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August 25, 1941.

Rev. Edwin F. Price,
1209 Tennessee St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Friend Ed:

Yes, I will be glad to cooperate with you
and start work beginning September 21 until Thanksgiving.

I feel amenable to the suggestion that we use
the title "Christian Strategy in the Game of Life". It
is still early to pore over the material for fall since
this is my short vacation time, but I would like to have
the one new book on "Honest Answers to Honest Questions",
which would help me.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

August 15, 1941.

Rev. Edwin F. Price,
1209 Tennessee St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Price:

Your letter of August 13th to Dr. Allen came just prior to his leaving for a coaching school in Iowa, and he has not had an opportunity to answer it.

Dr. Allen will be gone until about August 23rd, and upon his return I am sure you will hear from him. If you need a reply from him before that time I shall be glad to forward your letter so that he may reply from Iowa.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary (pro tem.)

The First Methodist Church
AND
The Wesley Foundation at the University of Kansas

Lawrence, Kansas
Aug. 13, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Robinson Gymnasium,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear friend "Phog":

In lining up classes for our students for the fall semester, I naturally turn again to you. No one else can do the job quite as well, and I do hope you can again serve for at least the pre-Thanksgiving Sundays, beginning Sept. 21st. As to subject matter, do you have some theme you would like to employ? If not, I wonder if what you used in 1938 under the title "Christian Strategy in the Game of Life" might not again be employed, as very few of those here this fall would have been in the group three years ago. I have the outlined suggestions for several weeks of that material together with the books and one new book on "Honest Answers to Honest Questions", which might fit in.

I'll appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience. I know the students are hoping you will again be serving in this capacity.

Cordially,

Edwin F. Price

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August 29, 1941.

Personal

Mr. Dan Partner,
Sports Desk,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Dan:

I want to spin a little confidential yarn with you which you can use as you wish without revealing the source of your information.

I noticed a week or two ago an item about Otto Schnellbacher of Sublette, in your column. Well, here's the way the story goes. Schnellbacher went down to Manhattan and was put to work at 45¢ an hour. We pay 35¢ here, and that is the top. But this is no reproach on the Aggie method of pay. On Monday night Schnellbacher called me from Manhattan and said, "I want to be a Jayhawker and I am coming down Tuesday afternoon." I said, "Otto, if you can get down here by noon I would be glad to take you along with my two sons and their wife and sweetheart to see the Yanks play Tuesday afternoon. I bought ten tickets, and I have an extra one if you would like to come." He said, "I'll be there."

Then, much to my surprise, on Tuesday morning I received the following wire: "Have decided to attend Kansas State. Thank you for your consideration." (signed, Otto Schnellbacher.)

Then I sat down and wrote him a letter, thinking that the wire was genuine. I am enclosing a copy of the letter and also the letter I wrote Ed Hall at Sublette. Ed Hall is captain and fullback on our football team, you know, and also made a letter in basketball and baseball this spring under me. Of course, Ed has been very anxious that Otto go to the University of Kansas.

I dismissed the matter from my mind, but when I returned home Tuesday night Eleanor, my youngest daughter, told me that Schnellbacher had called from Manhattan saying that he was coming in on Wednesday morning at 5:30 on the bus. He stated that he had not sent the wire but some of the boys at Manhattan had wired me using Schnellbacher's name.

The story goes that he had told them that I was going to take him to the ball game so they took him to see the Yanks play Tuesday afternoon. He returned to Manhattan that night and at 4 o'clock in the morning he slipped out of the house and took a bus for Lawrence.

Previously Langvart and some of the boys had contacted him and some of the other boys in Manhattan made it a point to not let him get to Lawrence. Of course, this was all good fun, but I just wanted to pass this on confidentially to you to show you that we are still trying to meet competition in our antiquated way. I am not going out and kid these boys in the belief that life is a bed of roses, especially when they are seeking an education. I tell them it is tough and that they have to earn their money; that we will pay them 35¢ an hour when they work and if they don't work they get fired the same as anybody else. What few boys I do get are boys who want to work, and I can depend on them.

I have lost a lot of boys to these proselyting coaches who spend more time hunting material than they do coaching it.

I am kind of laughing up my sleeve when doubtless some of the boys opened the letter that I wrote to Schnellbacher thinking that they had pulled a coup d'etat, and much to their consternation they will find a letter congratulating Schnellbacher on picking a good institution. You know even we old-timers get some fun out of life occasionally.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter I wrote the young man, and I mean it. Some fellows sell their acadēmic birthright for a mess of pottage.

We will be happy to see you when you come in.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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COPY

August 26, 1941.

Mr. Otto Schnellbacher,
1014 Kearney St.,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Otto:

I have your wire of even date as follows: "Have decided to attend Kansas State. Thank you for your consideration."

I wish to congratulate you on selecting a very fine school and I am sure that you will have some very fine competition in our state. I know that you must feel quite happy to have made a decision because I imagine that you are feeling a financial drain after traveling hither and yon, besides the uncertainty of not knowing what you were going to do.

I trust that you have definitely made up your mind that you will stick. There is nothing as detrimental to a young man's success as indecision. I have always made the habit of going into a haberdashery shop and when I lay my eyes on something that I like I buy it pronto. I have seen so many women shop and shop and shop that when they would buy something they were quite dissatisfied because they weren't definitely certain that they had picked the right bargain.

I trust that you will be wholly satisfied with your bargain and that you will not feel when things get tough along the road that "if I had gone somewhere else I would have bettered myself". You have a great opportunity to get an education; after all, that should be the first consideration. You will find me wishing you the best of success, but I will be disappointed in you if you do any more shopping.

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

August 27, 1941.

Mr. Ed Hall,
Sublette, Kansas.

Dear Eddie:

Otto Schnellbacher is here. He came in this morning and I immediately put him to work. He had his old clothes with him and I started to take him down to the stadium but could not find Dell, so took him over to my home and let him clean up the lawn. He is going to eat lunch with us today.

The Aggies sent that wire. They took him down to see the New York Yankees play the Blues yesterday. I had told him that I would take him. This morning at 5 o'clock he took the bus for Lawrence and called me from the station at 7:30. I went down and got him, and he said he knew nothing about the wire.

Everything is fine now, and we are happy to have him here. Some of the fraternities want to rush him, and I have said that he is in your hands. Write and tell me what you want to do about this.

When are you coming to Lawrence? If you want some work we will be glad to put you at a job when you get here.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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Manhattan, Kansas
WESTERN UNION

Manhattan, Kansas
August 26, 1941.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

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Otto Schnellbacher.

Memorandum

from

to

Date

WESTERN UNION

Lawrence, Kansas
August 26, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Have decided to attend Kansas State. Thank you for your consideration.

Otto Schmellbecher.

Sublette, Ws
Aug 20, 1941

Dear Doc:

Otto is working in
Manhattan. I read a letter
he wrote to his brother.
He hasn't decided definitely to
go there but it looks bad.

He promised Jack Gardiner
he could come by. He was
on his way to N.Y. if he
didn't like Manhattan. They
took him to a couple dances
and put him to work at 45¢
per hr.

I wrote him a big
letter this morning. His
address is 1014 Kearney St.

Manhattan, Kansas, if
you should like to drop
him a line.

I did not get to see
him after I got back, as
he was already gone.

Languant, the K.S. man,
met him at Dodge City.
Another K.S. man took him
to Manhattan. They are
after him like a pack of
hounds after a rabbit.

I heard that some of the
business men in Sisseton
had told him to go
where there was the
most money. That
is why he is so slow
in deciding, I guess.

There is a chance that
he will come on over because
they aren't paying his fees,
according to his letter.

But, he said they were
working on it. And they
will probably get it.

I know of nothing more
I can do. If you would
venture a suggestion, I would
do my best.

Sincerely Yours
Ed. Hall

August 25, 1941.

Mr. Ed Hall,
Sublette, Kansas.

Dear Eddie:

I returned from the Iowa Coaching School and read that Otto is working in Manhattan. As I said before, Eddie, if the boy is out just looking for the best proposition, then any proposition that he takes will not be good enough.

I do not believe that I will write him because I told him everything that I could do for him. You remember I told him that if he was the right sort of chap that he would have an opportunity of being our freshman coach when he finished. If that isn't enough for him then nothing would appeal to him. I think he is a fine boy, but anyone that would tell him to go where he would get the most money certainly would give him bad advice.

Thank you for your good letter, Ed. I do not know how you could do more than you have done unless you could have a personal visit with him, but you and I and he have already gone over that and I know of nothing else that can be done.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

September 3, 1940

Mr. John Pfitsch
Pflugerville, Texas

Dear Mr. Pfitsch:

I have your letter to Dr. Allen including your transcripts from the Texas Lutheran College and the University of Texas.

I find that you have met the requirements in Human Anatomy and Physiology; however, accepting your student teaching for three hours I note that you have had but nine hours of education. One of our requirements for entrance to graduate work is fifteen hours of education; therefore, you would be deficient in six hours of undergraduate work in this field, two hours of which I would suggest be Introduction to School Administration which would cause you to take the 30 hours work on a graduate level plus six hours of education on the undergraduate level. This would require perhaps a year and a summer, as I find it very difficult for a man to complete his Master's work (which includes the writing of a thesis) in a single year.

I might explain that our arrangement for a Master's Degree calls for at least fifteen hours of education on a graduate level, and the remainder in physical education on a graduate level. The thesis is considered education and counts for from two to eight hours, depending upon the topic selected.

I am filing your letter along with your transcripts for future reference. Should you decide to come to the University of Kansas I shall be pleased to do everything I can to help you in your enrollment and the arrangement of your work.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin R. Elbel
Associate Professor of Physical Education

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cc: Dr. Elbel

October 4, 1940

Mr. Heinz Placzek, Editor
Predate
220 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Placzek:

We are sending you a schedule of our
varsity basketball games for the 1940-41 season.

I am asking our Secretary of the Big-
Six Basketball Coaches Association, Mr. Louis L.
Menze of Iowa State College, to mail you the Big-
Six conference schedule, and if he has the non-
conference dates available I will ask him to send
those also.

I am also asking Mr. Horace Mason, our
publicity man of the University of Kansas, to put
you on the mailing list for basketball publicity.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

cc: Horace Mason
Louis Menze

PREDATE

September 21, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have a request from one of our magazine clients for the schedule and available details on the Big Six Conference games this season, to be used in connection with a feature article on college basketball.

I would greatly appreciate the dates and background material you may have available.

May I also ask you to add my name to your mailing list for your scheduled announcements in the future?

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I am,

Sincerely,

Heinz Placzek
Heinz Placzek
Editor

October 7, 1940

Dr. Don Carlos Peete
Argyle Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Dr. Peete:

If mental telepathy has anything to do with psychic communication between individuals, then you must have been getting a lot of short wave messages. We think of you people everyday and often talk about you, but we never communicate with you.

Life has been a hectic merry-go-round for us from the time vacation started, after eight weeks of summer session, until now. Of course, there was no vacation for me because I was teaching at the University of Texas in Austin, then at the High School Clinic in Topeka. After that, I went to Louisville with my family for a week, but had a very important and busy conference in Chicago with the National Collegiate Athletic Association regarding the basketball tournament. This meeting was held September 6 and 7.

We rushed home from Chicago into the midst of one of the busiest existences that I have ever experienced, but we are going to see you soon, we hope. In fact, I had expected to run up to Kansas City and see you before this, but I have never been in the City a single time since I got back.

Our Varsity is practicing consecutive afternoons on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I have been meeting the freshmen at night on the same evenings, but I have a freshman coach who helps me out and this relieves me a great deal. I have had so much administrative work that it has kept me busy and turned me dizzy!

But why should I tell a hyper-busy man any of my troubles? I know that you are much busier than I am. However, we must get together and have a visit. I have a lot of things to talk to you about and I know that the women folks can also find something about which to converse.

I am up here at the office Saturday night, dictating this letter because I cannot get caught up on routine during my regular working periods in the daytime.

I was sorry to learn of our defeat at Iowa State. It seems as if our boys can hardly get over the hump. Maybe when we do we will go places, but we still have to get over the hump.

With my kindest regards to you and the Allens' love to the Peete family, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

November 27, 1940

Mr. Bill Powell
A. G. Spalding & Bros.
1012 Grand Avenue
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Bill:

I thank you for your kind invitation to attend the Naismith Basketball League opening night on Wednesday, December 4, in the Municipal Auditorium.

I regret exceedingly that I can not attend your luncheon because I will be in Wellington the night before. I will be happy, however, to be with you at the opening of the League games the evening of the 4th. It will be necessary for me to drive up after my basketball practice. I certainly want to do all that I can to boost a very worthy project such as the Naismith League. If there is anything additional that I can do to boost this very successful and worthwhile organization, please let me know.

Where shall I report when I drive in? Due to the fact that I am coaching, it will be necessary for me to drive my own car, and, since it is about fifty miles each way, I imagine the expenses will be around \$5.50 or \$6.00. I will leave that to your judgment.

With all good wishes and thanking you for your invitation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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November 25, 1940

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

Dear Doc:

I am again writing you this year to again extend to you a most cordial invitation to be the guest of the Naismith Basketball League at their opening night of play Wednesday, December 4th at the Municipal Auditorium.

We are making very elaborate plans for a grand opening this season even more so than last year and we do not feel that the opening of our fine Basketball League would be complete without your presence. We are also planning a big booster luncheon that afternoon, rather at noon, on Wednesday, December 4, at which we will have between twenty-five and thirty mayors of the various smaller towns surrounding Kansas City here as our guest.

I am also writing all of the other Big Six Basketball Coaches and extending them similar invitations to participate in the opening of our League that night and to also be on hand for our luncheon that noon. We will pay the expenses of the Big Six Basketball Coaches to and from Kansas City for this occasion.

Please let me know, Doc, as soon as possible whether or not you can be here for we certainly are counting on you to help us out and I know that you most certainly will if there is no conflict on that date. Please let me hear from you by return mail.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Powell
Bill Powell

Publicity Manager

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DIVISION OF INTRAMURAL AND
RECREATIONAL SPORTS
Room 202
Old Gymnasium

December 24, 1940

Dr. F. G. Allen
Director of Athletics
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Mr. John Cress of your staff visited us here several days ago. He suggested that you might be interested in bringing the Gymkana Troupe to the University of Kansas sometime in the future. For your guidance, I am sending under separate cover, some material from the University Publicity Office which might interest you.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Hartley D. Price
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Director of Gymkana

P/p

December 28, 1940

Mr. Hartley D. Price
Director of Gymkana
Athletic Association
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Mr. Price:

Your letter of December 24 regarding the possibility of bringing the Gymkana Troupe to the University of Kansas has been received.

Dr. Allen is out of town at the present time with the Varsity Basketball Team; they are playing in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago. Your letter will be brought to his attention as soon as he returns.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

W. W. PARKER, PRESIDENT
CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI

April
21
1941

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

Dear Phog:

Upon my return to Cape Girardeau I find on my desk your letter of April 14. It was indeed a pleasure to see you and Bob in Oklahoma City recently. Please extend to Bob my heartiest congratulations upon his making Phi Beta Kappa. It is fine to be a great athlete, as Bob is, but it is also fine to have some scholarship along with it.

Mrs. Parker and I extend to the entire Allen family the very best of cordial good wishes.

Most sincerely yours,

W. W. PARKER
President

WWP:BC

June 14th, 1941

Mr. L. H. Petit, Superintendent
Chanute City Schools
Chanute, Kansas

Dear Superintendent Petit:

Thank you for your very good letter regarding Mr. Reginald B. Strait, your Director of Physical Education in the Chanute Public Schools.

I had a fine conference with Mr. Strait and enjoyed my visit with him very much. However, we had previously engaged Mr. Henry Shenk, an old K.U. football player and a K.U. graduate. He has been connected with the Junction City Public Schools for a number of years and made a great record there. For a time he was being considered for the principalship of Junction City, which made it highly improbable that we might procure him. But it is now definitely decided that he will be with us. Mr. Shenk will take Mr. DeGroot's place.

We also had Mr. James Raport who went to K.U., to Alabama Polytechnic Institute. We had hoped to procure another man in the department to take Mr. Raport's place. But the budget committee has seen fit to curtail the expenditures in the University somewhat for next year and we are afraid that our budgetary allowance will not permit the expenditure necessary to get the type of man Strait is.

I do, however, wish to thank you very much for your kindness in writing me. It is our hope, if and when this fuss is over with Hitler that we will be in a position to have near normalcy again.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and
Recreation-Varsity Basketball and
Baseball Coach.

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CHANUTE CITY SCHOOLS

L. H. PETIT • SUPERINTENDENT

Chanute, Kansas

May 29, 1941

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

Dear Doctor Allen:

This morning I was visiting with Mr. Reginald R. Strait, the director of our physical education department, about some things connected with our schools. In the course of that conversation he told me that he had been talking with you regarding the possibility of a vacancy which may occur on your staff and that if it did occur he would be interested in applying for it.

Because Mr. Strait has done such a fine piece of work for us and because I am interested in his advancement I am taking the liberty of writing to you regarding him.

He came to us four years ago from Kinsley, Kansas, where he had been a successful high school teacher and coach. He came here employed especially as coach of our Junior College athletics. It so happened that before school began that fall we had a vacancy in the directorship of our physical education and we transferred him to that position. We have never regretted our choice.

Mr. Strait is an all-round physical education man. He has coached athletics successfully. As director of our physical education program he has supervised physical education and playground work in our elementary schools, supervised the work of the Junior High School department and has supervised and taught in the Senior High School. This has given him a wide range of experience. He handles himself well both with little people of the grades and with boys of senior high school and junior college. He works quietly and effectively without much noise or fanfare.

He is consistently improving his training. He has his Master's Degree in physical education and is working during the summer toward his Doctor's degree in that same field. He is above all a fine, courteous Christian gentleman.

I do not at all relish the idea of losing any of the best men and women on our staff. However, I realize that these folk who are ambitious and who are doing good work should move on to better positions and I am happy to see them do so. If you do have a vacancy in your department I hope you will consider Mr. Strait's qualities.

Very truly yours,

L. H. Petit