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From - Dr. Forrest C. Allen -----

Closely associated with Dr. James Naismith during his many years at the University of Kansas. I have hanging in my office an autographed picture of Dr. Naismith on which he has written, "With kindest regards to the father of basketball coaching from the father of the game."

In 1908 Dr. Naismith received a letter from Joe Bristow, of Baker University at Baldwin, saying that they needed someone to coach their basketball team. I asked Dr. Naismith to let me try it, and he said, "Why, you bloody beggar, you don't coach basketball, you play it! But go ahead and try it, anyhow." So in addition to my duties at the University of Kansas, I coached the Baker University.

Member of the Kansas varsity basketball team (center and forward, and captain in 1907), and played second base on varsity baseball team.

My two sons, Milton and Robert, have played on my teams. Milton played on the Kansas varsity in 1934, '35, and '36. (The 1936 team was ever-victorious). Milton is now a senior in the Law School at Kansas, and president of his class.

Bobby Allen played on the Kansas varsity in 1939, '40, and '41. He was tri-captain of the team in 1941, and in 1940 the team went to the western semi-finals in the N.C.A.A. tournament. He is now in Medical School at the University of Pennsylvania, and president of his freshman medical class.