

TREECE HIGH SCHOOL

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TREECE, KANSAS

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Mr. Forrest C. Allen  
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Dear "Phog":

It has been some time since I've had the privilege of talking with you but I often quote you or your book Better Basketball. My boys both here and at Columbus feel that "Doc" Allen is The Basketball man of the world. I certainly have had success using your "screens".

However, I'm figuring on changing professions, want to work into the new Jayhawk Ordnance Plant near here. It was you who introduced me to the name of George Nettles and he says that he is helping me over the hurdles to get near the plant - he has recommended I be given a guard job. I hope to get "in on" some of the training of the operating personnel. The government is spending \$50,000 training men.

You know George Nettles and Kenneth Spencer; either of which respect you very much. And either of which have very much to say concerning this new plant. Kenneth is the superintendent. He's in charge of the spending of <sup>the</sup> twenty-seven millions of dollars. Both men are loyal K.U. supporters - letter men. Well, I thought that perhaps since I'm K.U. - you're K.U. and they're K.U. you might get them a letter in my behalf? Their offices are in the 1st Nat'l Bldg, Pittsburg, Kansas if you'd care to write them for me. I have \$700<sup>00</sup> tied up in Patents; and have sold one of them.

Sincerely your friend,

Jim Hammers

(The oldest of the  
"twins")