

March 9, 1946

Mr. Clyde Baker, Ticket Manager  
Municipal Auditorium  
1310 Wyandotte Street  
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Clyde:

Confirming my phone conversation this morning, I am enclosing a check for \$9.00 signed by Lynwood H. Smith, which will pay for the three seats. He wishes to photograph the basketball game.

Also J. Wilson, Manager of the Standard Oil Company, wants two box seats and Owen Carl of Lawrence wants six loges for the N.C.A.A. play-off both nights, if Kansas should get in the play-off for the N.C.A.A. Johnny Parker of DeSoto wants fourteen \$2.00 seats. B. J. Atkinson wants eight loges at \$3.00, totaling \$24.00.

I believe you said that you would call up Mr. J. Wilson, but Johnny Parker will call at the ticket window for his tickets, as will B. J. Atkinson.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

Enc.



March 7, 1946

Mr. Clyde Baker, Ticket Manager  
Municipal Auditorium  
13th and Wyandotte Streets  
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Clyde:

A very close friend of ours here at the University, Mr. Owen Carl of Carl's Clothiers, wants five tickets in Section 10, Row A, Loges, Seats 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, or in Section 28. His brother-in-law, Mr. Otto Barteldes, wants two tickets for each night in the same sections close by.

I talked to Reaves Peters last night and he said that they were going to save 1200 or more for our athletic office here for sale to our town people and students. This is all contingent on whether or not we play in Kansas City.

I would like for you to handle this personally for me if you would, because I promised these boys the tickets if I could get them. These were the same seats they had in 1940 when we played the University of Southern California and they are rather partial to these. Carl's Clothiers sold seats for us that year and Owen Carl happen to have the old diagram chart and so he has personally asked me for this.

I will see you today and I think we will land Mr. Iba. I received your letter dated Wednesday P.M. and when I get on the streamliner here at one o'clock to meet Hank Iba, I will show him your chart and your letter. I had to change the letter a little so that he could see it. Where you said, "sell Hank" I rubbed out the quotes and changed the "s" to a "t". Your letter now reads, "At your service always, tell Hank." I thought I could do a good job selling him on the train, by not showing him your letter in the original form.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF



March 12, 1946

Mr. John W. Ballard  
910 Grand Avenue  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Ballard:

Thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me the tear pages from Life Magazine as of December 17, 1945. I have them now reposed on the bulletin board and am sure that they will elicit much attention and there will be much discussion on Cow Pokes.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

FCA:MF

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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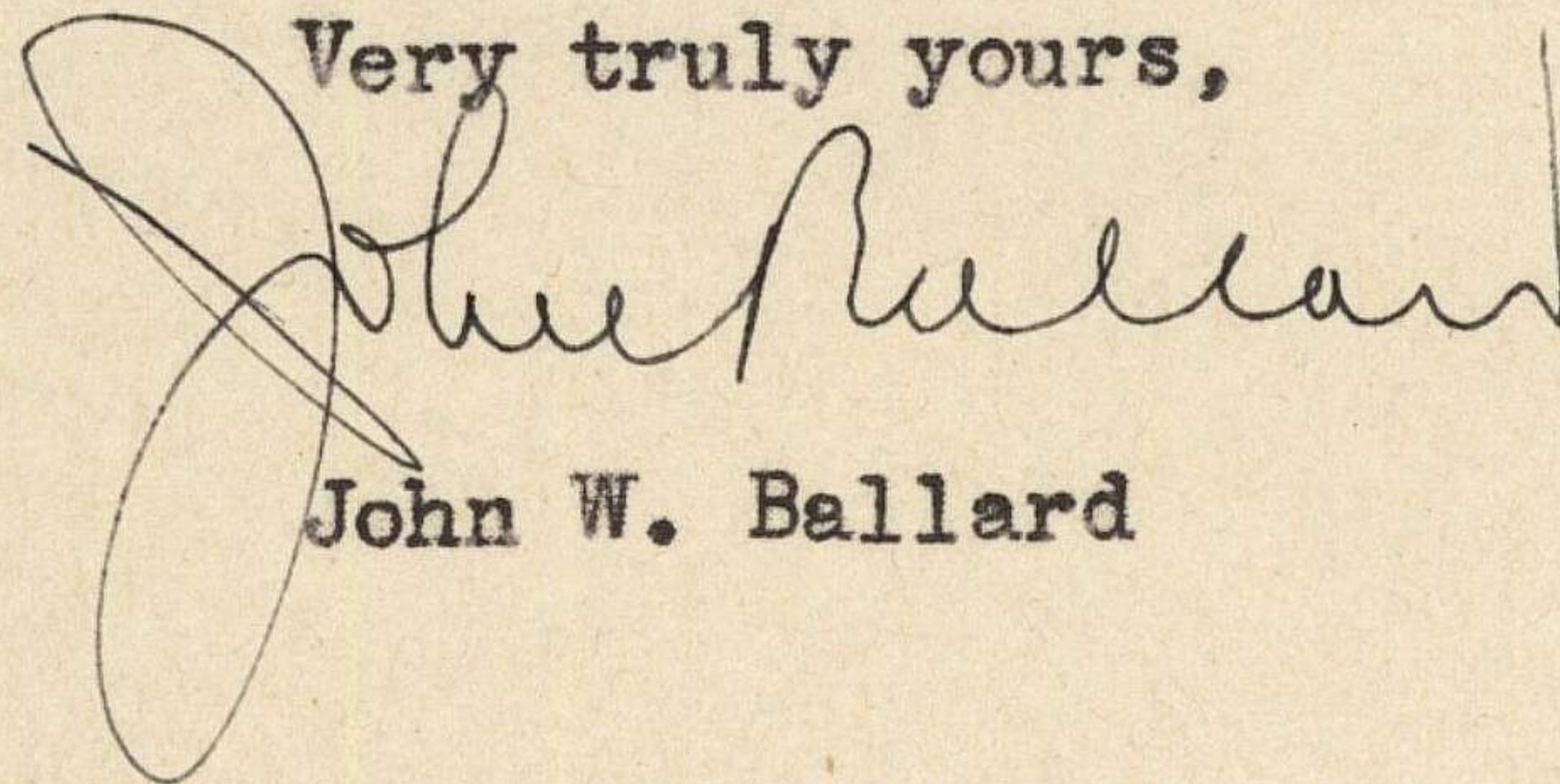
March 11, 1946

Mr. Phog Allen,  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

There are attached the pages from Life Magazine, of Dec.  
17, 1945, that I spoke to you about last Saturday.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John W. Ballard". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John W. Ballard



March 9, 1946

Mr. Clyde Baker, Ticket Manager  
Municipal Auditorium  
1310 Wyandotte Street  
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Clyde:

This is something special. Governor Payne H. Ratner of Ratner & Allen, 1414 Union National Bank Building, Wichita 2, Kansas, writes me for two tickets, one for himself and one for his son, Teno. Governor Ratner was one of our most enthusiastic basketball fans during his four years at the State House, and so I want you, if you will, to get the Governor two of the very best \$3.00 seats possible, or otherwise, that you can obtain. I will consider this a very personal favor.

The Governor will send in his remittance to you, Bake, and doubtless he will call sometime Monday on the 18th for his tickets, or he will write you as to the disposition of same.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF



March 1, 1946

O. J. Blackburn, S.M. 3/c  
U. S. S. Sitka (APA 113)  
c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Blackburn:

Dr. Allen went to Norman, Oklahoma, where Kansas played the University of Oklahoma last night, and has not returned yet. Therefore, I am taking the liberty of answering your letter of February 15.

The supply of catalogues has been depleted due to the tremendous increase in the enrollment in the University of Kansas but I am giving your name to the Registrar's Office and they will send you a catalogue as soon as a new supply comes in.

In case you are interested in a major in physical education, I am enclosing a brochure which will give you the required subjects for a major in physical education in the School of Education.

We will certainly be happy to have you here at the University of Kansas and will be looking forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

MF

Secretary to Dr. Allen



Received

WESTERN UNION

February 28, 1946

Dr. Allen:

Congratulations to you and team for fine season and  
championship. You continue to bring honor to Kansas  
and be a fine influence in athletics in general.

Sincerely,

Harold A. Burt  
Alexandria, Louisiana



March 21, 1946

Mr. Gerald K. Barker  
Great Bend High School  
Great Bend, Kansas

Dear Bark;

Thanks a million for your fine letter. I am going to make this short and snappy because I am leaving tonight for Garden City where I will speak at a basketball banquet. Congratulate Al Burns for me for the fine club he turned out at Great Bend. Please tell Don McIlrath that we are delighted he is coming to the University. Before the summer is over, you tell him that I am going to get out and have a visit with him this summer if it is possible. Tell Bill Mullin also that I am definitely interested in him. Let these boys know that I am coming to see them. Thanks for the information on Richard Harmon. I am going to make a trip out that way and will let you know ahead of time. I'll pass your greetings on to Dean Nesmith and Ernie Quigley.

Come by and play golf with us sometime. If I can help you in any way, you can count on me. With all good wishes from the Allens, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Forrest C. Allen, Director  
Physical Education  
Basketball Coach

FCAs

P.S. Since Dr. Allen had to leave the office before this letter was typed, he asked me to sign it. ms



28 February, 1946  
High School  
Great Bend. Kansas.

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I should like to express my heartiest congratulations for the renewal on the Big Six basketball championship which the Jayhawkers recently tucked away. I know it must feel good to have that crown back in the right place even though it has been gone such a short time.

I had the privilege of seeing your boys play four games early in the season, soon after my return from overseas, and I was sure then that you had them coming along. Doubtlessly, the addition of Ray Evans and Otto Schnellbacher along with Jack Ballard has helped considerably.

Like many other Kansas University basketball fans all over this state, I am anxiously waiting to hear that some worthwhile post-season situation will develop for your champions. More than anything else I would like to see you knock off those Aggies from Oklahoma which I am equally sure you know your lads can do.

I had no definite plans when I last saw you just before Christmas, but since then I came out to Great Bend to finish the last semester in purely a teaching capacity. I was a little late to coach this fine basketball team which they have here this year. Allen Burns from K-State is the coach and he has turned out a fine club. Unquestionably it is the best court team Great Bend has ever had. The squad isn't too big, but they handle the ball well and shoot from almost every conceivable spot and position. Four of the first team are seniors, but the second team made up entirely of underclassmen didn't lose a single game this season.

I have talked to some of the seniors and I am sure that Don McIlrath, a fine guard is coming to the University next fall. He is an exceptionally fine chap and has an excellent family background. I am sure that Don is the type of boy you like to have around. He stands about 5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", is still growing and weighs about 165 pounds. He is an excellent jumper and gets more than his share of the rebounds which is a prime requisite in your type of ball. He should grow another inch or possibly more. He has no bad habits and is a competitor of the highest caliber.

The other possibility here is Bill Mullin, the team captain and the leading scorer of the Southwest Kansas League, of which the Great Bend team is champion. He is 6' even and tips



the scales at 170 pounds. He is a driver from the word "go" and his biggest weakness is on the defense, but I attribute that to the fact that the coach here last year used a strictly zone defense and now that the man-to-man is used, he sometimes forgets his obligations on the defense. He is sound fundamentally, however and that could be corrected adequately in a few lessons in Hoch or Robinson gymnasium. Mullin's family are farmers and he has been approached by Kansas State, but he definitely has not made up his mind.

The best prospect out in this country is this boy from Hoisington, Richard Harman. He stands about 6'4" and weighs in the neighborhood of 195. He is a straight "A" student and a honey of a competitor. He has a fine family and the father is an oil man although I don't know him. This week Great Bend defeated Hoisington by two points and this Harman boy was having himself a good night. He acted as if no one had any right to the rebounds except himself and by scoring nine points in the last quarter, he personally kept Hoisington in the ball game up to the gun. He got twenty points during the game and that is about his average for the season. Don't misunderstand me--I don't think that he could come to Lawrence and step into a starting berth, but he is head and shoulders the best potential prospect out in these parts. I would certainly like to see him in your capable hands for his future basketball career!

I was glad to hear that Johnny Pfitsch has a spot for next year. I am sure that he will do Midland College a lot of good. Please convey my regards to him if you see him. Also "hello" to Dean Nesmith and Mr. Quigley. I have no plans for the immediate future other than to write my thesis for that master's on Mount Oread early this summer. The rest of the vacation I hope to get my golf game back to its pre-war standard. I am looking into a few jobs and I hope I am not taking too much for granted by using your good name as a reference.

With best wishes to you and the ball club as well as to Mrs. Allen and to Mit and Bob when you write, I am,

Appreciatively yours,

*Bark*

Gerald K. Barker



March 20, 1946

Mr. E. B. Black  
Black & Veatch  
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Mr. Black:

Mr. Neil Bartley of the Printograph Company has written about Ralph Moon of Southwest High School. I am enclosing a carbon copy of his letter to me and my letter to him for your perusal.

I know how busy you are, but if you could help Mr. Bartley out when he calls you, I personally would appreciate it very much. This boy, Moon, is a fine chap and I would like to have him enroll at the university. It will take some strong recommendation from you to get him enrolled at the university. This is on account of new regulations on taking boys from Kansas and Kansas City, but I hope they don't interpret it from Kansas City, Kansas. I believe interpretation would be broad enough to take in both Kansas Cities.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

Enc.



March 15, 1946

Miss Marian Belgard  
205 Courthouse  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Miss Belgard:

I gave Dr. Allen your message and he regrets very much to inform you that there are absolutely no tickets to be had. He would do anything he could for you but there are simply no tickets and his hands are tied.

Sincerely,

MF

Secretary to Dr. Allen



March 15, 1946

Mr. C. O. Burnside  
Carpenter Paper Company  
P. O. Box 1287  
860-890 West Second Street  
Oklahoma City 1, Oklahoma

Dear Cob:

Nothing gives me as much regret as to return your check and request for basketball tickets. I was in Norman at the time your check arrived, but if I had been here, I could have done nothing for you.

The demand has been for 50,000 tickets, rather than for the 9,000 that the hall holds. I have had literally hundreds and hundreds of requests for tickets and have not been able to accommodate anybody because there are no tickets.

My regrets.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.





**CARPENTER PAPER COMPANY**  
ESTABLISHED 1886

My dear Sr. Allen -

Will you please direct this check in the right channel for four tickets (\$3 each) for the KU - Aggie game and mail them to the addressee on the face of the enclosed envelope.

It happens to be Kid Nichols the famous pitcher from K.C., who was an iron man in the Cy Young era. His two sons are K.U. graduates - one formerly Kans. State Bacteriologist - now in the navy and the other, my great friend here.

Harry Nichols here called his father at K.C. and let him hear the last ten minutes of the broadcast of your O.U. game from KTOK via long distance. Some loyalty.

I am about to leave for Norman for the O.U. - Aggie race riot and the

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oyster stew at Dean & Mrs. Monnett's after the game. They were unhappy because you could not join them this year and we'd talk about you tonight.

Cobby went overboard for your boys and I guess he will be on Mt Oread next fall. I want to bring him up for the relay and let him decide for himself. He has been quite a hero at Classen because he got to carry Charley Black's bag to Norman. It takes so little to make a boy happy and I greatly appreciate the fine clean, crisp language of your boy in front of my own boy and I am happy to have him idolize your great athlete.

Your victory here was sweet and it was fun after 4 years away from such things.

Lots of power, luck and success against the Aggies. They are going to be tough.

Sincerely  
CDB

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March 15, 1946

Mr. Clyde Baker, Ticket Manager  
Municipal Auditorium  
1310 Wyandotte  
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Clyde:

Please find enclosed check for \$30.00  
for the ten loges seats. Correct the charge account  
accordingly.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

Enc.



March 23, 1946

Miss Marion Belgard  
County Court  
Jackson County, Missouri  
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Miss Belgard:

Dr. Allen just left the office in his usual hurried way to keep an appointment in Kansas City today and then he will leave tomorrow for Fostoria, Ohio. Therefore, he has asked me to thank you on his behalf for your very good letter of the 22nd instant and for your most generous check covering telephone call, special stamp, and tickets. He will see that you get the difference due you when he returns to the office.

He remarked that he was only too happy to do this little favor for you and Frenchie and only wished that he and the team could have upset the Aggies but seven-foot Bob Kurland was just too tall.

Sincerely,

MF

Secretary to Dr. Allen





COUNTY COURT  
JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

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ASSOCIATE JUDGE  
EASTERN DISTRICT

GEORGE S. MONTGOMERY  
PRESIDING JUDGE

FRED W. KLABER  
ASSOCIATE JUDGE  
WESTERN DISTRICT

MRS. MARION BELGARD  
INVESTIGATOR  
INSTITUTIONAL CASES

KANSAS CITY 6, MO.

March 22-1946

My dear Dr. Allen -

I can't tell you how happy Frenchie and I were when you called about the tickets for the game Monday nite.

It was a wonderful game, and Kansas was marvelous as usual, but I am certainly opposed to having "seven foot players." I think it takes all the sport out of the game and is really unfair.

I do appreciate how wonderful you have always been to Frenchie and me, and you know we think you are the best coach in the world.

Our love to Mrs. Allen

Loyally

Marion & Frenchie

Enclosed check for \$10  
for telephone call, special stamps  
and tickets -  
Thank you again!

so generous



March 22, 1946

Sgt. George F. Bernhardt, Manager  
Fidelity Insurance Agency  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Sgt. Bernhardt:

I received your fine letter sometime ago and am very sorry that during the past two months we have been completely absorbed in the business of winning the Big Six Championship and losing to the Oklahoma Aggies for the N.C.A.A. play-off.

You have probably been returned to the States by this time and if so, you undoubtedly know all of these facts. However, I am enclosing the scores of our games for the past season.

Your question as to how we came out in the tournament in December can be answered to the effect that we beat Rice in the first round, lost to Oklahoma A. & M. in the second round, and beat Oklahoma University in the consolation, winning third place behind the Oklahoma Aggies.

Milton is still in the Navy as a Lieutenant (jg) and he expects to get discharged sometime before this summer. He is now stationed at St. Louis, Missouri, doing work with the naval supply. Bob is also a Lieutenant (jg) in the Navy, after having graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. He is on a flat top somewhere in the Atlantic.

I appreciated hearing from you and I am sorry that I was delayed in answering your fine letter. It is certainly swell that so many of your fellows are interested in our basketball and I want you to know that we deeply appreciate the service which all of you have so unselfishly shown.

With kindest personal regards to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF



HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMORED DIVISION  
A. P. O. 254 U. S. ARMY

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Regensburg, Germany  
28 January, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

The boys here are following with much interest your consistently fine basketball teams, this year being no exception.

As a life-time Jayhawker, with exception of 3 years in this man's Army, would very much appreciate your sending a complete schedule of your 1945-46 games, also the scores to date. We are likewise interested in knowing how Kansas came out in the tournament held in December.

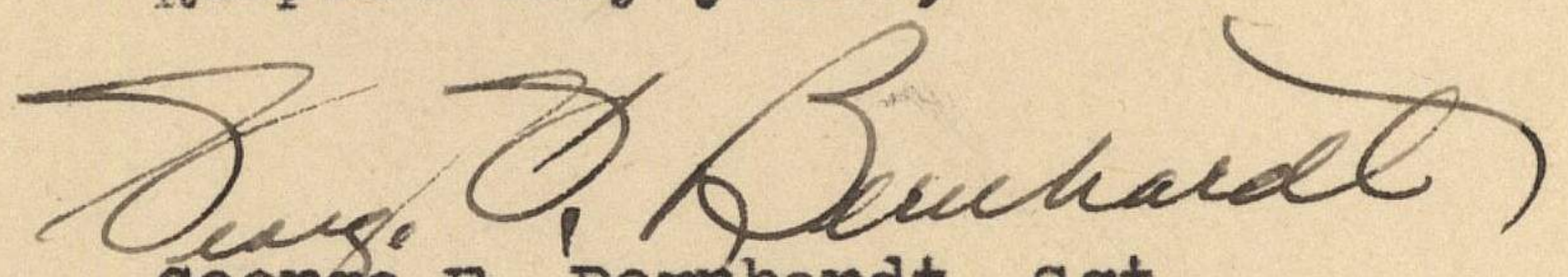
Lt. Bill Kline was until recently a member of this organization. He is now discharged and I presume living with his family in Hutchinson. Bill is a brother of John, a former member of one of your excellent ball teams. We were recently looking over one of the publications you wrote relative to boys you've coached of yester-years, but who are now or were in the service. We enjoyed it immensely.

Where is your son Mitt now? You will not remember me but about 20 years ago when Mitt was about 10, then my age, he used to come out to our farm, which was near the Hemphills, and ride our ponies to the nearby creeks, where we had much fun fishing and swimming.

Although I anticipate being discharged from the service within the next 60 days, I trust we shall hear from you before then.

With best wishes for continued fine Kansas basketball teams, and kindest personal regards to you and your family, I am

Respectfully yours,

  
George F. Bernhardt, Sgt.

B/b

P.S. Home Address:      Manager Fidelity Insurance Agency,  
Leavenworth, Kansas



March 22, 1946

Mr. A. R. Brown  
Chambers County  
Lafayette, Alabama

Dear Andy:

I received your clipping and note a week or so ago. It is always good to hear about our old boys, and Adolph Rupp has certainly gone a long ways since he left Kansas.

I appreciate your thinking of me and wish to thank you for the clipping. Hoping everything is going fine as far as you are concerned, I am

Sincerely,

FCA:MF

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



March 22, 1946

Mrs. Marian Belgard  
Welfare Director  
Court House  
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Marian:

I imagine you have been so busy you have not gotten around to mailing your check for the tickets which I sent you.

I am trying to get this straightened up and so if you will mail me your check, I will greatly appreciate it. I am sorry that we could not do better.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF



March 26, 1948

1st Lt. Josephine C. Brown  
N 796620  
248th General Hospital  
A. P. O. 75, c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, California

Dear Josephine:

I am so happy that you took the time to drop me a line and let us know that you are still a Jayhawk fan. It is especially gratifying to know that our ex-students follow the results of our games, regardless of how they might be.

As you know by now, we won the Big Six Championship undefeated, but we didn't fair so well in the play-off for the N.C.A.A. against the Oklahoma Aggies last Monday night. I suppose you won't have too much to talk about in the defense of Kansas.

It is fine that Richard is out of the Army and even finer that he now has a spouse.

Be careful of those All-American basketball players from Oregon. From what the boys tell me who have been over seas, the nurses really get around.

Hoping this finds you well and happy, and thanking you for your nice letter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF



Bague Leave Center

9 February 46

Dear Dr. Allen,

In a recent letter from Dad, he mentioned you and said that you might be interested in hearing from me. I'm afraid that he is really too prejudiced, but I thought that I might drop you a few lines.

A lot of water has gone under the bridge since we used to see the K.V. basketball games, and I miss them. Despite the fact that Duke had a championship team, it's not the same style of basketball, and I miss the mid-west, in more ways than one. At one of the Clubs in Manila recently, I met a fellow by the name of Vic Townsend, he was All-American at Oregon in '39, I believe. If his dancing is anything like the way he plays basketball, I can well understand the selection!

Vic has been overseas six months ~~now~~ - stationed just a few miles outside of Manila and while I wouldn't want to live the way we do for very long, I'm certainly not complaining. I enjoy my work very much. Vic signed to stay in the Army until June, but I don't think that it really means a great deal - Vic only been in service for ten months. Probably Dad has written you that Richard is out of the Army and also that he was married last October. Martha is a grand girl and I'm so glad to have a sister after all these years.

At the present time I'm enjoying the privilege of a ten day leave at our rest camp in the mountains - it's 200 miles from Manila and actually cold - a strange feeling for us! We are really going to be spoiled with good food, maid service, and lots of recreational facilities.

Dad keeps me posted on all the K.V. scores, and the boys on my ward always give a holler when the games are announced over the radio - I take a lot of teasing about Kansas, but I don't mind.

Hope this finds you and your family well.

Sincerely,

Josephine Brown



1st Lt. Josephine C. Brown N 796620  
248th General Hospital  
APO 75, c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, California



**VIA AIR MAIL**

Dr. Forest C. Allen  
Kansas University  
Lawrence  
Kansas