

March 11, 1938.

Mr. Dewitt Beckwith, Superintendent,
Osborn Public Schools,
Osborn, Missouri.

Dear Superintendent Beckwith:

Thank you very much for your good wishes on the
University of Kansas winning the Big Six basketball champion-
ship.

I am glad to give you a short statement of our ideas
on the matter of conditioning athletes.

Trusting that this information will be of some benefit
to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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OSBORN PUBLIC SCHOOL

DEWITT BECKWITH, SUPT.

OSBORN, MO.

March 7, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

May I congratulate you on again winning the Big Six Basketball championship.

I have been asked to give a short talk on Temperance before the Methodist Sunday School here next Sunday morning. I feel that the same information is repeatedly given in these talks so I am wondering if you would be so kind as to give me some statement or idea on the matter from the standpoint of conditioning athletes. Your reputation as a coach will give a ring of authority to any statement which you would care to make which, I am sure, will be very impressive to the boys in this Sunday School.

May I thank you in advance for whatever assistance you may see fit to give me in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Dewitt Beckwith

Dewitt Beckwith, Supt.

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No man that plays on the University of Kansas basketball team uses alcohol. The two are not compatible. Athletics call for the very best efforts of an athlete, and alcohol benumbs and interferes with coordination.

Two radio programs enclosed, one dealing with Youth Looks at Alcohol, and the other contains a paragraph dealing with training (see page 4).

I should also like to refer you to a recent publication, "Youth Studies Alcohol", by Harkness and Fort, published by Benj. K. Sanborn and Company, of New York. This, in my opinion, is a splendid contribution to the problem of temperance education. You may have it in your school library. Chapter VIII, entitled "What About Athletics?" deals with what some of the famous coaches of well-known sports say about alcohol; among these are

Knute Rockne - ". . . He not only demanded that his players keep away from drink during the season, but he insisted also on their leaving it alone out of season."

Alonzo Stagg - ". . . he represented 30,000 coaches who were practicing and teaching players to leave drinking alone. He said that coaches and trainers were dead against the use of alcoholic liquors, even beer."

Fielding Yost - "The man who drinks eliminates himself from serious athletics. He's through before he starts."

April 12, 1938.

Dr. C. O. Stoland,
Secretary, Medical School,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dr. Stoland:

I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter I have just dictated to Mr. Arnold H. Baum.

I am sorry that we are not able to help him. The only department that might have work open of that nature is the Athletic Department, under the direction of Mr. Gwinn Henry. However, I am quite sure there is nothing open at the present time. I am passing the letter on to Mr. Henry for his inspection.

Very cordially yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

April 12, 1938.

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

Dear Gwinn:

As you can see, Dr. O. O. Stoland, secretary of the Medical School of the University of Kansas, has referred Arnold H. Baum's letter to me for my attention.

I am sending it on to you so if you are in need of any assistance for training football men the matter can be laid before you. I am wondering if you would be kind enough to write to Mr. Baum.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

April 12, 1938.

Mr. Arnold H. Deuss,
Horton Hospital,
Hypocrite, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Deuss:

Dr. O. O. Stokely, Secretary of the Medical
School of the University of Kansas, has sent me a copy
of your letter to him.

We have no opening for such a course in
the Department of Physical Education. However, I am
passing on a copy of your letter to Dr. Adrian Henry,
Director of Athletics at the University of Kansas.
Possibly they might desire work of this nature if an
opening should present itself. However, at the present
time I doubt that such an opening exists.

If you are interested further you might
direct a letter to Dr. Henry.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 18, 1938.

Mr. Jack Buckman,
4114 Metropolitan,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Jack:

I just wanted to send you a personal statement of what you owe us here at the University. You remember you borrowed money from me to pay your fees when you came to school last fall. Here is how your account stands:

Borrowed	\$20.85
Earned through Athletic Association	- \$3.14
Earned through Physical Education	- 2.45
	<u>\$10.59</u>
Balance due	\$10.26

I trust that you will be able to repay us before long.

I hope you are happy and getting along nicely, Jack. If there is any way we can help you, please let us know.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Jack Buckman

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Your order for tickets is very much appreciated and we sincerely hope you enjoy the games.

During the past few years drinking at football games has caused some embarrassment to those who are there to enjoy the game. Those who over indulge are not appreciated by the persons sitting next to them who came to enjoy the game. Each year complaints come to us of such examples of conduct.

With no idea of being unfair to anyone, we find it necessary to ask the offenders to refrain from this practice in the Stadium or on the Stadium Grounds. Officials will be asked to enforce the prohibition laws of the state at all games. Anyone under the influence of liquor will be asked to leave the Stadium.

Out of respect for our State University and for the safety of those on the highways, we ask your cooperation in eliminating this undesirable practice. Everyone will have a better time with no regrets or apologies to make.

Forest Allen

Director of Athletics.

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

J. W. MITCHELL
MANAGER KANSAS CITY REFINERY

Kansas City, Kansas
April 4, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Circumstances prevented an earlier reply to your letter of March 30th, but we will be glad to do anything we can to help you and Mr. Buckman straighten out this matter of indebtedness as mentioned in your letter.

In view of the fact that you asked that this be kept in confidence, we will say nothing to Mr. Buckman about this until advised further as to just how you would wish us to handle this.

Mr. Buckman's present address is 4114 Metropolitan, Kansas City, Kansas.

With highest personal regards, I

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Yours sincerely,

J. W. Mitchell
J. W. MITCHELL

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April 5, 1938.

Mr. J. W. Mitchell, Manager,
Kansas City Refinery,
Phillips Petroleum Company,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your kindness in sending us
the address of Jack Buckman.

Dr. Allen is at present in Chicago, but
will return the latter part of this week. I am sure
he would wish me to express his appreciation of your
help in regard to Mr. Buckman.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education
and Varsity Basketball Coach.

March 28, 1938.

Mr. Ren Bonebrake,
Parsons, Kansas.

Dear Ren:

Upon my return from my week-end jaunt I find your check here on my desk, for which I thank you very much. I trust that the autograph was satisfactory in the book, and I sincerely wish continued success for Charles. Tell him if there is any way I can help him out at any time it will be a pleasure to do so. If he needs a recommendation or other boosts at any time tell him to feel perfectly free to ask me to help him.

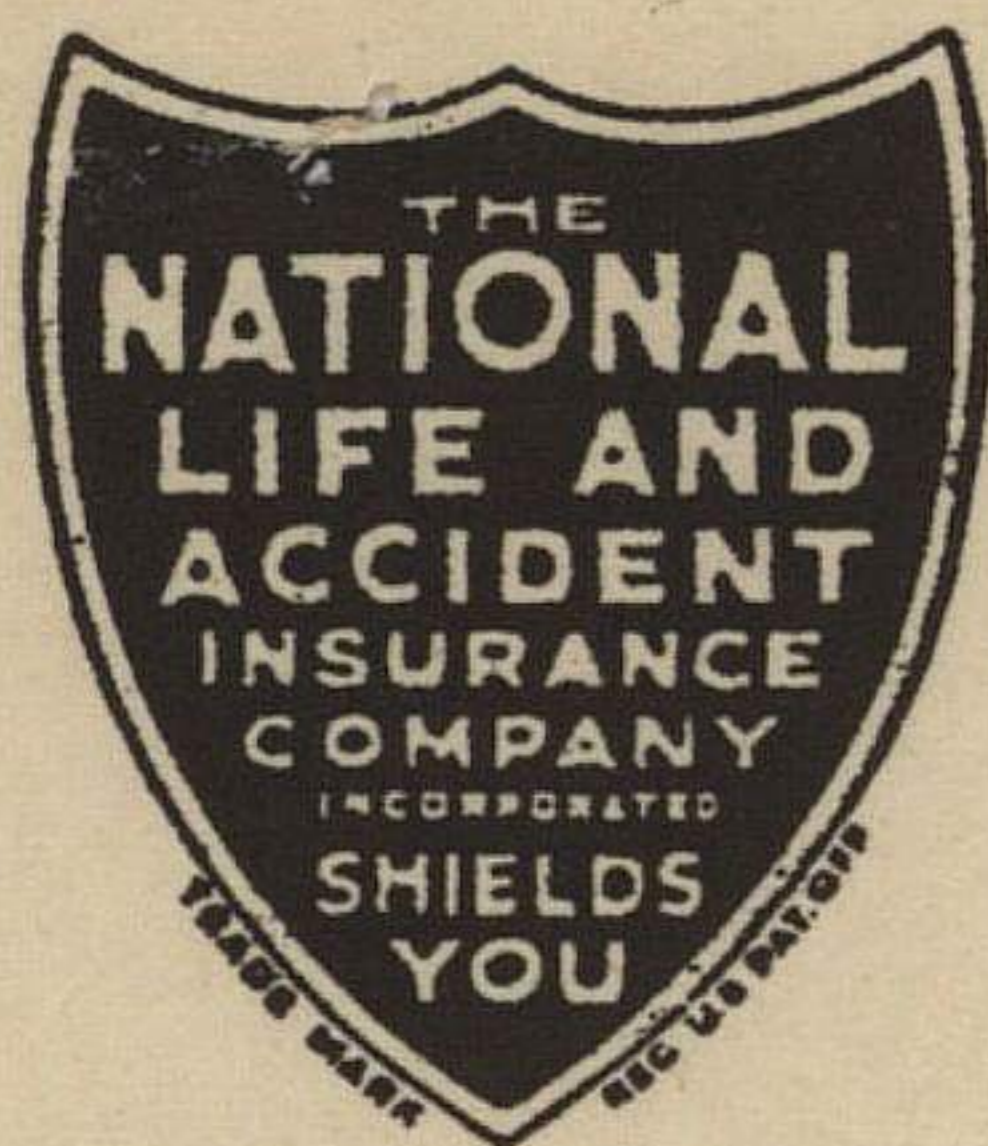
It was good to see you in Parsons.

With continued best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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AGENCY AT Parsons, Kans.

March 23 1938

Dr. F. C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kas.

Dear Phog:-

Just as a reminder
as know you have so much on
your mind. Please have one of
your late books taken by Mrs. Webster
to the store in Lawrence and
will get it Saturday evening -
If you have time write a word
or two to Charles - you know
he is studying for Coaching.

We are still hearing compliments
on your talk here on Monday
night.

Yours sincerely,
Ken Bonbrake

March 5, 1958.

Mr. Thomas R. Bowen,
Tiger Hotel,
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Bowen:

I am coming to Columbia with Gwinn Henry tomorrow afternoon, and would like to have a room at the Tiger Hotel. I will not be able to come down with the track team, but will leave here Friday afternoon.

I will be glad to double up with some one else if necessary - do the best you can. But I would like a room because I am going to attend the Henry Schulte dinner, and on Saturday morning I am going to speak to the high school coaches of Missouri on treating athletic injuries.

We are going to try to beat the Tigers tonight, but I don't know if we can or not.

Looking forward to seeing you Friday evening, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 4, 1938.

Mr. C. O. Burnside,
Carpenter Paper Company,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Old C.O.B.:

Boy, you really put something in the boys
down in Oklahoma City that made them come through!

You don't have to send me a wire - I'm
thinking of what you are thinking about.

Cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

March 9, 1938.

Mr. James F. Brass,
Douglas County Commissioner,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Brass:

Thank you very much for your lovely letter of the 7th instant. It was a great pleasure to have Clifford with us. He is a fine boy, takes his responsibilities seriously, and knows the score before he starts the ball game. I do not believe that he will miss the boat when it pushes off.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

KANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

A. C. Allen

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Lawrence Kans

Dear Dr. Allen — I want at this time to express my deep appreciation for your kindness to Clifford. His job has aided him very materially, and the contacts made have been very fine.

It has given me real pleasure to have Clifford under your direction and tutorage.

Please accept my congratulations on the successful season just closed.

Yours sincerely,

Joe H. Brass

March 9, 1938.

Dr. Earle G. Brown,
Office of Health Department,
Court House,
Arlington, Virginia.

Dear Dr. Brown:

Thank you very much for your excellent letter of the 5th instant. I am glad that you were pleased over the Kansas-Missouri ball game.

Yes, Nebraska, at the beginning of the season, appeared as the logical favorite. Had four seniors and some real stars on the team. I do not know what happened, but there was a break down somewhere along the line.

I wish you might have seen either the Oklahoma or Nebraska game. Those two games will live long in the memories of the people who saw Kansas wage perhaps one of the most courageous uphill fights in the history of Kansas basketball. It is all over now and we can get a breathing spell until next year.

My, how these youngsters grow up! Our daughter, who was a baby of six, will graduate from high school a year from this year, and to think that Josephine is now graduating from high school takes a very vivid imagination, especially when I remember Josephine as a little tot.

Congratulations on your new move to Nassau County, New York. I am sure that it is a definite advancement, and I wish you and your family the best of life's success and happiness. It certainly will be a pleasure for us to drop by and see you if we come east. We generally do, but this year may be an exception. Our national meetings are in Chicago - both the coaches meeting and the rules body meeting, so we may miss you. But some time we may have the pleasure of saying "hello" to the Browns. We, of course, will be happy to see you out west again whenever it is within the cards.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



Arlington County, Virginia

OFFICE OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT

COURT HOUSE

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

EARLE G. BROWN, M. D.
HEALTH OFFICER

March 5, 1938.

Dear Doctor Allen:

I was indeed thrilled when I saw in last night's Evening Star, the result of the K-MU game on Friday. The morning paper did not carry the score.

Congratulations to you and the team on another Big Six Championship. It certainly is fine, especially so, since as I remember, the championship was given to Nebraska before the season opened.

Have not seen a single college game this winter, and have seen only two or three high school games. So, you see my basketball has been very much neglected.

Presume you have heard that I am moving on to Nassau County, New York, the middle of the month. Josephine will graduate from high school in June and probably Mrs. Brown will not join me there until May. Josephine is quite thrilled over the possibility of boarding for a month.

Hope that you will have time to call on us some time when you are in the east.

With kind regards

Very truly yours

Earle G. Brown.

March 9, 1938.

Mr. Adrian J. Brennan,
Aetna Casualty and Surety Co.,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Coach Brennan:

Mighty happy to have your good letter of the 5th instant. Yes, we did lick Missouri 56 to 36. We generally are not fortunate enough to roll up such a score upon our traditional opponent, but Pralle, our captain, needed 22 points that night to win the high scoring honors of the Big Six, and the boys made it a real night by feeding him until he scored 22 points. He made four long looping shots from better than 40 feet out on the court, so you know they weren't handing him the ball under the basket. If there ever was a College player who deserved All-American honors, it is this boy, Fred Pralle. He can do everything, and most everything he does is just a little better than the other fellow.

The winning of the championship this year was indeed a surprise to me. I could not believe that we would gain better than third place, but the boys fooled us.

Now, regarding your gymnasium. You want the biggest floor space with the least obstruction. That is number one. Of course, you want white maple floor, and if you can get it you want the Seal-O-San finish for the floor. Their factory is at Huntington, Indiana. I would suggest that you write the Huntington people telling them that I recommended their products to you, and ask them to send you all the information they have on basketball courts. You will get more information from the Seal-O-San people on good basketball floors than anyone else can give you. If you never buy their products they will give you a lot of splendid information.

The fewer concrete bleachers you can get in, the better for you. I really think the portable type of bleachers is the best seat, after all, for basketball. What I want is a lot of space with few obstructions. Your crowd will always be larger than you anticipate. I have never seen a gymnasium floor yet that had ample seating facilities.

Let me know if I can help you in any way.

If you care to parcel post the book out to me I will be glad to autograph it for you and mail it back.

Again thanking you for your good letter, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education.

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STANLEY F. WITHE, MANAGER

March 5, 1938.

*and when I was in Cleveland
in January I saw where
you beat them again!!*

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Looking over the paper the other day, I came across a list of scores, and included was one reading something like "Kansas 56, Missouri 35".

Is that correct, and do I understand that you really beat your old rivals by any such score? My Lord, what do you feed those boys of yours? Congratulations, and the same to your entire squad. *where I coach.*

Announcement was made the other day that the Seminary would have a new gym next year, and the ground would be broken in June. Can you give me any information regarding a gym, type of floor, and anything that might possibly occur to you and that might be in a book we could use or plans that we could look over? If so, I shall be very grateful indeed if you will loan them to me, and you may be assured that you will get them back again. We want a good big floor, the best there is; then in our own place, we hope to go places.

I am still reading your book, studying it carefully and getting as much information and as much enjoyment out of it as I did when I first picked it up. Some day I am going to ask you to autograph it for me.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

Adrian J. Semway

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March 9, 1938.

Mr. Clarence V. Beek,²¹
Attorney General of Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Clarence:

Thank you very much for your very splendid letter of the 4th instant. It was a great pleasure to have you and Mrs. Beek with us this year. I want you to know we were honored by your presence.

For you to say the nice things that you have said in your letter makes me feel especially happy.

If at any time I can reciprocate any of your kindnesses, please feel free to call upon me.

Thanking you, and wishing to be remembered to Mrs. Beek, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 4, 1938

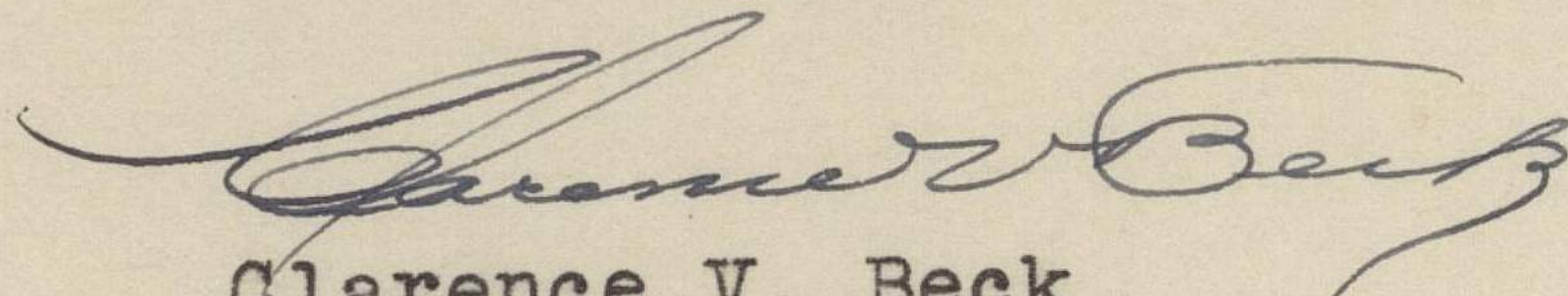
Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Last night it was my privilege to see you win another Big Six championship. Mrs. Beck and I have witnessed all of the home games this year, and we appreciate very much your courtesy in remembering us.

Also, as an alumnus of the University, as well as an official of this state, it is a pleasure for me to commend you for the splendid work you have done in connection with this sport. Not alone have you won championships for the University, but you have given the State of Kansas a place in the basket ball world. A man who can produce champions year after year must have a great deal of ability, and the means of promoting a good organization.

With kind personal regards,



Clarence V. Beck
Attorney General

CVB:J

July 1, 1933.

Mr. John W. Bunn,
Dean of Men,
Stanford University,
Palo Alto, California.

Dear Johnny:

Thank you for your good letter of the 27th ultimo. I will put down August 22 in my calendar and will keep the 22nd to 25th fairly well open so that I can run up to Topola and pick you up when you are free and bring you down to our new 18-hole golf course here at Lawrence.

We think it is a pretty fine course. I will get Guy Smith, Dean Stouffer and some of these fellows that you enjoy playing with, and we will have a foursome. If you will write Thomas and get your schedule so that you will know when you are to be free I might still do better than that and write George Nettles and ask him to come up. Maybe we three could pick out someone else you would like and we would have a round together.

I am afraid you will find that I have been very diligent in my work, if you take my golf score as an indication. Frankly, I have been hitting the ball and enjoying it. I am getting a great kick out of this thing, and, I fear, getting fat. It is well to have something to lay it to.

After reviewing your basketball record for the past three years I would say that we would have to find some other explanation for the prowess that I understand you enjoy in golf. Certainly you haven't neglected your work, but they tell me you shoot some mean irons. However, there is one thing that will help us. We do not have as many sand traps as you do out there, so our difficulty in getting out of these impediments would work more of a hardship on you than it would on us. But a few hours walking over these Kansas hills should get you back to your earlier days when you pounded the sod between here and Humboldt.

I want to thank you for writing June Salmon and asking him to request some of the other conferences to pioneer a bit. I heartily agree with you that too much experimentation might be misunderstood, especially by the same conference group. So far as I am concerned, I am in a side car and will be content to let the other fellow drive the motorcycle for a while.

When we review the past few years the only group that I know of that made a contribution that the rules committee acted

on outside of a few feeble efforts on our part, has been your Pacific Coast conference. So why not let someone else agitate a while? If nobody does anything they will leave the rules alone for a while, and that is what all the coaches cry for at the start of the rules session, but before they get through they advocate many changes.

The game is still good enough. It provides plenty of thrills and after all that is what John Q. Public and the players desire.

Wishing you a pleasant summer, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

June 27, 1938

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

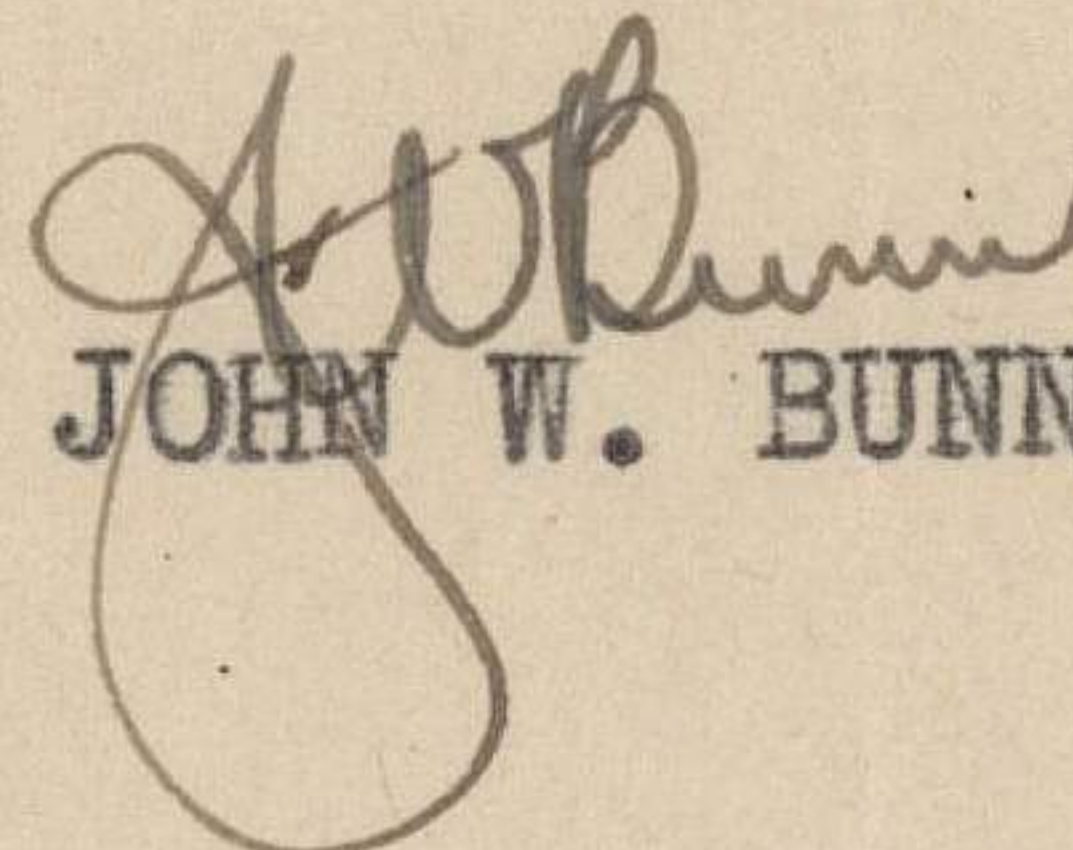
Dear Doc:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 25. I can see very clearly your point of view in connection with ^{experimentation on} the widening of the free throw lane and I think that you would be making a grave mistake to attempt to push the project over the opposition of some of your coaches. I have taken the attitude that these experiments should not be carried on unless they have the very enthusiastic approval of all the coaches concerned. I shall follow up your suggestion and write to June Salmon and suggest that he ask some conference to try out this idea. It's probably better anyway that the same conference or group of men refrain from doing too much of this experimentation. After awhile the rest of the coaching world get the wrong idea concerning their efforts.

The coaching school in Topeka starts on August 22. As I understand it, I will have both a morning and afternoon session for three days. I hope, however, that we can find some time to have at least one game of golf while I am in Kansas. I would enjoy the opportunity to see just how much you have been neglecting your work in the last eight years. You see, I mean I want to know just how well your golf game has progressed.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,


JOHN W. BUNN

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