

Dr. F. C. Allen

University of Kansas

Lawrence

Kansas

Riley, Kansas September 27,1938

Dear Dr. Allen:

We will be in Lawrence Thursday morning about nine o'clock.

Very sincerely yours

(Coach)

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January 18, 1939. Reserve Officers Training Corps, University of Kansas. Gentlemen: Thank you very much for the invitation to attend your entertainment and barbeoue on Thursday, January 19, at 7 pens in the Hemorial Union Building I regret that it will be impossible for me to accept your invitation, inasmuch as I have to be at freshman basketball practice at that time. I on very for this conflict. Very sincerely yours, Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach. FCA:AH

#### UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS DIVISION OF MILITARY SCIENCE AND TACTICS

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

The Reserve Officers Training Corps
of the University of Kansas
requests the pleasure of the company of

Ono. J. C. Allen

at their Entertainment and Barbecue
on THURSDAY, the NINETEENTH of JANUARY
nineteen hundred and thirty-nine
to be held in the Memorial Union Cafeteria
University of Kansas

Chow line forms promptly at 7:00 p.m., o'clock

Reply requested

Mr. Frank Root,
Resketball Coach,
Mansas State College,
Manhattan, Mansas.

Dear Frank:

I am returning the enclosed letter for your files. I should have given it to you last night, but failed to do so.

It was an amfully tough game to lose, and I want to say that I admire the wonderful fighting spirit of your boys because it was pretty evident that they were fighting for their coach. And that is a great tribute to the worthwhileness of a man, when a group of boys will get out and fight their hearts out for their coach. While they fought for Kansas State, the big incentive was protruding everywhere. It was the battling spirit of those boys for Frank Root, and I compliment you on having hold of a group of boys who will do that.

You were short of reserves, and we had more reserves than you did. The boys just couldn't stand six reserves against twelve.

Lindest personal regards.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Mr. C. Clinton Ruby, North York Junior-Senior High School, York, Ponnsylvania.

Dear Mr. Buby:

Your inquiry of January 17th has been received, and I feel that I should write you, as well as fill it out.

When there is an argument in a game over a score the referee shall decide in favor of the smaller score. When there is an argument over playing time the referee shall decide in favor of the longer playing time. Of course, none of this would be necessary if the referee had designated the official scorer. The referee shall designate the official scorer and the official timekeeper before the game. If he did not do this and then this situation arose, the referee shall decide always in favor of the smaller score.

The running score would not be official. The actual score, in which field goals and free throws were made, is the score that should be considered. The referee's decision in this case should remain as final, and he acted correctly in deciding in favor of the smaller score.

Sometimes referees do not announce the score at the end of the game, and if he did not that would not make any appreciable difference in this case. I take it that he did not appoint an official scorer at the beginning of the game. If he did, then that scorer's record is official. In case the referee did not designate the official scorer, then he shall decide in favor of the smaller score, because the record of both scorers at the end of the game showed the individual scores to be 23 - 24 in favor of Team B. Therefore, according to the rules and all the situations concerned in this game, I would say that the referee acted properly.

However, in case of an official board meeting, if they wanted to take it into their own hands, then I would say that the referee certainly should be called into the meeting; but, in my opinion, the referee is the superior officer of the game

and unless the board of control would take it out of his hands, I do not see how he could decide otherwise.

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Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach. Mr. Den Rhule, University Heshbtel, Campus.

Doar Dan:

I just learned this morning that you are in the hospital for a couple of days with some sort of a knee infection or difficulty. I want you to know that we trust the affection is not too great to permit you out in the course of a few days.

We learn that Dr. Francisco is to be called in on your case, so I am happy that you are having the finest professional care that is obtainable in this part of the country.

I know it is a disappointment that you will not be able to take your final examinations, but from the angle of our department I assure you that you will receive the utmost consideration.

I am dropping this note to you in lieu of a visit. I want you to get out of there, because if you don't I will have to come over and see you.

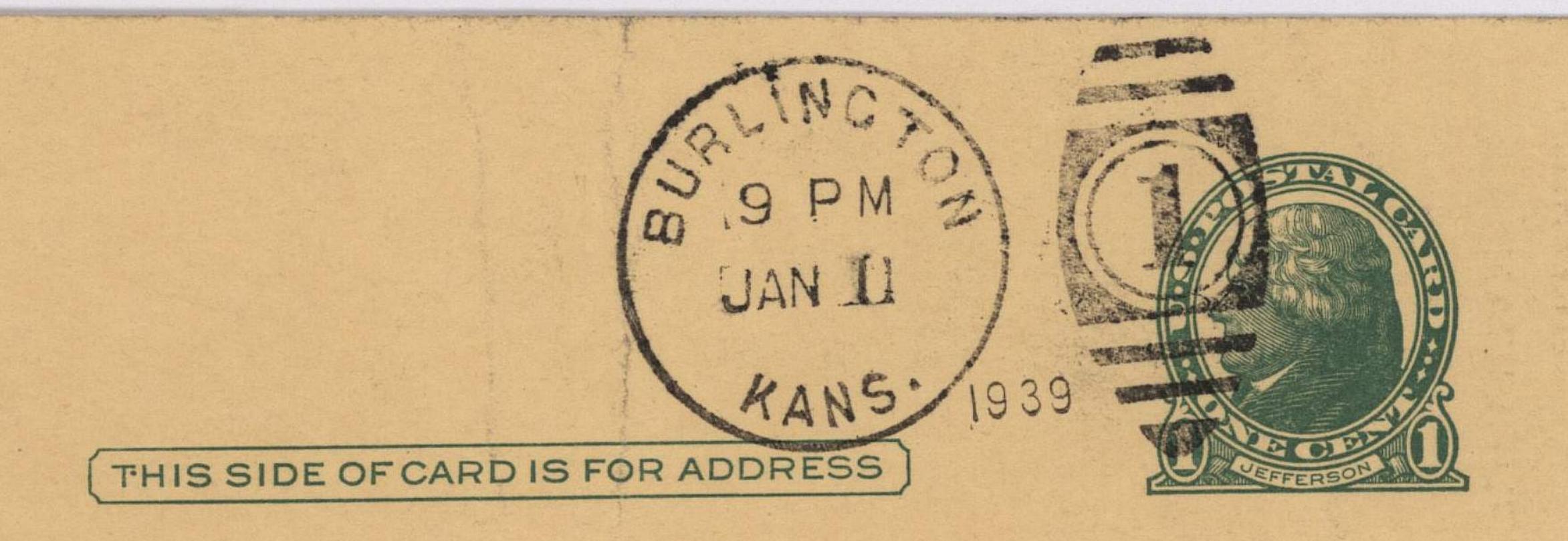
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Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Mr. George L. Rider, Director of Athletics, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Rider:

This will acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of the 17th instant. I have two young men in mind that I think have made wonderful reputations in coaching basketball especially, and in the allied sports.

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The first young man that I have for your consideration is Ray F. Parkins, the coach of the Edison High School in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Parkins has graduated a fine group of boys at Edison High who are the back bone and main stem of Dave McMillan's University of Minnesota basketball teams - not this year, but two years before, and he has others coming on that seem to work into Dave's system better than any group that Dave has had heretofore.

Last April I attended the sectional division of the National Health and Physical Education Association at Minneapolis. While there I had a good chance to visit with Ray Parkins and also to watch the Minnesota basketball team in their spring practice at an invitation from Dave McMillan.

Now, let me tell you about this Parkins boy. He played quarterback for me at Central Missouri State Teachers College in 1914 and 1915; he played forward on the basketball team, was first baseman on the baseball team, and ran the quarter mile on the track team. He graduated there and then entered the service and went overseas as a lieutenant. After returning he coached the Duluth High School team at Duluth, Minn. The superintendent at Duluth at that time was Raymond F. Kent, who is now president of the University of Louisville. I recommended Parkins to Dr. Kent without reservation.

He made a fine record at Duluth and then moved on to Minneapolis where he graduated from the University of Minnesota. He has been at Minneapolis I think about ten or eleven years, and he has made a wonderful record there. As I stated to you, I visited a day with him there and found that he was very active in the Shrine Band and seems to have a tremendous following in the city of Minneapolis. He is an artist of no mean reputation and does all of the caricaturing for the Shrine Band and Shrine activities. He is married and has one child.

Ray Parkins was a teammate of Louis Menze at the Teachers College. Louis Menze, after the war, took his graduate work at the University of Wisconsin. I recommended Louis Menze eleven years ago to T. Nelson Metcalf, who was the Athletic Director at Iowa State College. Menze succeeded Bill Chandler, who was then coaching at Iowa State. Bill seemed to have tough luck and could not make the grade there in a basketball way. You know Bill is now at Marquette and going great guns. But Menze took the Iowa State team and built it up until Iowa State is one of the feared teams in the conference at present. In 1935 Iowa State won the Big Six championship. I only mention this because Parkins is the same type of boy as Menze is. He is as clean as a hound's tooth, has a wonderful personality, and would fit into anybody's organization in wonderful shape. A couple of years ago, just before Dave McMillan won his first Big Ten basketball championship, Parkins was seriously considered as cage coach for Minnesota.

Now, harking back to Parkins' football ability, might I make this one recitation of a situation that happened down at Fort Sill during the World War. Parkins was with the 35th Division, and the 35th Fort Sill was playing the University of Oklahoma at Norman. Pete Heil, a Kansas graduate and the quarterback for Pitt somewhere along in 1913 or '14, was doing the quarterbacking for the 35th Division. The 35th had not scored and the game was going along with Oklahoma a touchdown out in front. They substituted Parkins for Heil, and Parkins ran through the Oklahoma team for three touchdowns.

I am not trying to build this boy up a bit more than he deserves, but he was one of my greatest athletes, one of my cleanest and finest boys on the squad, and a perfect trainer. He had brains, ingenuity and a will to win. I used Menze, this boy who is now at Iowa State, as my left quarterback and Parkins my right quarterback. Menze pitched on the baseball team and was forward on my basketball team. Both boys, Parkins and Menze, were the same type athletes and they are the same type coaches.

I'll bet you a doller if you will check with the Minneapolis people you will find that Parkins is tops. There are a lot of people in Minneapolis that you can get the dope from regarding Parkins, and I would not be afraid for you to ask anyone in that town, because I will recommend him without reservation or evasion whatsoever. He is about 43 years of age and would make you a great person. He is the kind of fellow that I am sure you would say is just about the right kind of a fellow to coach college men. He has won the state championship with his Edison High School team about three or four times in the past six years.

Last summer Parkins was selected as the high school coach to teach at Lake Okoboji, which is the school of Saunderson, the football coach at Morningside. He has had Frank Lehy of Fordham, and I taught there with Mattie Bell. He had Piggie Lambert and the so-called outstanding basketball and football coaches in the country, and Parkins was picked as the outstanding high school coach to lead the high school discussions.

You doubtless know that we had John Bunn, who is now at Stanford, "Dutch" Lonborg, who is at Northwestern, "Frosty" Cox, now at the University of Colorado, and Adolph Rupp, at the University of Kentucky. All of these are former players of mine, along with Louis Menze and some of the other boys in lesser important positions.

There is one other chap that I have mind, who played here for me when I coached football in 1920. He also played forward for me on the Kansas basketball varsity. That is Andrew W. McDonald, who was also a quarter miler in track. He is at present head coach of basketball at Springfield Missouri State Teachers College. He is leading the conference at the present time and he has won more conference championships down there than any other coach in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association. He coached football at the Teachers College for about six or seven years and had outstanding teams. His high school coaching was done here at Lawrence High School, where he made a great record in all sports. He is married, has a family, and I judge he is about 40 years of age.

I am not recommending any boy that does not have the prime requisites of coaching and that is, first, gentility, leadership, ability to inspire boys, and to impart his knowledge to his team. Mc-Donald is clean, courageous and capable, and he is one of the finest young men that I know out in the coaching game at the present time. Parkins and McDonald are my two top choices and I want you to investigate them both. In addition, McDonald played on my ever-victorious 1923 championship basketball team, as well as my 1922 team which was also a champion.

I assure you that I will keep this information entirely confidential, and I trust that either one of these boys will receive your very careful and serious consideration. Either one of them can coach basketball in its best way and they can assist in any of the major sports with thorough cooperation and a fine understanding of the coach's part that an assistant should possess. They would also have an understanding loyalty that a director or a head coach would expect to find in this type of employment.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

#### MIAMI UNIVERSITY OXFORD, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS GEO. L. RIDER, Director

February 17, 1939

Mr. Forrest C. Allen Basketball Coach University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

We are going to employ a man in our department next year as head coach of basketball who can also serve as an assistant football coach and do some scouting for football. Ability as an end coach will perhaps fit in best so far as his football ability is concerned. He would also be expected to handle our freshman baseball in the spring and to teach basketball in our Physical Education Teacher Training program. I am interested in a man who will cooperate with other members of the staff as well as to fit into the policies of our Institution.

If you know of a man or men who you think capable and with experience who can fit into this kind of a picture, I will appreciate it very much if you will give me their names and addresses at your earliest convenience.

It is not improbable that the man we have substituting this season in basketball will receive the appointment, however, we are anxious to canvass the field in an effort to get the very best man available for the job.

Thanking you for any recommendations you may give me, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Geo. L. Rider

Director of Athletics

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Honorable Payne Ratner, Governor of Kansas, Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor Ratners

I went you to know how very much we appreciate your loyelty and your thoughtfulness in witing us at 6:25 p.m. at Columbia, of your desire as a Kansan that we uphold the tradition of our state.

I used your wire just prior to the game in charging the five starters with the thought that the Governor of the State of Mansas took time out during his illness and his manifold duties to express to them his conviction and belief in the Jayhawkers to pull the Tigers from the top rung of the Big Six ladder. But it seemed as if we just didn't have it. It was just like a great fighter boxing a challenger, and the fighter was fighting but all of his efforts were to no avail. And every blow the challenger directed seemed to hit a vital spot.

The high emotional pitch that the Kansas team was brought to against Oklahoma and Iowa State in that one week seemed to be just too much for the nervous system of our boys. They wanted to fight, but that first half was the worst first half that I have seen a Kansas team play in many years. They couldn't get going. Six words describe it best — they couldn't miss, we couldn't hit.

Again I want to thank you very much. Your wires and your friendship have been a great inspiration to our boys.

With deep appreciation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach. CLASS OF SERVICE

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I WISH I WERE ON THE BENCH WITH YOU BUT JUST THE SAME I AM
SHOUTING ROCK CHALK JAYHAWK AND PULLING FOR A KANSAS BIG
SIX CHAMPIONSHIP TONIGHT. GOOD LUCK AND BEST WISHES=
PAYNE RATNER.

Mr. D. J. Michardson, Commander, American Logion, Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Commander Richardson:

The Kansas basketball team and their coach are very appreciative of your thoughtfulness and loyalty in wiring us at Columbia. I read your wire to the boys, and they appreciated it very much.

Six words describe it best - they couldn't miss, we couldn't hit. We are sorry we couldn't win for you.

Cordially yours,

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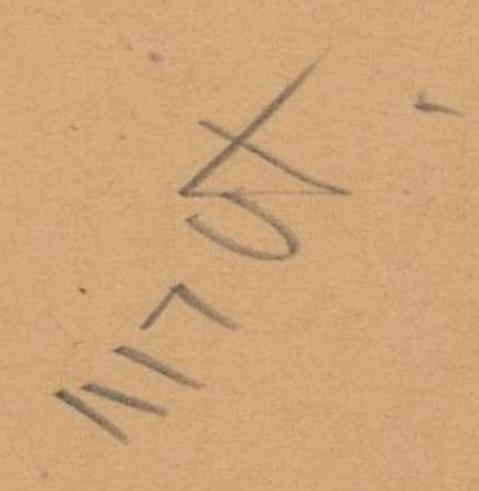
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Recreation Division, Chicago Park District, 57th and Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sirs:

I would like to order the following books, and am enclosing my check for \$1.90 to cover cost of the same:

Archery, 35¢ Games and Game Boards, 25¢ Menual for Caddies, 25¢ Diving, 35¢ Badminton, 35¢ Winter Activities, 35¢

Sincerely yours,

Instructor in Physical Education.

## JULIAN E. RALSTON ATTORNEY AT LAW BROWN BUILDING WICHITA, KANSAS

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Man bloctonaway for my annual trip up for a
Baskelbell game & Haw arranged a good sign group to go up for the abla game sate Wilbur Janes + his wife, Jay plumby and his wife. John Clint anderson (from Baker) and his wife, John morrison, Bill Blecha, & boy by the name g clay all from K.U. but anderson wird be then-We are all Kappa sigs and are doing a lettle rushing for the fraternity as well as promating for N. U. I We are bringing up blon Mc Kay, Bud Mallone and a boy by the name of Just & also Nutch Godding's youngest son and a bay by the name g Harwood who lack have brothers now in School. trom your stand point we are bringing Harlan alternan Jr. of wellington, an outstanding faatbull & Basket ball plages who will attend t. U. mit year. He is too light + slunder for foot fall in callege of think but he might do for you. His father is an official that I believe you know went to school let Emperior at Emporia. Then we ar also bringing

Mc afee, Mc anulty, and finkins all from East High school here who you must bam heard about or read about in your was as footfall + basket ball players here & They Should do well in callege athletics + Id like very much to have you meet them either Kut pron sunday marning, but know haw busy you are before a game x of you have you have any ideas I'd be glad to have you drop me a line i tue likely won't get 3 on 4 Scatinda Laurence much before Attennoon + I am certainly looking forward to seeing a good fame with Ransus on the winning side & these boys will be wanting you to win too & to Mirs Cellen With kind regards

Mr. Wayne Ruppenthal, 1245 Oread Ave., Laurence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Ruppenthal:

I want to thank you very much for your kindness in providing the music for the dancing at the School of Education party in Robinson Cymmasium last evening.

A good time was had by all, and your equipment added much to the pleasure of the evening.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Versity Basketball Coach.

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