



Alcatraz Prison

Picture taken by boy
that went to get red

wood. 8/18/05

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence Kansas.

May 8, 1939. *A*

Mr. Gwinn Henry,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas.

Dear Gwinn:

I have just learned of the financial stringency in regard to the proposed athletic budget for 1939-40. For that reason I wish to withdraw my request for the proposed electric scoreboard entailing an expenditure which would add to the deficit.

Having been placed in your position as Athletic Director for a number of years I can readily appreciate the necessity of balancing a budget.

I assure you that you may have at all times my united and continued cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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June 24, 1938.

Mr. Clair F. Bee,
Basketball Coach,
Long Island University,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Clair:

I am very happy to accept a place on your basketball rules recommendations committee of the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

I heartily concur with you that there should not be many more major changes. I think you and I both agreed that the center tip should have remained as it was, but that is over the hill and I am still happy about everything. Perhaps the game has enough thrills with the center jump eliminated.

If any more changes should come I still feel that the ten foot basket is too low, but since I haven't suffered any more than the other fellows I am perfectly content to continue with the ten foot basket. However, when the boys cry about a tall center, and so forth, it is not the tall center but the low basket that is the real trouble.

I only brought out the twelve foot basket idea because the boys were crying about the animated bean-pole at center. It is the especially tall, husky guard and the altitudinous center and forward that beat you either under the offensive or the defensive basket.

So I will still string along with the boys who do not want rule changes.

Wishing you a very pleasant summer, and a very successful cage season next winter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

300 PEARL STREET
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS
AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION
CLAIR F. BEE, DIRECTOR

TELEPHONE:
TRIANGLE 5-6211

June 21st, 1938

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

My dear Dr. Allen:

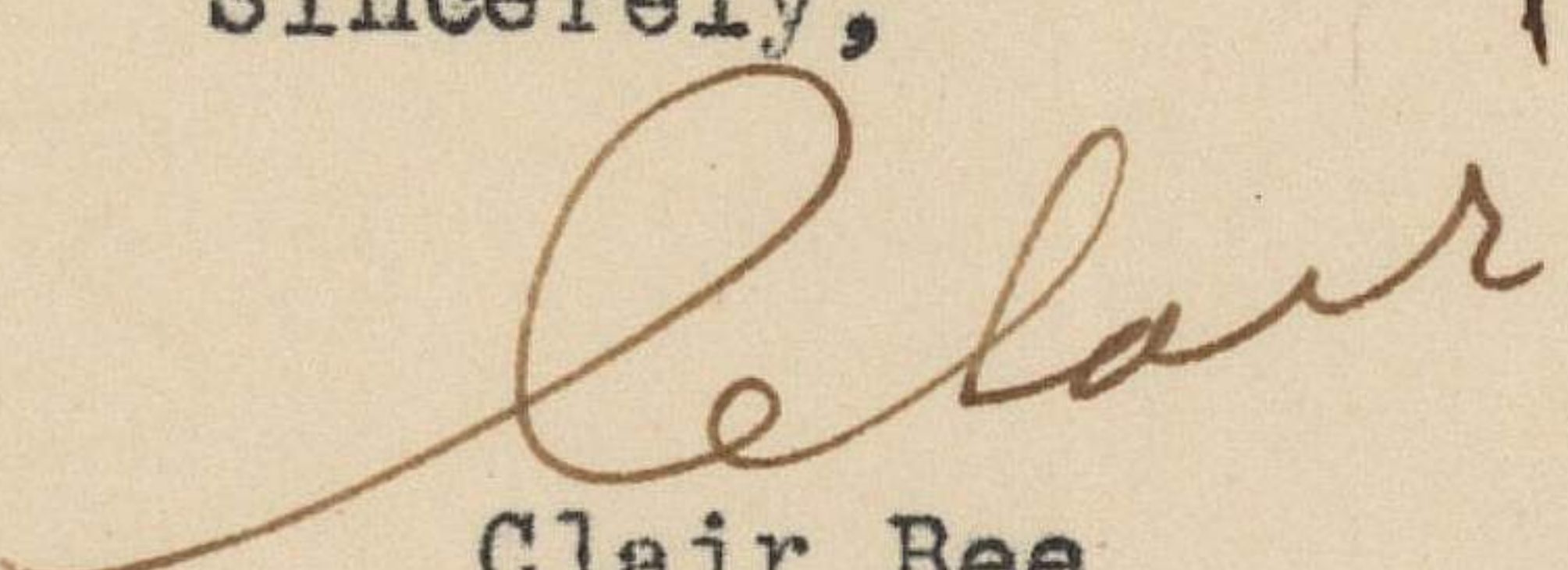
As Chairman of the Basketball Rules-
Recommendations Committee of the National Association
of Basketball Coaches, I hope you will consent to
serve on the committee for the season of 1938-1939.
Will you please sign and return the enclosed card.

It is doubtful that there will be
any major changes. However, I should like to have
your assistance and advice in case such changes
should be considered.

Personally, I feel that there have
been too many changes in the last few years, and
that we are in need of a good long "Rules-change-
rest".

Best wishes for a good vacation.

Sincerely,


Clair Bee

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Enc.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ELIGIBILITY RULES

EACH STUDENT MUST MAINTAIN SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC STANDING IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS.
NO STUDENT MAY REPRESENT THE UNIVERSITY IN A MAJOR SPORT UNTIL HE HAS ATTAINED SOPHOMORE STANDING.
STUDENTS WHO TRANSFER FROM OTHER COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES MUST COMPLETE ONE YEAR OF COLLEGE WORK AT LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY BEFORE THEY MAY PARTICIPATE IN MAJOR SPORTS.

Please make corrections + comments
+ return to FTB c

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ATHLETIC BOARD.

Your special committee on finances wishes to report as follows:

1. That a loan for \$8,000 be negotiated at once for the purpose of carrying the Association until March, 1937. The loan to be split between banks in Lawrence, Kansas City, and certain individuals.

2. That the playground property south of the Hill and that the houses and lots adjacent to the stadium be offered for sale to the state at the prices paid for such property by the Association.

3. That support be given the efforts of certain members of the Legislature who believe it might be possible to persuade that body to take over the stadium at a price of \$150,000, as well as the other two pieces of property mentioned under No. 2.

4. In the event the Legislature fails to authorize the purchase of the playing field and the houses and lots that these properties be placed on the open market for immediate sale.

to purchase the stadium or fails
last mentioned

Your committee desires to make the following additional recommendations:

1. That consideration by the Executive Committee be given the student activity ticket for the purpose of deciding which one of the following policies the Association should pursue.

(a). That the share assigned to athletics be increased to \$6.00, partly through an increase in the total cost of the ticket and partly through a redistribution of percentages among the cooperating activities.

(b). That students be given the choice of buying yearly tickets to all athletic events for \$6.00 or a general activity ticket at a higher price, including athletics.

(c). That the Association withdraw from all participation in the

activity ticket.

2. That competitive bids be taken for broadcasting rights.

3. That tickets to athletic events be made available to faculty members and employes of the University at prices only slightly higher than those charged students.

We are not sure how far the jurisdiction of our committee extends. Assuming that it is one of our duties to consider matters which in a general way pertain to the enlargement of income we propose the following:

1. That an end coach be employed throughout the football season at a salary of approximately \$1,200.

2. That a freshmen coach be employed at a salary of \$2,500. (Mr. Hargiss to be assigned as coach of the "B" team).

3. That the Association undertake the organization of an alumni group formed ^{to} ~~for the purpose of~~ ^{information among} developing informed alumni upon matters concerning athletics, to aid in interesting qualified young men to attend the university, and to support the athletic program in such other ways as may become advisable. We suggest the state be divided into a number of sections, somewhere between 12 and 20, that one man be chosen as the head representative in each district and that he select some five or six graduates to work with him. The close cooperation of the Alumni Association in this respect is deemed necessary. However, it is our belief that the representatives should be tied in directly with the Athletic Board. Some one member of the alumni body should be chosen to head and direct the entire program.

4. If the money can be found, we believe it would be advisable to have a competent alumnus cover the state during the coming ^{winter and spring} summer primarily

for the purpose of informing alumni concerning the exact status of things athletic here at the University and of developing a favorable alumni attitude wherever criticism is found.

5. Your committee believes that our major problem is one of securing general cooperation. We need a united front so far as alumni, students, faculty, legislators, and general public are concerned. The committee believes that the various elements can be brought in harmony through energetic and judicious action initiated by the Athletic Board.

April 14, 1939.

Mr. Gwinn Henry,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas.

Dear Gwinn:

Will you please read the sport column
in the Daily Kansan as of Thursday, April 13th?

I am just afraid that some fellow has
been crying a little too loud. Do you think this
helps administrative good will?

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

April 10, 1939.

Mr. Gwinn Henry,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas.

Dear Mr. Henry:

In addition to the names submitted to you on March 15th for freshman basketball sweaters and numerals, I desire to recommend the following boys who were omitted from the first list.

Clinton Kanaga
Bob Minor
Lyle Sturdy
Bill Walter

Don Messer

Marion Hageman

Sincerely yours,

Varsity Basketball Coach.

July 28, 1939.

Mr. Gwinn Henry,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas.

Dear Gwinn:

I am wondering if you have heard anything more from Gene Kemper. If not, I feel that he is perhaps not interested enough in a game to write me, and that we can forget all about it.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

May 29, 1939.

Mr. Gwinn Henry,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas.

Dear Gwinn:

I have sent a copy of the enclosed correspondence to Bill Hargiss, and I am wondering if you know of any Joplin angle. Bill Collins, a Missouri man, is coaching at Joplin and I am wondering why so many inquiries are coming from Joplin.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

April 27, 1939.

Mr. Owin Henry,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas.

Dear Owin:

I realize how difficult it is for the director of the budget to decide on the necessary things. However, I would like for you to consider the installation of the electric scoreboard in the auditorium for the basketball games.

Some 15 years ago we installed the electric clock which has been used for both football and basketball, and it has been a very splendid utility. Most every high school in the country has an electric scoreboard, but we have kept to the uncertain and inelegant cardboard method of scorekeeping.

Mr. Falkenstien has the estimate given by Mr. Crow, the University electrician. Mr. Crow is not charging anything for his work, and states that he will work overtime on the switches without any charge.

Over a ten-year period this scoreboard would reduce the cost to something less than \$40.00 a year, and there is no reason why it should not serve twenty years instead of ten. We did not use nearly all of our money that was allowed us for a freshman coach in basketball. We were allowed \$200.00 and we used boys whom we paid but 35¢ an hour. Our policy in expenditures on equipment has also been in line. We would pledge you further that we would be very conservative in our expenditures for basketball equipment. We have used the basketball uniforms several years, and some of the warm-ups are a good many years old. We do not contemplate changing them. Since we are showing a definite earning in basketball I would appreciate your approving this expenditure.

Assuring you of my appreciation for your consideration of the matter, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Varsity Basketball Coach,
Director of Physical Education

FCA:AH

cc to W. W. Davis
Karl Klooz

April 27, 1939.

Mr. Karl Kloos,
Business Office.

Dear Karl:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I have just written
Gwim Henry regarding the installation of the electric score-
board in the auditorium for basketball games. I am asking
for this because we will not have many expenditures and it is
so badly needed. It would be a big improvement to balance the
floor with the scoreboard at one end and the clock at the other.

I will greatly appreciate your consideration of our re-
quest.

Cordially yours,

Varsity Basketball Coach,
Director of Physical Education.

FCA:AH

April 27, 1939.

Mr. Gwinn Henry,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas.

Dear Gwinn:

I want to thank you very kindly for the check which will enable me to attend the Rules meeting in New York.

I have several very important functions to perform which I am sure will not injure the University of Kansas in any way. I'll try to behave myself in New York.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

March 15, 1939.

Mr. Grinn Henry,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas.

Dear Director Henry:

I submit to you for your approval and consequent action by the Athletic Board the names of the following varsity basketball players who have, in my opinion, earned the right to wear the coveted "K".

Kansas may have had greater potential basketball players than this squad personnel shows, but it is my opinion that no group gave more of themselves in endeavoring to carry on than this group did. They developed a type of morale that could only come from within. It is for that reason that I am recommending certain members of this squad for letters. Some of the men did not play in the majority of games, but by their presence in working with and for the men who started they made it possible for Kansas to accomplish as much as they did in a very difficult season.

I am very happy to recommend the following men for your consideration:

Bob Allen
Lyman Corlis
Don Ebling
Howard Engleman
Loren Florell
Dick Harp

Lester Kappelman
John Kline
Ralph Miller
Wayne Nees
Max Replogle
Jack Sands
Bruce Veran

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Varsity Basketball Coach.

March 21, 1939.

Mr. Earl L. Falkenstien,
Athletic Office.

Dear Earl:

I was mighty happy to have your letter calling to my attention the expense of the basketball programs. I heartily agree with you. We can get somebody to put out a program and we can save that \$75.00.

I will be glad to take the matter up with you in detail upon my return, and if Mr. Henry wants to turn this over to you and me we will work out something to reduce the cost. I realize what a financial burden it has been for you to make the budget balance.

Assuring you of my hearty cooperation in working to this end, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

DIVISION OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

March 13th
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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basket Ball Coach
Robinson Gymnasium

Dear Dr. Allen:

The basket ball programs for the 1938-39 basket ball season totalled 16,500 and cost us \$75.00. Last year with a ten game schedule they cost us \$89.25.

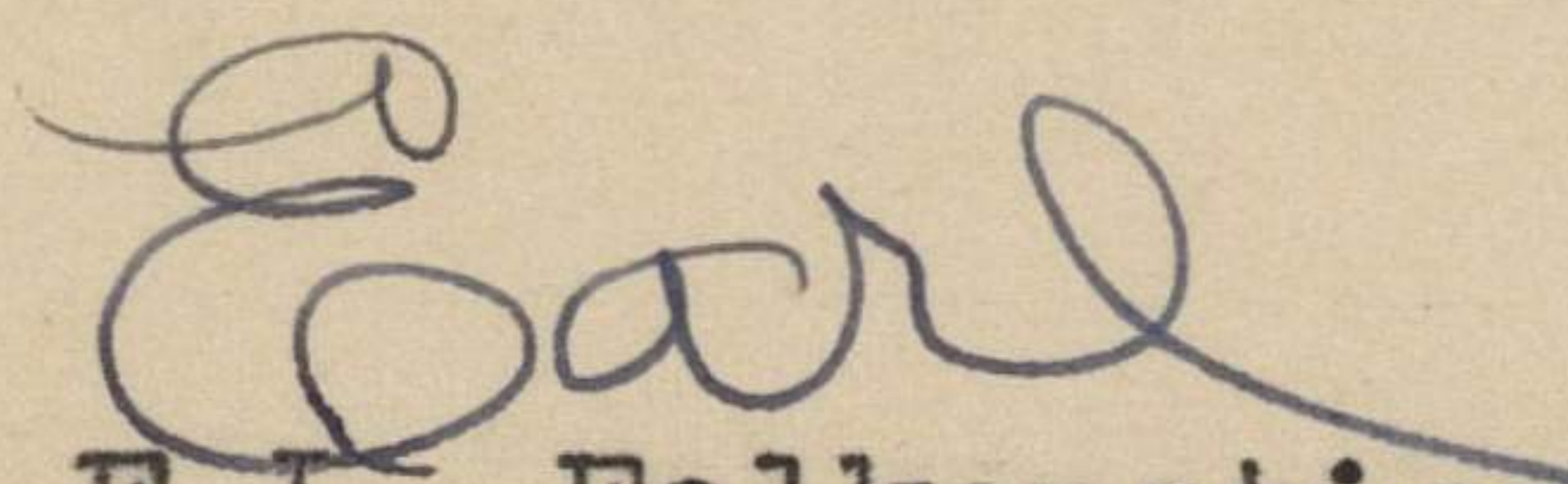
I know the programs serve a definite purpose, and the basket ball fans have become accustomed to having them. I am wondering what you think about the cost of these programs?

It seems to me that it runs into quite a little item of expense, which I believe we could eliminate or at least cut down somewhat by having some basket ball player with a little sales ability solicit the advertising from some reliable merchants down town.

By doing this we might be able to put out a more elaborate program, and even enable the boy soliciting to make some money, if the thing was handled properly.

I trust that you will understand that I am not critizing, but I think that sometimes it is well for these things to be called to one's attention as the cost may be considerable more than you had thought it was.

Sincerely yours,


E.L. Falkenstien, Sec'y
U. of Kans. Phys. Edu. Corp.

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March 3, 1939.

Mr. Gwinn Henry,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas.

Dear Gwinn:

I am returning Cam Henderson's letter to you.
Personally, we would not care to meet Cam Henderson and
his itinerants. I think you will understand.

Thank you for sending the letter to me.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FGA:AH

February 9, 1939.

Mr. Gwinn Henry,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas.

Dear Gwinn:

I do not have the clipping from our genial friend, Gene "Distemper" Kemper's column, but I am sending you this copy for your information. I have a feeling that some of this information came to Mr. Kemper from Lawrence.

Personally, I do not think it would take a reorganization of the department to correct the things he mentions. My opinion is that certain people visit Mr. Kemper occasionally who should first clean up their own backyards.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 15, 1939.

Mr. Gwinn Henry,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas.

Dear Gwinn:

I am glad to answer the questions that you have checked off in the letter you have received from Mr. K. C. Sleen, of Argentine High School. I am taking them up in numerical order. You may use any part of this that you like.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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2. The K. U. basketball players are required to take physical exercises like the football men. The exercises used are the squat, the dip and the push up. These exercises require about 15 minutes. To finish the exercises the players suspend themselves on their fingers and toes with their bodies parallel with the floor. The palms are not placed on the floor, but their weight is suspended by the fingers; then the players dip, keeping the body level, and the right ear touches the floor, the rest of the body being away from it. They push up to an extended position on the arms and then they lower themselves again, touching the left ear to the floor, push up, and then they touch the chin to the floor. This is repeated four times, making 12 push ups and dips for each basketball player. The purpose is to strengthen the ligaments of the fingers, wrists, knees and ankles of the players.

5. The abolishment of the center jump in basketball had little to do in discouraging the selection of tall men. The games are won under the offensive or defensive basket, and the ability to take the rebound off the backboard is still the fundamental question in possession. So a good, big, tall man is better than a good, little, short man. Coaches are finding a combination of good, big, rangy and smart floor men. Therefore, the smart man should not be abstract from the tall man. The tall man can be intelligent, as well. Of course, any coach would desire a smart man over a dumb, tall man.

6. Al Peterson, one of the greatest centers in basketball at Kansas hailed from Argentine High School. Al played on the Missouri Valley Championship varsities during the years 1925-'26-'27. He was a marvelous athlete and a grand fellow.

9. The successful coaches of today do not use a straight zone or a straight man to man, but they use a combination of both. The play situation determines the type of defense used. When a team is far ahead they drop into a zone defense and when they are behind they use a man for man defense. Then, of course, there are variations, and these variations are used according to the offense of the opponent.

11. Yes, there is an effective method of guarding a tall man on a pivot shot by having the guard play slightly to the side of this tall man and a little behind. The guard should never stand behind the pivot man because the pivot man then can be used as a feeder to the other men cutting in to the basket, but the guard should play to one side of the pivot man and in the direction of the ball. After a pass is made to the tall man the guard should slide to the front and project a hand and arm to drive or bat the ball away from the pivot man attempting to receive the pass. By working on both sides of the pivot man, according to the location of the ball, a very effective method of guarding can be instituted.

12. No, this is not a fair ruling. Last year there was discrimination permitting an offensive player to tip the ball in or dunk it, even though he struck the rim in doing so. Attention was called to this discrimination and now the goal does not count if an offensive player tips a ball while the ball is on the rim, or if he strikes the rim while batting the ball into the basket. However, he may jump high enough above the cylinder of the basket to drop it in and the goal counts; whereas, the defensive player is not permitted to bat the ball away from the basket while it is in the air above the cylinder of the basket. There is still discrimination regarding offensive and defensive basket rebound rights. In my opinion the situation that would remove all arguments in regard to interference of plays around the basket would be to raise the basket for college players to a height of 12 feet where even the 7 foot player could not jump up and touch the rim of the basket.

February 15, 1939.

Mr. Grim Henry,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas.

Dear Grim:

For your information, I am sending you our Summer School schedule. You will notice that there is no provision for six-man football, and that there will be no work offered in the women's department in physical education.

100. Principles of Community Recreation 3 hrs. Allen
200. Theory & Practice of Athletic Training 3 hrs. Allen
300. Special Problems 2 - 4 hrs. Elbel
312. Seminar in Physical Education 3 hrs. Elbel

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

January 21, 1939.

Mr. Earl Falkenstein,
Athletic Office.

Dear Earl:

I just want to give you a side light on our game at Manhattan. Evidently that letter that I wrote Mutt Volz about his chiseling on the expense account didn't do any good in the game last night. I have never seen a fellow as biased and prejudiced as this fellow was last night.

Frankly, I thought he would take the ball game away from us. I started this fellow in officiating. He was one of Charlie Black's guards on the Nebraska team and he was not getting any officiating. He came to me and said he would like to get started. I did everything I could to get him started. In fact, we used him in the Kansas State and Missouri games last year. He is still to work our Oklahoma game here and the Missouri game at Columbia, and I fear that we are going to get a bad deal. But I want to say here and now that he has worked all the ball games that he is going to work for us. When a guy wants to chisel on his expenses, and then gets sore and takes it out on the team, I don't want him around. He is just a dumb, thick-headed Dutchman.

But I would still write that same kind of a letter to him again, regardless of how he officiates. I just wanted you to know the inside of it. Talk to Ed Elbel and let him give you his viewpoint. But Ed didn't know the background. That expense account of his will cost him several hundred dollars so far as I am concerned.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

January 19, 1939.

Mr. Earl Falkenstien,
Athletic Office.

Dear Earl:

I want to thank you so much for your kindness in fixing up Rolla Nuckles for the basketball game last night.

Last year Rolla Nuckles helped us in the basketball dramatics and broadcast, and the fact that you took care of him makes me greatly indebted to you for your kindness. I would personally have been happy to pay for the ticket rather than to disappoint him, because when these artists feel that they accommodate you there is a sort of professional courtesy in admitting them to a contest.

It was nice of you and I want to thank you.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.