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January 7, 1938.

Mr. Floyd A. Rowe,  
Board of Education,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Floyd:

I was in Des Moines, Iowa, until December 30, and upon my return we had two games, and have another one tonight, so I have just simply not had time to answer your letter before this. It is 4:08 p.m. and we are playing Oklahoma tonight at 7:30. However, I felt that I must get this information on the way to you as you are desirous of answering St. John.

I heartily agree with you that we should simplify. Personally, I have never had any difficulty with the administration of the rules. My notion would be that the division line is just as you say, in effect a boundary line with the exception that the team in possession of the ball has twice as long to get it into play as they would have out of bounds.

The only difficulty in permitting them too much leeway around the division line is that you put a certain burden upon the official in determining his ten second count. When the player with the ball is standing out of bounds it is an easy matter for the official to count the five seconds while the player is out of bounds, but in the case of the division line, if the official is watching the play up the field and counting his seconds progressively, about seven seconds is used up when the player comes astride the division line.

If he begins to pivot and holds the ball for any length of time I can see that it might prove confusing to the official to continue his count and earnestly watch a scrimmage play in which the original player handling the ball has not lost possession of it.

My notion has been that when a player carries the ball on a dribble across the division line and then comes to his stride stop, we should in effect rule that the player has actually carried the ball into the front court, providing that the player could raise his front foot or he could stand still and pass the ball to another player who is standing on the division line. But if he passed the ball into the back court



then he would be going counterwise to the theory of the game of taking the ball progressively into the front court. This is our Big Six interpretation.

Of course, while that player was astride the line he could still dribble across the division line, bouncing the ball on either side of the division line without creating a fault or a penalty.

We have never had any difficulty with this, Floyd, but our high school people here in Kansas and Missouri have haggled a good deal about it. I will go along with you and support what you think is best. If you would vote to say that the only difference between the two situations exists in the fact that we permit the team to carry the ball over the division line inside of ten seconds and do not force them to pass it in as we do from the boundary line, I will go along with that.

Personally, I do not feel that it is that important. As I said, I find the high schools quibbling more over it than the university, but you can count on my going along with you. Be sure you write me after it has been determined, and I will support your contention. As I said, not a play has come up in this regard that has caused us the least bit of trouble.

Assuring you it was a great pleasure to autograph your book, and wishing you the best for the future, I am, with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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December 23, 1937

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

Dear "Phog":

I am in receipt of a copy of your new book from the publisher, and am very appreciative of your courtesy in having it sent to me. I think it is a fine book, and if you would take the trouble to autograph it and return it to me, I would treasure it so much more. Knowing that you will be only too glad to do this, I am mailing it to you, with the request that you autograph it and send it back to me.

Had a lot of correspondence with both Porter and Tower on this division line interpretation business. St. John has asked the Executive Committee to register its vote regarding the division line and the interpretation of conditions existing. After all the smoke is cleared away, I have come to this conclusion, and I am submitting it to you for your consideration. I wish you would be very frank with me, not only as a member of the Rules Committee, but as basketball's outstanding coach, about just what you think of my suggestions in the matter.

St. John's suggestion is that the center line be considered the same as any other boundary line. Personally I see no reason why this is not logical. The only difference, as I see it, between the division line and the boundary line is that when a team has the ball out of bounds, they have five seconds to return it. I don't believe any official would object to a team which had the ball out of bounds, dribbling it up and down the side-lines and putting it in play by passing it in to a teammate at the designated point, providing the five seconds were not used up.

In other words, to my way of thinking, the division line is in effect a boundary line, excepting that the team in possession of the ball has twice as long to get it into play as they do if it is out of bounds at the side or end. Giving them these ten seconds, we have also given the defensive team the right to interfere with their putting it into play in the ten seconds, if they care to do so.



Now then, following this reasoning to its logical conclusion, why shouldn't the Rules Committee say that the only difference between the two situations exists in the fact that we permit a team to carry the ball over the division line inside the ten seconds, and do not force them to pass it in as we do from the boundary line?

From a coach's standpoint, would it complicate things very much if the Rules Committee said this to you as a coach: "Boys who have one foot on the division line or who come to an astride position across the division line may not pivot, excepting to pivot in such a manner as to bring both feet into the front court."

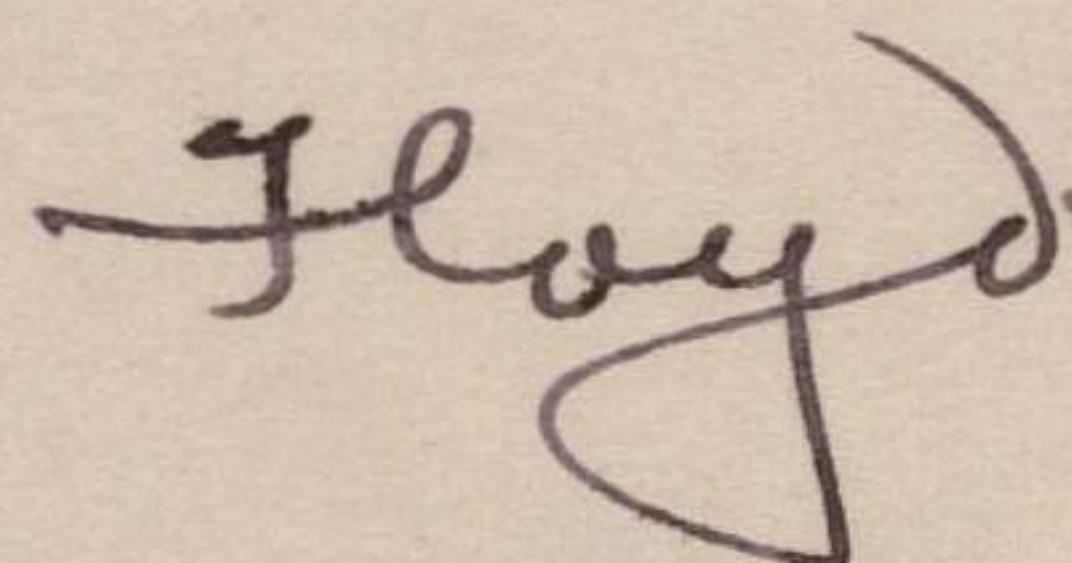
In other words, a fellow comes astride the line and the present interpretation is that he may pivot on his front foot and keep his back foot in the rear court if he cares to do so. There is also an interpretation that if he comes to a stop with one foot on the division line, he may then pivot through 360 degrees, if he cares to do so, so long as he pivots on the foot which is in contact with the division line.

This new interpretation would do away with the players' ability to do these two things. It would also do away with the interpretation which now permits a fellow with one foot on either side of the division line to dribble across the court, keeping one foot on either side of the division line.

There has been so much difference of opinion in regard to the administration of this rule that I would like to find an easy way out of it. However, in doing so, I don't think the Rules Committee has the right to place too big a responsibility on the coach, purely from a coach's standpoint. Your judgment in this matter will mean more to me than that of any one else I can think of. I have talked with Olsen at Ohio State and while I am not trying to prejudice your opinion, he feels very strongly about it, and much the same as I do.

Looking forward to getting my book back, properly autographed, and wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours



Floyd A. Rowe

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January 11, 1938.

Mr. George E. Rody,  
Evergreen Hotel,  
Vancouver, Washington.

Dear George:

No, I had not known you were out on the west coast until I received an application blank from the Goodyear people to fill out for you. I am wondering if your wife and family are with you.

We lost our first conference game last Friday night to Oklahoma, 49 to 46, so you can see what sort of a defense we have.

If I can help you in any way feel free to call upon me. The coaching game is also tough, George, and I don't know whether you are in a better job where you are or whether you could improve yourself back in a coaching job. You can count on my help.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

December 27, 1937.

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

Dear Doc:

This, no doubt, is a surprise, hearing from me in this part of the country. The fact of the matter is, conditions got so bad around St. Joseph, that I decided to try the west coast for a time.

This is wonderful country, and outside of the winter rains, the climate leaves nothing to be desired, as it remains mild most of the winter, and there is only a small variation between winter and summer. The only difficulty out here is the fight between the two Unions, which has all but ruined business for the last three months. However, if they can ever get together, there should be lots of business.

I suppose by this time that you are well on your way to another championship, and also at this time of the year, I yearn to get back into the coaching game.

I am in correspondence with Mr. T. A. Bickerstaff, Chairman of the Athletic Committee, at the University of Mississippi in regard to the basketball position at that school. This school has, in the past, had some real material, and I feel sure that if I could land the place, I could turn out good teams. If you can give me any help, it will certainly be appreciated as I know a letter from you would stand me in good stead.

I am in hopes that the family and yourself enjoyed a very nice Christmas and I hope that you enjoy a very happy New Year.

Yours very sincerely,

*Geo. E. Rody*  
Geo. E. Rody

Evergreen Hotel,  
Vancouver, Wash.



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February 23, 1938.

Mr. Frank Root,  
Basketball Coach,  
Kansas State College,  
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Frank:

Congratulations on your overwhelming and  
splendid victory over the Nebraska Cornhuskers!

This victory was something that was needed  
to make the people of your town and state realize that you  
really have a swell ball club that developed a little too  
late to cash in on the championship picture, but you do have  
a powerful machine and one that is very much better than the  
percentages indicate.

We were indeed lucky to get out of our ball  
game here in Lawrence with you without dipping our colors.  
Just lucky, I say. And then I think the Missouri Tigers  
were pretty lucky to be in a position to cash in after your  
boys were disqualified.

In other words, it would be too bad for all  
of us now if the last half of the schedule were still to be  
played with your outfit going the way they are. I am happy  
for you, Frank. You really showed what you could do with  
your full strength.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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January 22, 1938.

Mr. Orlo Robertson,  
The Associated Press,  
383 Madison Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I have delayed somewhat in answering your favor of the 14th instant, due to the fact that we took a trip down to test our mettle with the Tigers of Old Missouri, and fortunately we came out ahead of the pack, but it was a great battle. Any time you play in Tiger-land you have a fight on your hands.

By the way, I wonder if you have seen a copy of my new book, Better Basketball, published by McGraw-Hill Book Company. I am sure that they sent Alan Gould a copy, but I do not know whether you have seen it or not. If you would like to have one, I would be glad to write Mr. Curtis McGraw and have him send one over to you.

There are several yarns in there regarding some of the old timers that I know you would enjoy. I have written a chapter in the back of the book, Tales of Yesteryears. These are true stories and yarns of games that we have played, and I believe you would like some of them. So let me know.

Answering the questions regarding the K.C.A.C. outfit -- Long John Wulf was my center on the ever-victorious 1923 team at the University of Kansas. He played three years, 1921-22-23. Singer attended Central High School in Kansas City, but did not go to college. He went to the University of Missouri for one semester but returned and went into business with his father in the produce business at the market. Starbuck played with the Y.M.C.A. team out of Kansas City in the National A.A.U. tournament, played with the Hilliards, and other independent teams until he had his arm cut very severely in an automobile accident, and that ended his basketball participation.

DeBernardi went to high school at Iola, Kansas, then to Northeast High School in Kansas City, then down to Westminster at Fulton, Missouri, under Jim Pixley for a year, then played independent basketball. In 1922 he came to Kansas as a freshman. He was



here one semester, but like a lot of the itinerant stars, he wanted to make money going to college instead of getting an education, so the second semester he went with Dr. Reilly and played with the K.C.A.C. That was the extent of DeBernardi's academic work.

The boys that I have out in the coaching field at the present time - John Bunn, Stanford; Arthur "Dutch" Lomborg, Northwestern University; - both these boys played on my 1920 Kansas team. I also coached football at the same time, and Bunn and Lomborg both were my quarterback. Forrest "Frosty" Cox, head coach of the University of Colorado basketball team is another one of my boys that came later, 1928-29-30. Adolph Rupp, head coach at the University of Kentucky, played with Ackerman, Endacott, and Wulf - 1921-22-23. Louis Menze, the Iowa State College coach, and Dr. Ray Sermon, North Carolina head coach of basketball, are also some of my boys who played for me at the Teachers College at Warrensburg, Missouri. Ray Parkins, the Edison High School, Minneapolis, coach, is turning out most of Dave McMillan's boys at Minnesota, - one of my Teachers College boys who played with Menze and Sermon. I have a great number of other boys in the coaching field: Sharley Black, who played at Kansas in 1924-25-26, went to Grinnell College the following year as head basketball coach and assistant football coach to Dana Bible. He gave up his work to go with the Illinois Glass Company in their personnel department. T. C. "Tad" Reid, of Central Missouri State Teachers College, and Andrew McDonald of the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College, Springfield, also played on the 1920-21-22 teams. I have a flock of high school coaches out over the country in the larger high schools.

Now for a pick of the first team selection. Of the old timers I would put Ackerman and DeBernardi on the first outfit at forward, John Wulf at center, and I believe I would put Starbuck and Bob Mosby, of a great Kansas team or Herb Bunker, a great guard of Missouri, as guards. Mosby played with the Cook Paint Company, you remember, later, and I thought he was fine as a guard. He could shoot like Bunker could, from any place on the floor. He was agile as a leopard and as quick and resourceful as any guard I have ever seen. You just got one shot off that fellow - that was all.

In 1936 we had an ever-victorious team. The only two Kansas ever had were in 1923 and 1936, and they were the best teams that I have ever coached. When you think of the younger group, there is Charlie Hyatt, undoubtedly one of the greatest players in his playing days. We had a forward here who is playing with the Phillips 66 team, Ray Ebling, who made Chuck Taylor's all-American, and several others. I would say that Ray Ebling had everything that a forward should have. In the newer group I would put Hank Luisetti and Ray Ebling in there, Charlie Hyatt, when he was in his prime playing with Dr. Carlson's Pittsburgh team. Keogan had a center last year and still has him, Novak, and I believe there is none greater. We have played against Pittsburgh, Southern California, California, Stanford, Notre Dame, and the boys in our region, and I believe that Novak, Ebling, and Luisetti just couldn't be licked. Piggy Lambert had a guard that I thought was great, Johnny Wooden. There was another guard at Purdue that was as fine as any I have seen, and that was Norman Cotton.



Oklahoma had one of the finest forwards that I have seen, Bud Browning. And Nebraska has a guard that is great, Robert Parsons. Last year he made the all-Big Six.

Kansas has a senior guard, Fred Pralle, who in my opinion cannot be beaten in the country today. He is 6 feet, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches tall, weighs 185, and has made the all-Big Six first team selection for the past two years, and will undoubtedly make it again this year. He will be the first man in the history of the Big Six conference who has made it three years in succession. He is our high scoring player and he will average 12 to 15 points a game.

I trust that this will give you enough information to allow you to write what you desire. For six or seven years I wrote syndicated stuff sent from your Madison Avenue office.

We played down at Winfield, Kansas, this year, and I ran into a boy there named Tucker who can play on anybody's basketball team. He is one of the finest post players. It is unfortunate for him that he had a guard, named Harp - a sophomore, who plays the post man perfectly, and he held him down to a couple of goals, but up here he got five. I think he is only a second year man down there, and when he plays his other two years at Southwestern George Gardner will have one of the high scorers of the country.

By the way, I think George Gardner was just as good a basketball player in the early days as I have seen. However, George was not the player his younger brother Jimmie was, so you see it is a tough job to pick star basketball players because there are so many of them.

If I come to New York I will drop in and have a visit with you and Charlie Grumich.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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# The Associated Press

NEW YORK

JAN. 14, 1938

DR. FORREST C. ALLEN,  
UNIV. OF KANSAS,  
LAWRENCE, KANS.

DEAR PHOG:--

FOR A SERIES OF STORIES TO BE CARRIED BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, I AM ASKING A FEW OF THE LEADING COACHES AND OFFICIALS OF THE COUNTRY TO SELECT THEIR ALL-TIME, ALL-AMERICA COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAMS.

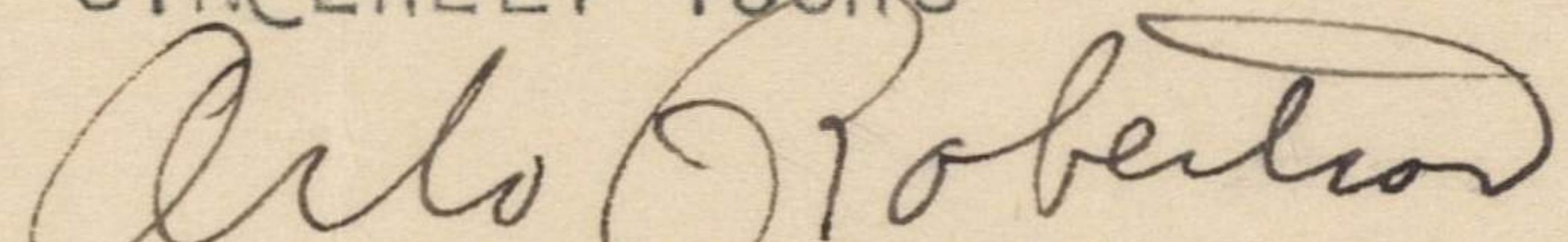
YOU SHOULD BE A GOOD AUTHORITY AS YOU HAVE SEEN JUST ABOUT THE BEST THE MID-WEST HAS PRODUCED IN THE LAST 20 OR 30 YEARS. BEING FROM WINFIELD, I NATURALLY THINK THAT THE GAME HAS PRODUCED FEW ~~XX~~ GREATER PLAYERS THAN DE BERNARDI, ACKERMAN, PETE REIF, THE GARDNER BROTHERS OF ARK. CITY AND SOME OF YOUR STARS AT K.U. JOHN BUNN TOLD ME RECENTLY THAT KANSAS' FRESHMAN TEAM OF ABOUT 1922 (DE BERNARDI, ACKERMAN AND ETC) WAS JUST ABOUT THE BEST HE HAS SEEN.

MAYBE YOU CAN ALSO TELL ME WHETHER LONG JOHN WOLFF, SINGER AND STARBUCK OF THE OLD K.C.A.C. TEAM EVER ATTENDED COLLEGE.

IN MAKING YOUR SELECTIONS, I WOULD APPRECIATE A LITTLE COMMENT ON EACH PLAYER, ALSO THE NAMES OF A FEW OF THE GREATEST TEAMS YOU HAVE SEEN. MAYBE IT WOULD BE EASIER, IF YOU WOULD NAME TWO TEAMS.

IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE THE INFORMATION WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR TEN DAYS. MANY THANKS FOR THE COOPERATION.

SINCERELY YOURS

  
ORLO ROBERTSON



January 18, 1933.

Mr. Orlo Robertson,  
The Associated Press,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Your letter of the 14th instant was received in today's mail. I am leaving this afternoon with the basketball team for Columbia, Missouri, where we play on the 19th. Immediately on my return I shall be glad to take up the points mentioned in your letter.

Trusting the slight delay will not greatly inconvenience you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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July 2, 1938.

Mr. Roy Roberts,  
Managing Editor,  
The Kansas City Star,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Roy:

I imagine you are off on your vacation at the present time, but I want to thank you for the many kindnesses that you have extended to me. You will recall that I dropped by your office and had a little chat with you last March or April.

The Athletic Board was kind enough to increase my salary \$200.00 and the Board of Regents confirmed it this time. You will recall that I told you once before that after the Chancellor had promised me there would be no reduction in salary and the University Budget Committee approved it, the Board of Regents cut \$500.00 off of my salary. And that \$500.00 was cut from a salary that had already been reduced 30% when our University faculty group had been cut during the depression.

Getting back this \$200.00 helps, and I know that you must have played a very potent part, for which I thank you.

Wishing you continued health and prosperity, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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June 27, 1938.

Mr. Blaine Riley,  
717 Grant Avenue,  
Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Dear Blaine:

I am very happy to hear from you and to know that you are contemplating entering the University of Kansas next September to pursue work in the School of Engineering. Of course, I am unacquainted with your talents and I would not know what sort of a job you would be able to command.

As far as the School of Engineering is concerned I would suggest that you write to Dean Ivan C. Crawford, of that school, and ask what the restrictions are in the way of outside work and the amount of school work that may be carried.

A great many of the boys who enter the University of Kansas do work, but it is rather a difficult assignment to carry a heavy outside working schedule and complete satisfactorily a course of study. Are you planning on other outside activities? I presume so, because you have written me about a job. In what branches of athletics do you expect to participate? This is an added burden when you expect to be efficient in the three - study, work, and athletics.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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717 Grant Ave.  
Baxter Spgs,  
Kansas.

F. C. Allen  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am planning to enter  
the University of Kansas next September  
to pursue an engineering course. As I am  
in need of a job to complete my school  
year I wonder if <sup>you</sup> could tell me definitely  
what kind of a job I could get and if I am  
restricted to any certain amount of working  
hours. I would appreciate this very much  
for I wish to make a schedule.

I remain,

Blaine Ribey.



July 7, 1938.

Professor F. L. Brown,  
School of Engineering,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Chief:

Some two weeks ago I received an undated letter written on a blank sheet of paper, copy of which is enclosed. I did not know who Blaine Riley was, coming from Baxter Springs, so I wrote him the same as I would write John Doe or Richard Roe.

In a few days I received a reply to my letter to Blaine Riley. I remember that you introduced him from Miami, Oklahoma, but the only name that I got was Riley, and of course you can see that there wouldn't be one chance in a thousand of my associating Blaine Riley from Baxter Springs with Riley, the young man whom I met at the Country Club as from Miami, Oklahoma.

When I got this second letter it did not set very well with me and I have answered the young man just the way I would talk to a son of mine who would expect to chisel something on account of his athletic ability, and not as far as his ability to earn money that he would work for was concerned. I think you know me well enough, Chief, not to be very sympathetic with some young chap who thinks he is a hot shot athlete. These fellows always come to grief because they think they are the answer to a coach's prayer. I have never won championships depending on this type of fellow. Any championships that I might have won have been from working with a group of boys who wanted to give everything and not get everything.

If a young high school or junior college graduate thinks that some coach who has been fairly successful is going to do a double handspring endeavoring to attract a fellow of this kind he is all wrong. I have never done it and never will. Giving this fellow a job at 35¢ an hour, as far as I am concerned, is a break. And if he thinks just because he has some basketball ability that is going to make me break my neck he is wrong. He sometimes forgets that he might get a degree from the school and might get fairly good basketball training along with it. As far as I am concerned if he gets any more he will be lucky unless he hustles for it and shows some degree of appreciation.



I endeavored to call you four or five times before I wrote this letter because I do appreciate your kindness in trying to interest this young man in K. U., but in my opinion he needs a prior course in mental leveling before he gets on Mt. Oread.

Fraternally yours,

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Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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July 7, 1938.

Mr. Blaine Riley,  
717 Grant Avenue,  
Baxter Springs, Kansas.

My dear Blaine:

Yes, I do remember you quite well, now, Blaine, but from your previous letter, which was undated and which carried the address 717 Grant Avenue, Baxter Springs, Kansas, you can readily see that a fellow who meets several hundred young men would not associate Blaine Riley from Baxter Springs with the fellow he met out at the Country Club with Professor Brown who introduced you as Mr. Riley from Miami, Oklahoma.

I imagine I have met 20 or 25 young men this year named Riley, and we associate them with their town and their state, rather than their name. I do not recall that your given name was even mentioned out at the Country Club, and you can readily see why. Blaine Riley from Baxter Springs would mean no more than John Doe from Eldorado Springs.

What I wanted you to do was write me a letter calling attention to the fact that you had met me in company with Professor Brown, and stating that you were desirous of working. And of course I expected you to set forth in your letter some of your special talents that you might possess which would qualify you for a job.

You can understand that the only reason you were speaking to me about a job was because you play basketball. You are expecting to receive your degree in engineering. It is perfectly logical and thinkable that you would look to the Engineering School primarily for the aid that you might desire.

Professor Brown spoke to me about you and asked if I would help and I was very happy to do all that I could, but I do not want you to feel that just because you play basketball you would confer a great favor upon me or upon the University should you make the varsity. I have always tried to impress on my sons and other young men who play for Kansas that the real joy and benefit is accruing to the boy who is playing and not to the University and to the coach.



I know that many boys shop around and peddle their athletic wares for a mess of pottage. Boys sometimes are prone to feel that should they play on a team that wins a championship that they have really done a great service to their school. Rather, the reverse is true. A great opportunity is afforded a boy to play on a varsity team because he has the best of care and coaching, all equipment is furnished him free, he is taken on trips, and he is built up sometimes far too great.

On the other hand, more of an emphasis should be placed upon his school work because it is that work wherein he is going to earn his bread and butter if he passed his course satisfactorily. Athletics only should give a favorable introduction for the young man in society and business. If he looks for more he is like the fellow who expects the pay-off at the wrong end.

I am sending you a copy of your first letter so that you can see that you neither informed me that you met me at the Lawrence Country Club or met me at any time. You did not tell me what you could do in the way of work, and yet in your second letter you expected me to say that I would give you a particular kind of work. I told you, when I was speaking to you at the Country Club, that the work here paid 35¢ an hour, and that any boy could not reasonably expect to work more than two hours a day along with his school work. You will have to admit, after looking at this letter of yours, that it wouldn't help me if I would put it in my files as far as learning anything about the individual is concerned.

In your second letter, which was also undated, you stated that you would endeavor to refresh my memory. Had you stated in your first letter what you did in the second there would have been no necessity of your second letter. Or when you were at the Country Club had you told me that you resided in Baxter Springs, and that you played at Miami Junior College, then I might have understood, but none of this information was given me.

Can it be that someone persuaded you to leave your high school at Baxter Springs and go to Miami, Oklahoma, to play on a junior college team? If they did that damn there I want you to know there is no such thing in my mind concerning your coming to the University of Kansas. If you are especially concerned in getting an engineering degree, and incidentally in playing basketball, then I would be glad to help you. But if you are expecting me to get you a job because you are a basketball player, I am afraid that I am a very poor employment agency.

You state that you are an all-state man and should make good material, but my advice to you would be to not endeavor to sell your all-state talents until you have set yourself up as a good risk in an employment way. Remember, you have got to earn this



money when you work for it.

Answering your postscript - yes, we do have some work here in the Physical Education Department, but it is not contingent upon your ability to play basketball. If you want to come like the rest of the boys and earn your 35¢ an hour on your merits as a worker and not as an athlete, then I think we might get along fine.

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



717 Grant Ave.  
Baxter Sps.,  
Kansas.

Mr. F. C. Allen  
Director of Physical Education  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am very sorry  
that you have forgotten me so soon but I  
will try to refresh your memory. I am  
the fellow Professor Brown introduced to  
you when you were just completing your  
game of golf. Remember! You ask me to write  
you a letter so you could put it in your files.  
I have done that. Now you know I will  
play basketball and study engineering. So  
I will wait until I hear from you again  
before I make anymore plans, for I must  
have a job before going any farther. Thanking



you and hoping you remember I am an  
All-state man, and should make you good material,

I remain,

Blaine Riley.

P.S. Now do you know of any job I  
could take care of while going to school?



July 15, 1938.

Mr. Blaine Riley,  
717 Grant Avenue,  
Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Dear Blaine:

This will acknowledge your letter of July 12th. In my last two letters I have written you asking you to tell me what talents you have in the way of work. What I mean by that is have you worked any in high school or junior college, and what did you do during those hours you worked?

I have again very carefully read my letter that I wrote you on July 7, and I placed special emphasis upon knowing what type of work you did. It would be necessary for me to know that so I could place you more intelligently in some sort of a job. You can easily see that it would be very difficult for me to get you a job sight unseen, because we must know what an individual does before we can place him in any sort of a job.

I would also like to see a transcript of your grades in high school and junior college.

If you have \$150 for the year to enroll at Kansas this would pay your tuition and incidental expenses, and we could give you two hours a day at 35¢ an hour and allow you to work on Saturday at the same rate, if your grades are sufficient to permit you to do outside work. I think you could carry two hours without jeopardizing your studies. If you are willing to submit to this kind of a schedule I think you would make a success of it.

When you walk into a store to buy a suit of clothes and if the clerk tells you the suit is worth \$50.00, then it must be necessary for you to have confidence in that man's integrity to be sure of the value of the suit. If you haven't, then you could reasonably worry as to whether you are being cheated or not. If our word isn't good enough for you, then I am afraid you would be unhappy.

I expect to be in Lawrence the next two weeks, so if you care to write me further I would be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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July 12, 1938  
719 Grant Ave.  
Baxter Spgs.,  
Kansas.

Mr. F. C. Allen  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen: —

I am sorry  
Mr. Allen we have misunderstood each other  
as we have. For my only thought was to  
obtain a job. I am not trying to sell myself  
as a basketball player, I am only trying to  
get an education which is far more  
important to me than anything else.

I am quite willing  
to work for 35¢ an hour like the rest  
of the boys if only you would give  
me a definite answer about a job. Hoping  
to hear from you,

Respectively,  
Blaine Riley



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August 12, 1938.

Mr. Blaine Riley,  
717 Grant Ave.,  
Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Dear Blaine:

I have read your letter of July 22 two or three times before answering the same. I do not know exactly what to tell you.

So far as your doing any architectural work or tracing of maps on projects of any kind, that is entirely in the province of the Engineering school. The way I feel now is that if you want to enter the University of Kansas and present yourself as a student in the Engineering school, I will do everything I can to help you help yourself. However, I cannot promise you employment for a certain amount because I do not have the job for you. But if you are worthy and have the ability to work, I will endeavor to find you employment.

I do not want you to come to the University feeling that somebody has promised you so much per month. You would be disappointed if things did not work out that way, and I would be disappointed if you felt that I was promising you work on account of your athletic ability.

If your grades are good enough, it might be well for you to make application for a CSEP job. These jobs pay a minimum of \$15.00 per month. If you are interested in this angle I suggest that you address a letter to the Secretary, CSEP Office, University of Kansas. It is possible they could place you on a special project in the Engineering school.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



July 22, 1958  
717 Grant Ave.  
Barker Jags, Kansas.

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

Dear Mr. Allen: —

I will attempt to

tell you what kind of work I am capable of doing. First you said something about me working in Jr. College. I did. I worked in the checking room, handling all the equipment, taking care of it, so if you could get me a job in your check room I am sure I could fulfill the job. I have also worked in a library and I am a very capable teacher of just any sport. As a recreational supervisor I have had experience along that line. I can't think of anything along the sporting line that I couldn't



and wouldn't do. If you should happen to need some architectural work or tracing of maps, projects of any kind, I can do that also for I've done work of that kind. (type). Very much in fact.

You asked for my transcript. I will get that to you as soon as possible. The person I must see has gone on his vacation but I assure you it will be there.

Hoping you can find a place for my talent and you have a wonderful vacation,  
I remain,

Respectively yours,

Blaine Bell



December 24, 1937.

Mr. Bill Radencio,  
1327 Minnesota Ave.,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

My dear Bill:

I appreciate your very nice letter of the 9th of December, and am sorry that I postponed writing you. But I have just been more than covered with a mass of detail, and the day before Christmas finds me at my desk trying to relieve some of that congestion and wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year.

It was nice of you to write as you did. Bill, you have got a lot of brains, and if you can just keep your chin up and stay in there it will be many times worth your while. The difference between a college trained man and a man trained from the university of hard knocks is that most everybody will give a college trained man the breaks.

You stay in there with Mr. Harry Darby. If he promises you that he will do something for you, he will. He is one of the most influential young men in Kansas City, and I know that if you put your best foot forward with him he will do a lot of things for you.

I know that you will desire to remind him occasionally of his desire to help you until you get a job, and then if you get the job after the first of the year be sure that you go out of your way occasionally to tell him how grateful you are for his having helped you. But until he does, be sure that you remind him in your nicest way possible, quite often.

If you do not get lined up after the first of the year, please let me hear from you, Bill.

I appreciated your thoughtful Christmas card which arrived this morning. I assure you I will help you in every way possible.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a very Prosperous and Happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education.



December 9, 1937

1327 Minnesota Ave.

Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Doctor Allen;

I am hoping this letter finds you in the best of spirits and I'm sure it will wish you projects for another championship ball team. How did you like the Freshman game? You've really got a swell bunch of boys to take over next year haven't you?

You know Doctor, I've obtained some of the greatest experience in my life. This lay-off of a year has taught me more than any book ever could. This old world is moving and it refuses to wait for anyone. I'll sure appreciate school much more next year.

I know your awfully busy at this time of the year so I never troubled you for assistance in finding work. I think I can find work during the Christmas holidays and Mr. Harry Darby is looking the field over for me. I have known him for some time and he has much influence.

He also is a personal friend of Mr. Mitchell and he thinks I can go to work there after the first of the year.

Hoping to hear from you when time permits,  
I remain

Sincerely yours:

Bell Radlauer