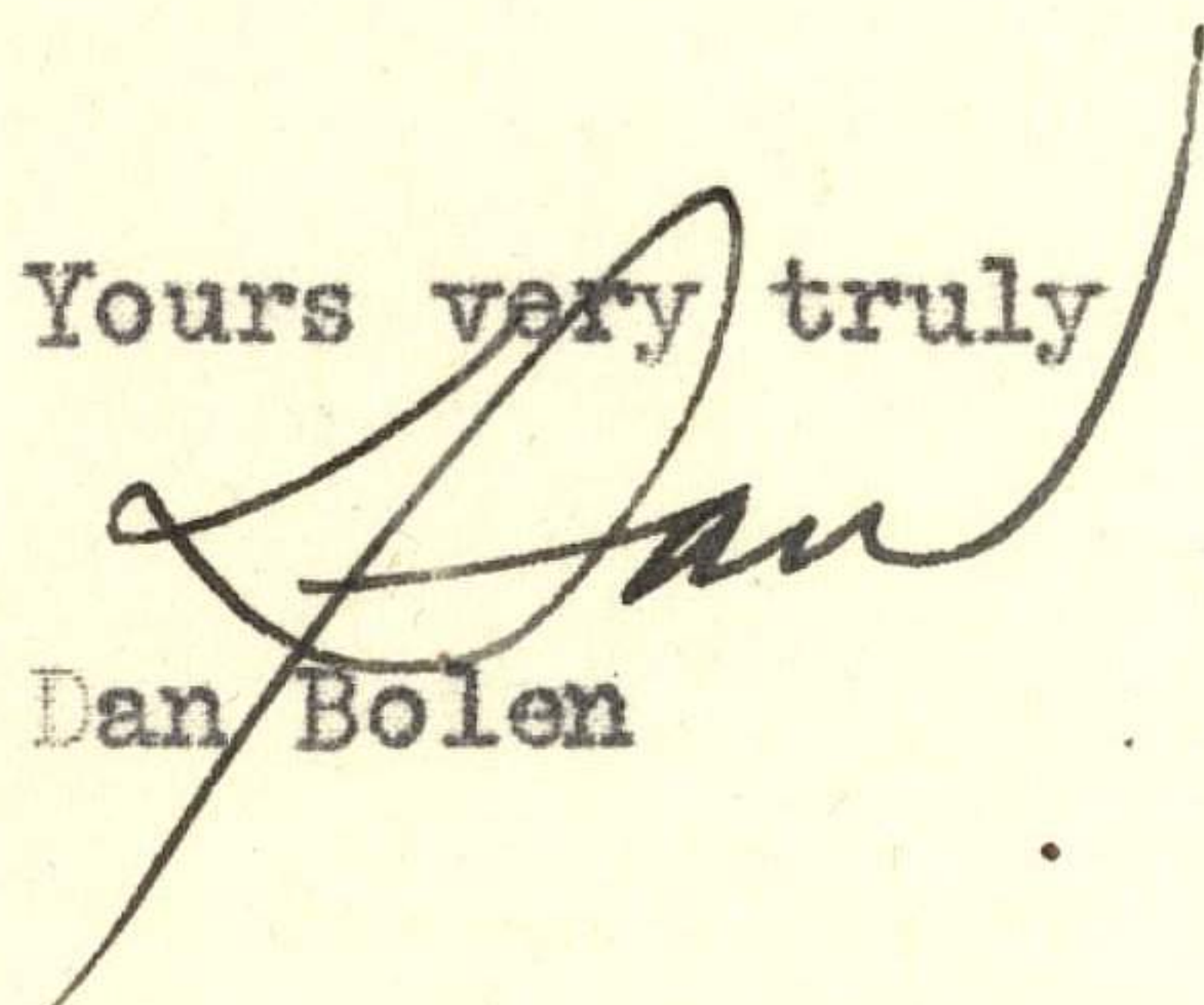
I also talked to Mr. Anderson in regard to Gene's army status and he advised me that as yet there had been no information that would cause them to believe that Gene would have to enter the armed services in the near future, and taking into consideration the fact that the war is over now, I have my doubts that they will take a boy with his height into the army.

I felt extremely bad to hear that Mr. Quigley has been ill, but I am glad to know that now he is on his way back to recovery. When I talked to Mr. Anderson, and told him that the reason that Mr. Quigley had not been out to see him was due to the fact that he was in the hospital, he told me that he had seen the piece in the paper about Quig's illness and knew that was the reason he did not get out to Salina to see his boy.

When you get in Salina, I want you to contact me immediately and I will go with you down to the Anderson's or if you think it best, I will make an appointment for you and you can contact Gene and his father alone.

Looking forward to seeing you sometime
next week, I am

Yours very truly


Dan Bolen

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July 20, 1945

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

Dear Phog:

I believe that you will remember Gene Anderson a six foot six boy that was on the Salina Basketball team last winter. At the present time, it looks like Gene will be too tall to go to the Army and instead will go to some college, and of course, I would like to see him go to K U, and I feel that he has a leaning towards the University.

I don't know how you handle situations like this, but I believe that a letter from you would carry a lot of weight and you might explain to him there is jobs he could do in order to help out on his expenses, as his father is just a laborer here in Salina, and could not do an awful lot towards maintaining the boy in school.

If you have any suggestions that I might help you with, I wish you would let me know, as I would be glad to cooperate in any way that I possibly can to get this boy at K U because I feel that he has wonderful chances to become a great Basket Ball player especially under the guidance of a coach like you.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours

Dan Bolen

252 7 8th St
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July 25, 1945

Mr. Dan Bolen
Spradley-Bolen Agency
Salina, Kansas

Dear Dan:

Thank you very much for your good letter of the 20th instant concerning Gene Anderson. I remember him very well. I am enclosing a carbon copy of the letter that I have written Gene, and am also addressing his in care of your office so that you will be sure he gets it. I do not have his address and am afraid it might go astray. I do not want to see that thing happen.

I saw Gene play and think he has great possibilities, and I would be delighted to have him matriculate at the University of Kansas.

Regarding jobs, he can count on a good one. The fact that the V-12 boys are supported by United States Government prohibits them from doing any work for pay. Therefore we have plenty of jobs and that bug bear is eliminated. We pay 50¢ an hour so a fellow can get along nicely with this sort of set-up.

I am sending a carbon copy of your letter and my letter to E. C. Quigley, our athletic director, and I am sure that it will not be many days until Ernie will be out in your part of the Country. He will contact your Dr. Phat Nelson and any other that you deem advisable toward interesting this boy in the University of Kansas. It is nice of you to do this dan, and I certainly appreciate it.

When better and more enthusiastic alumni are made they wont make them any better than our Dan Bolen. I certainly enjoyed my visit with you upon the occasion of my last visit to Salina.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:MEH
CC: E. C. Quigley

July 25, 1945

Mr. Gene Anderson
% Dan Bolen
Spradley-Bolen Agency
Salina, Kansas

Dear Gene:

Dan Bolen has written me that there is a possibility that Uncle Sam does not have enough long cots or bunks to accommodate your anatomical architectural make-up. If this is the case, I would like to inform you that we have some extra long bunks in this flourishing town of Lawrence, Kansas that would just fit your frame. There is also a coach of basket ball at the University of Kansas who would like to have you on his team. Further there are jobs here that pay 50¢ an hour and we guarantee to give you as much work as you desire and have time for.

If you are not now employed, we can guarantee 50¢ an hour, and we think without a doubt that we could locate you out at Sunflower Ordnance Works which is about fifteen miles out at 90¢ an hour, but I would advise you if you have a good job at Salina and can board at home to stay there and earn as much as possible. Schools never pay as much as commercial institutions because of the supply and demand, and too, a boy goes to college to get an education and not to earn money.

I have spoken to Mr. E. C. Quigley, our athletic director, and believe in the next week that he will be able to see you. He has been able to call on other boys and I know he will be glad to see you if his schedule is what I think it is.

I saw you play and I think you have great possibilities. I am teaching in the summer school and cannot get away from my classes until August 15th, but you count on the fact that we want you to attend the University of Kansas, and we can arrange it so that can be done.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

July 25, 1945

Mr. E. C. Quigley,
Athletic Director
University of Kansas

Dear Ernie:

I am enclosing a carbon copy of Dan Bolen's letter to me, my reply to him, and also a copy of a letter that I have written Gene Anderson.

Dan Bolen is one of the best men I know of to contact, and he will get the job done if and when you can arrange to be through Salina.

This boy Anderson is a dandy and I think we have a good chance to land him. I will appreciate your usual cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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December 28, 1944.

Mr. Asa S. Bushnell,
Executive Director,
Central Office for Eastern Intercollegiate Athletics,
Biltmore Hotel,
Madison Avenue and 43rd Street,
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Asa:

I acknowledge with thanks your good letter of the 21st instant. I trust that you had a very Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New Year, if we can in this country under the conditions that we are now facing.

I believe that correspondence, even if lengthy, would not be the answer to our situation. You talk about unsubstantiated stories, publicity for rumors, secondhand reports, and alleged happenings that do harm to college basketball. I am wondering where the N.C.A.A. has been all this time. There certainly have been many, many things happening. For example: the Jesse Owens episode in Cleveland, Ohio, when he matriculated at Ohio State University at Columbus (investigated by the outstanding and dominantly controlling officers of the Big Ten, and whitewashed); the Everett Case-Piggie Lambert-Sam Barry episode that the Big Ten investigated, with a fizzle-out and another whitewash. The fuses were pinched off before they got to the powder keg.

Asa, I wonder if you really think that the public is taking the administrators of college athletics very seriously these days.

I have before me rules of the Big Ten and the Big Six. They are a joke because the rules are not being followed, and I know it and thousands of others know it. On page 12 in the Big Six handbook under recruiting, is this rules "1. By Alumni and Friends. The Conference is opposed to the recruiting of prospective students by alumni and friends, when the reason for such recruiting is that the prospective students are athletes. The conference will make continued and positive efforts to eliminate such recruiting. 2. By Members of Athletic Staffs. Members of athletic staffs shall not recruit prospective athletes. The following are submitted as typical examples of recruiting: (a) Urging enrollment through initiating correspondence, direct conference or indirect message. (b) Promising employment, loans, scholarships or remission of fees. (c) Indirectly contacting prospective athletes by suggesting to alumni or friends that they endeavor to recruit them."

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And in closing, I want to tell you that the "secondhand reports" were firsthand, and you might be surprised what I have in my files at the present time. But I am not prosecuting the N.C.A.A. or the organized intercollegiate set-ups. That is not and never has been my purpose because our institution is a member of that organization. It is one thing to have facts in your possession, and another thing to have an organization that would prosecute it if it could.

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December 21, 1944

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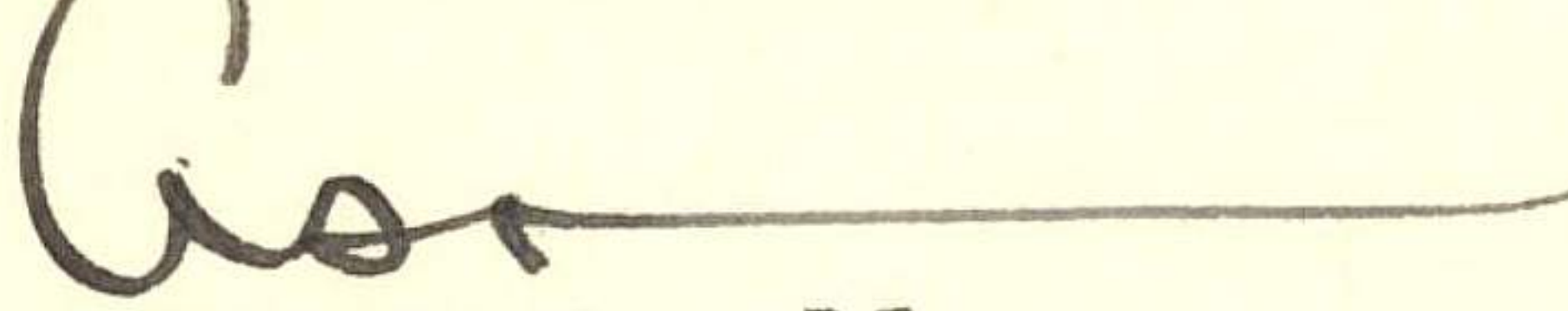
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Merry Christmas.

Sincerely yours,



Asa S. Bushnell

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(Signed) Asa

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January 9, 1945.

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Central Office for Eastern Intercollegiate Athletics,
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Madison Avenue and 43rd St.,
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Asa:

I would enjoy a visit with you. I think you and I could agree on some things that would be constructive, and not treat the matter palliatively. We have done too much of that to the detriment of an equal opportunity for the fellow who wants to follow the rules.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
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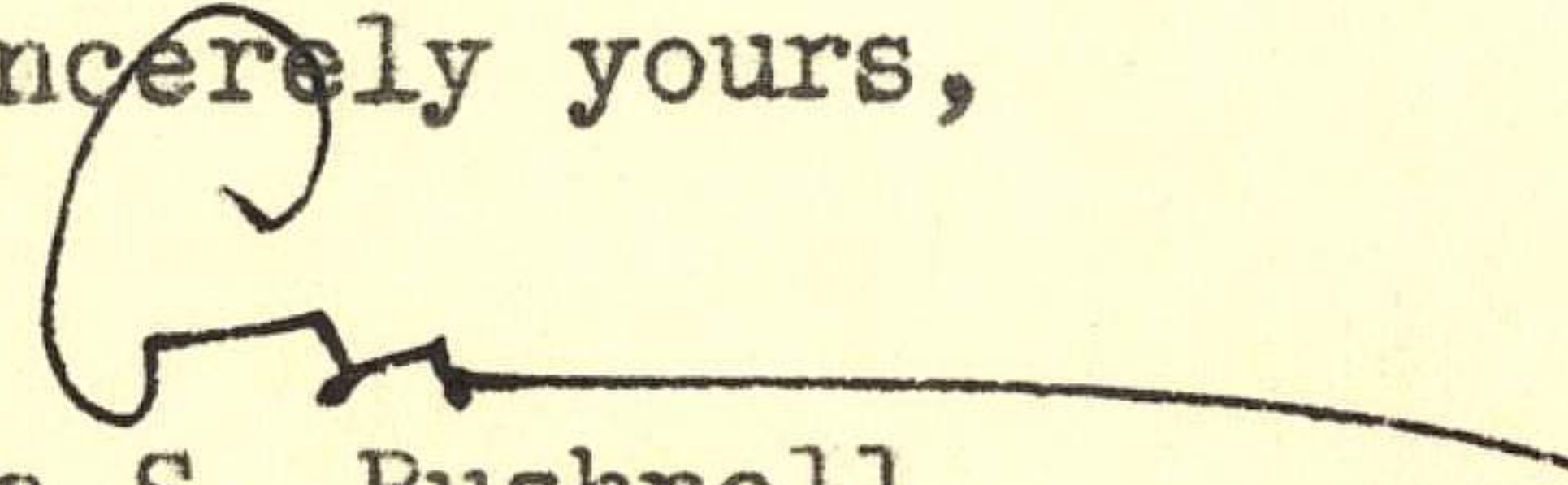
Dear Pfog:

Thanks for your letter of December 28.

As you have indicated, continued correspondence between you and me cannot accomplish the end which we both have in mind. Let's plan to sit down together at the first opportunity to discuss all of the angles; perhaps we can then agree upon some beneficial course of action.

Wishing you well for 1945, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Asa S. Bushnell

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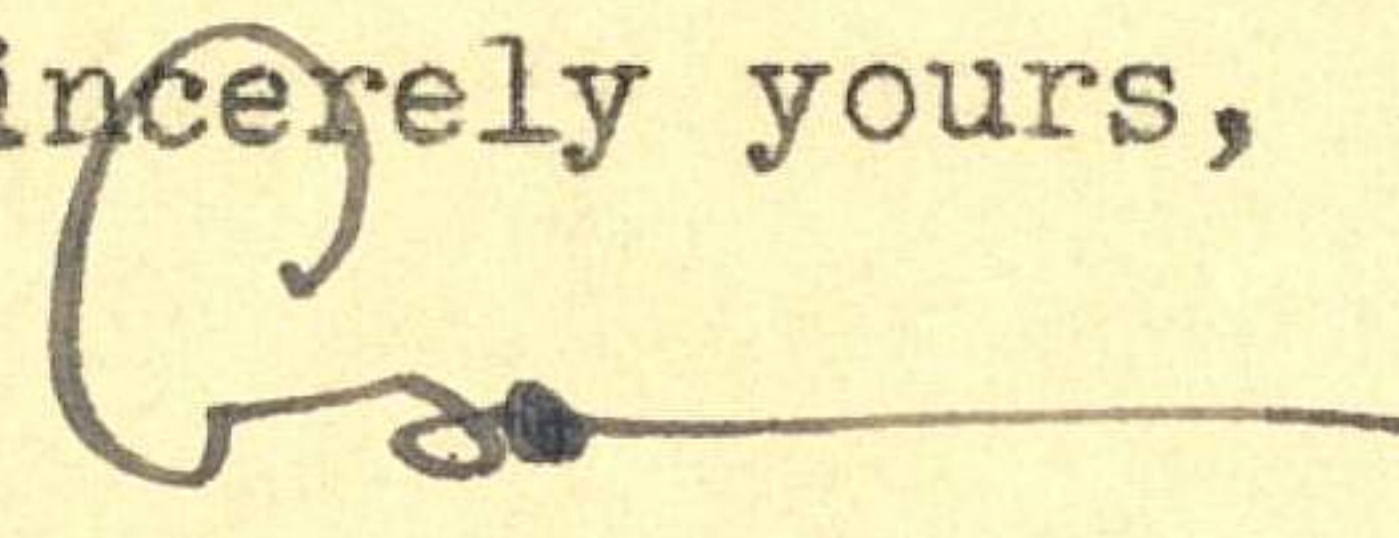
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a copy for your information.

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Enclosure

Central Office For Eastern Intercollegiate Athletics

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Mr. Day Edgar
Asst. to the Editor
Saturday Evening Post
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Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Day:

The editorial entitled "The Gamblers Move In on College Sport" in the Post's December 23 issue was of course of special interest to me.

No doubt the Post asked Phog Allen to substantiate his charges before it proceeded to give them further currency by repeating them and analyzing their significance. What facts did he produce?

It is unfortunate that professional gamblers are finding a profitable field for their operations in college sport, for serious trouble is a possible consequence unless intelligent and energetic efforts are made to prevent it. However, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, an alertly administered organization of athletic representatives from all of the country's leading colleges, is determined to see to it that the situation is put under control and kept there. I don't believe that anyone need fear that intercollegiate athletics will compare unfavorably with professional baseball in performance of the job of meeting its problems as they arise and of effecting the proper solution for those problems.

How are you, anyway? Hope to see you one of these days.

With all good wishes for 1945, I am,

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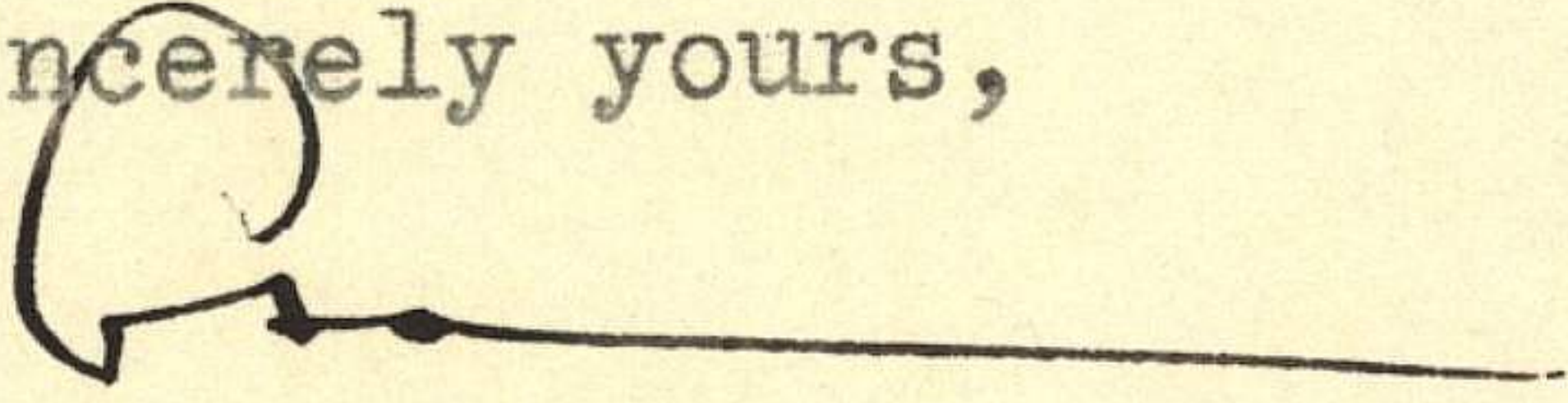
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I am having my eyes examined for new and
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KEEPING THE RECORD UNBLEMISHED

College athletics have established a good war record. It would be unfortunate if this were spoiled by a poor post-war record.

The wartime contributions of campus sports have been significant. They have produced legitimate and badly needed recreation not only for undergraduates but also for the public. More important, they have been of immense value in the early training of members of the country's armed forces, and men in actual combat have found that experience in athletic competition stands them in good stead in war's sterner competitive tests.

In view of these achievements there undoubtedly will develop at war's end a strong temptation for collegiate athletics to undertake other functions in addition to those for which it is qualified. Already there are unmistakable indications that, in the midst of the inevitable reaction against compulsory military service during peace times, the proposal will be made that the vital purposes of such a training regimen be accomplished through a nationwide compulsory sports program. This idea will be popular for, while appealing to all those who are tired of uniforms and military discipline, it will also appear to offer the easy way out. But let all beware of this lazy man's panacea, for it won't work. Athletic administrators will make a big mistake if they lend their support to any movement to have a sports program accepted as a substitute for military training.

Sport's proper post-war job will be to assure physical fitness on the part of the nation far superior to that possessed at the outbreak of World War II or at any other time in the past. To attain this end, one hundred percent participation in athletic competition will be needed at schools and colleges, in towns, communities and neighborhoods. Nevertheless, no matter how successfully this program may be prosecuted, it will not prepare for war or protect against another war. Universal military training will be prerequisite to this all-important objective.

Why not make mandatory for all young Americans one full year in service immediately following high school graduation or, for any not continuing education to this point, one year at age eighteen? To say that this procedure will make the country harmfully militaristic is prattle. No longer can this nation choose whether or not it will be more extensively militarized than it used to be. In the present war the USA has demonstrated to other countries that overseas invasion against well armed opposition is practicable. Therefore, in future the USA must discourage all these other countries from the thought of yielding in wars ahead to the urge to do likewise where American shores are concerned -- and it must do this by being ready itself to withstand such invasion. The nation must have strength in arms, and it must have all of its young men prepared. To disarm in the hope of influencing others to disarm will bring the opposite effect and will invite disaster. Experience should have taught that lesson by this time.

Those who appreciate the true values of athletic training should also recognize its limitations, and should be satisfied with a fitting role for athletics in the post-war world. Sports are needed to make the people strong, but compulsory military training is needed to make the country strong.

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BASKETBALL'S BIG PROBLEM

There is a lot of emphatic talking being done on the subject of the basketball gambling evil, but it is accompanied by a disappointingly inadequate amount of clear thinking. Cures which have been glibly offered don't even attack the basic problem; thus they fail to provide any actual solution and -- worse -- they obscure the real problem and so make its eventual solution all the more difficult.

A common mistake is to neglect differentiation between betting at games and betting on games -- two activities alike in interest but very unlike in significance.

Betting at games is a distinctly minor evil. It is annoying to college athletic authorities just as it is to spectators, and it certainly creates an unwholesome atmosphere for amateur competition. It is a nuisance rather than an ill. Alert policing will readily eliminate it, for without much trouble or effort known gamblers can be barred from the scene of a contest and any persons openly wagering can be ejected from the premises, wherever situated. Betting at games is dollar-and-dime stuff, of comparatively little harm and of less importance.

Betting on games is something else again. In this category falls the professionally directed big money gambling which constitutes a serious menace to collegiate basketball. It involves bookmakers operating miles away from the place of competition, or hundreds of miles away from it, and hence far removed from any direct control on the part of the game management. These bookmakers and the interests which they represent are in big business; they have no concern for the sport itself, and feel no hesitancy in attempting to corrupt basketball and its participants for their own gain.

"Remove basketball from the big arenas", says one person after another, "and you will remove the gambling evil from basketball." How can this overly simplified measure be accepted as the answer to an extremely complex question? The locale of a game has little or no bearing on its serviceability as a medium for betting. A bookie doesn't have to be on hand at a contest in order to perform his function as betting agent; as a matter of fact, attendance at one game would seriously hamper him in his business of providing gambling facilities for many games. He can -- and does -- quote prices and make book on contests taking place simultaneously at big metropolitan arenas, at large campus fieldhouses, at small college gymnasiums, and at tiny YMCA courts. To a fan a basketball game is a basketball game wherever it is played, but to a professional gambler it is a business opportunity pure and simple (though neither pure nor simple) -- and that goes for Boston, or Minneapolis, or New York City, or Ann Arbor, or Philadelphia, or Atlanta, or Lawrence, Kansas, or Ong's Hat, N. J.

Let's not decide to play our college basketball games behind locked doors in the upstairs back room, and then relax into the comfortable conviction that the gambling problem has been solved and our job done. That procedure would be highly satisfactory to the gambling interests, for as long as the scores of the games are printed

in the papers the bookmakers and their customers will have the betting vehicle which they want. Let's face the problem whole, and realize that we won't be rid of it until college basketball, wherever played, is rid of professional gambling. The situation needs more drastic curative measures than any which have been devised thus far.

To achieve the desired objective -- collegiate sport and its players successfully protected against invasion by the professional gambling element -- the nation's colleges must organize in strength to make their athletics no man's land for the tout, the tipster, the fixer, the bookie, and the sure-shot gambler.

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8th YEAR, 8th ASSEMBLAGE

Having entered with the coming of 1945 upon its eighth year of operation, the Central Office for Eastern Intercollegiate Athletics on January 24, 25 and 26 conducted its eighth annual schedule-making conference at the Biltmore Hotel in New York City. Coincidentally seventeen of the eighteen leagues and associations federated in the COEIA held separate meetings of their own, and schedule arrangements of considerable volume were completed in short order. During the course of the three-day session representatives of nearly fifty Eastern institutions gained stimulus and enjoyment from absorbing talks on a diversity of appropriate subjects by Captain Arthur S. Adams, USN (Ret.), of the Navy Department's Division of Training; Colonel Henry W. (Eskie) Clark, GSC, Chief of the Army Service Forces' Athletic Branch; Commander William R. (Killer) Kane, USN, new head of the Navy Department's Aviation Training Division; John Kieran, of "Information Please" and "One Small Voice"; Arthur E. Patterson, N.Y. Herald Tribune sports staffman who has just returned from service as manager of the USO China-Burma-India baseball unit; and Edward S. Parsons, Northeastern University athletic director who was elected a vice-president by the NCAA at its recent convention.

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TITLE COMPETITION

Championship events already scheduled for the current year are these:

- Feb. 9 & 10 -- 41st Annual Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Assn. Championships
at Bethlehem, Pa.
- March 3 -- 24th Annual I.C.A.A.A.A. Indoor Track & Field Championships
at Madison Square Garden, N.Y.C.
- May 19. -- 69th Annual I.C.A.A.A.A. Outdoor Track & Field Championships
at West Point, N.Y.
- May 19 -- Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Assn. Championships
at Princeton, N.J.

June 2 -- 11th Annual Heptagonal Games at Annapolis, Md.

Nov. 10 -- 7th Annual Heptagonal Cross Country Championships at Van Cortlandt Park,
N.Y.C.

Nov. 17 -- 37th Annual I.C.A.A.A.A. Cross Country Championships at Van Cortlandt
Park, N.Y.C.

Organizations which are omitting special championship events in 1945 are the Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming League, the Intercollegiate Fencing Assn., and the Intercollegiate ("Poughkeepsie Regatta") Rowing Assn.

Among the leagues the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball League, the Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming League, the Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League, the Eastern Intercollegiate Tennis Assn., and the Eastern Assn. of Rowing Colleges are this year conducting their schedules of more or less complete round-robins, but the Pentagonal Hockey League, the Three-Eye Hockey League, the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastic League, and the Eastern Intercollegiate 150-Pound Football League are not.

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THIS YEAR'S LEADERS

The men who have been elected to head the eighteen COEIA affiliated groups in 1945 (in most cases as president, in one or two as chairman) are the following:

Eastern Assn. of Rowing Colleges -- Ralph T. Jope, M.I.T.
Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League -- Ralph J. Furey, Columbia
Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball League -- H. Jamison Swarts, Pennsylvania
Eastern Intercollegiate Football Assn. -- William A. Reid, Colgate
Eastern Intercollegiate 150-Pound Football League -- George E. Little, Rutgers
Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Assn. -- Colonel Lawrence McC. Jones, Army
Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastic League -- Major J. W. Roy, U.S.M.A.
Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming League -- William H. McCarter, Dartmouth
Eastern Intercollegiate Tennis Assn. -- Robert J. Kane, Cornell
Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Assn. -- E. F. Caraway, Lehigh
Heptagonal Games Assn. -- Robert J. Kane, Cornell
I. C. A. A. A. A. -- Earl R. Yeomans, Temple
Intercollegiate Fencing Assn. -- Albert B. Nixon, N. Y. U.
Intercollegiate Ice Hockey Assn. -- Ogden D. Miller, Yale
Intercollegiate Rowing Assn. -- Lewis P. Andreas, Syracuse
International Intercollegiate Ice Hockey League (American Section) -- Howard W. Stepp,
Princeton
Pentagonal Hockey League -- Colonel Lawrence McC. Jones, Army
Collegiate Basketball Officials Bureau -- John F. Coffey, Fordham

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