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

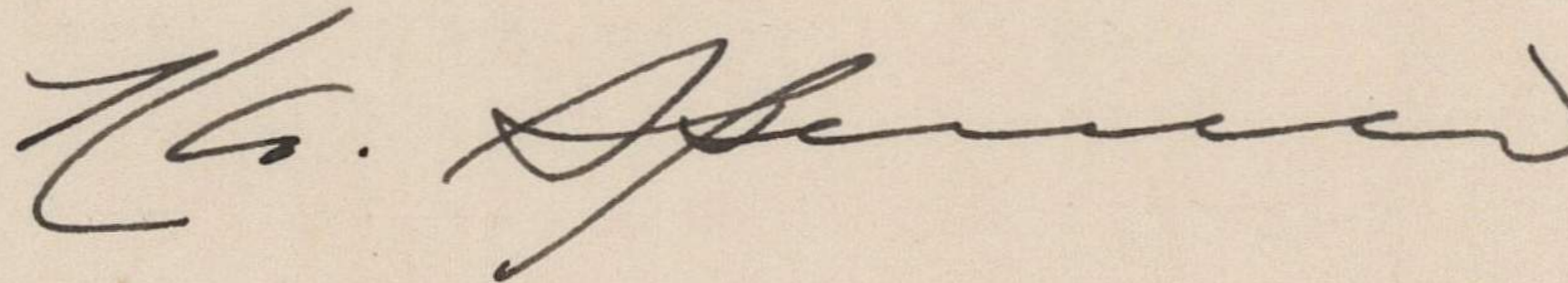
Dear Doc:

I was delighted to have your letter of November 17  
and appreciate your kind reference to the work we  
are doing in southeastern Kansas.

George Nettels has brought to our attention the fact  
that the Hammer brothers are looking for work in con-  
nection with the Jayhawk Ordnance Works. (I believe you  
should appreciate the name of this new undertaking)  
The Hammer brothers have completely filled their appli-  
cation blanks and have, to the best of my knowledge,  
qualified. It is our plan to use them in the permanent  
guard which will be quite an important part of our  
permanent organization.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Kansas-Missouri  
football game and thanking you for the splendid seats  
we have had this year, I am, with best personal re-  
gards,

Sincerely yours



KAS:bah



November 6, 1941

Mrs. Theodosia Powell Smith  
Feature Writer  
The Journal  
Peoria, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Smith,

You will please pardon me for not answering your good letter of October 26 sooner. The truth of the matter is that I've been so "bloomin" busy that I've failed to respond as readily as I desired. Congratulations on your appointment as feature writer of the Journal. I know that you must be very happy now that you are back to your "first love". It must be a great thing for a newspaper woman to get back doing the thing that provides such a vicarious existence.

I assure you that I am sorry that you cannot be here for our basketball season, but you are in a town where basketball is emphasized very strongly. Coach Robertson of Bradley Tech. always has a fine team, and I know that you will enjoy their games. Our team is young, but I believe it will show a degree of promise.

I assure you that it was a great pleasure to do any small favor that I could for you in your coming to Lawrence. I thought so much of Day, he was a grand gentleman. And your son, William, is also a fine gentleman so you have many pleasant memories I am sure.

If at any time I can be of any service in any way to you please do not fail to call upon me. With all good wishes I am

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

FCA/pg



Oct. 26th

128 Flora Ave.

Peria Ill.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am enclosing the foot  
ball tickets sent to me as house  
mother of the Sig Eps, which position  
I left last spring. In leaving  
Lawrence so suddenly I had  
no time to see my friends and  
say good bye. I was offered  
my old position as a ~~feature~~  
feature writer on the Journal  
here and felt I could not re-  
fuse such an opportunity -

The tickets were delayed in



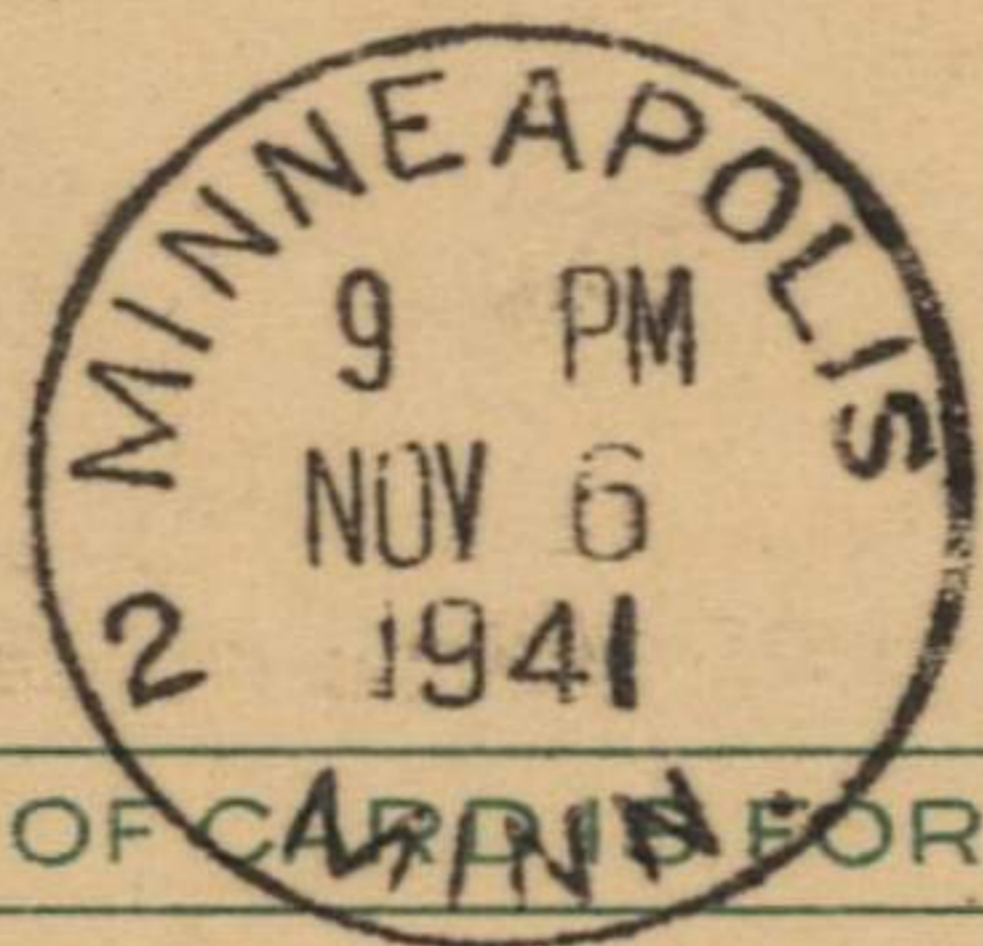
reaching me due to the fact<sup>2</sup>  
the envelope had a two cent stamp  
and I was too busy to go to the  
post office -

I shall miss seeing your  
boys play basket ball, one of my  
favorite sports I wish you all  
success and again thank  
you for my introduction  
in Lawrence and your  
help in my securing my  
position - Day thought so much  
of you and greatly valued  
your fine friendship.

Sincerely

Theodora Powell Smith





THIS SIDE OF CARD FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Phog Allen,  
Athletic Department,  
Kansas University,  
LAWRENCE, KAN.



Highland Station #7,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Allen:

The newspapers here have just reported a blast that you let off recently regarding commercialization of athletics, particularly basketball. You'll probably get some nasty letters in reply. There must be hundreds like myself, however, who applaud a man of your fame in sports daring to criticise what many of us believe to be a situation ruinous to college sport. Many of us are inarticulate and say nothing. This note is probably classified as a "crank" letter, but I've always thought that if some of us would speak out a little plainer, we might save a bad condition. A salute to you, Phog, and be sure that not everyone is against your stand.

*H. L. Smith*



October 25, 1941

W. D. Saunders Co.  
West Washington Square  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs,

Mr. Henry Shenk, who is an instructor in physical education has taken Mr. Burt DeGroot's place in the department of physical education here at the University.

However, Mr. Shenk is not teaching a course in Corrective Physical Education.

Sincerely,

Secretary to the Department of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

PMG/g



October 23, 1941

*Shoake*  
Mr. Elmer Shokey  
Athletic Director  
Lawrence Memorial High School  
Lawrence; Kansas

Dear Elmer,

I enjoyed my visit with you this morning and my talk to the students at your high school. Thank you for helping us out.

Mel Bishop, the coach of Southwest High School in Kansas City, Mo. spoke to Frank Gage, an old Southwest player and a freshman on our basketball team concerning the possibility of scheduling a pre-season game with your Lawrence High School team here in Lawrence. If you're interested won't you write Mel Bishop or call him up? I believe it will make a nice contest. Jack Ballard and Charles Black on the Varsity and Frank Gage on the freshman team are all Southwest players so they want to see their high school in action if possible.

With all good wishes I am

Sincerely,

FCA /PE

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach



October 23, 1941

Mr. A. M. Slania  
Room 207  
537 S. Dearborn St.  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Slania,

In reply to your inquiry of October 17 I am very happy to enclose the printed pamphlet containing the four-year curriculum in physical education at the University of Kansas with a definition of the courses offered.

If you have further questions pertaining to our department I'll be very happy to hear from you.

Sincerely,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach



Chicago, Ill.

Oct. 17, 1941

University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Gentlemen:

Please send me your catalog and such  
descriptive matter as will inform  
me of both the curriculum and the  
opportunity connected with a course in  
Physical Education.

Very truly yours,

*A. M. Slania*

A. M. Slania  
Room 207 - 537 S. Dearborn St.  
Chicago, Ill.



October 21, 1941

M. B. Saunders Co.  
218 West Washington Square  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Gentlemen,

Mr. James Raport is no longer with the Department of Physical Education here at the University of Kansas.

We thought you might like to know so that you could discontinue sending him communications here.

Sincerely,

PMG/g

Secretary to the Department of Physical Education  
University of Kansas



October 16, 1941

Mr. Lee Sherman  
3310 Oak St.  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Sherman,

Your very kind letter dated October 13 with enclosure has been received by me. Since I have nothing to do with the direction of inter-collegiate athletics and since I am now Director of Physical Education, but do coach the basketball and baseball teams, I am handing your letter to Mr. Earl Falkenstien, who was financial secretary under me and who is continuing in the same capacity under Mr. Gwinn Henry, Director of Athletics and football coach.

I am very sure that Mr. Falkenstien will be happy to cooperate with you to the best of his ability. I am sure that you will hear from him in a very short while.

I desire to congratulate you on the fine work that you're doing with these young chaps. You are making it possible for them to enjoy high-lights in sports, and in the doing of this work, you're stimulating finer interests in young manhood. Their association with you is very much worth while I am sure.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

FCA/PS



October 10, 1941

Mr. Cy Sherman  
Sports Editor  
Lincoln Star  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Cy,

Inclosed please find a carbon copy of a second letter that I have written to W.H. Browne. I thought you might be interested in this matter that I over-looked in my first letter to Brownie.

Sincerely yours,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach



October 10, 1941.

Dr. M. G. Sloe,  
Mills Building,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Sloe:

I desire to thank you personally for your generosity in making it possible for a very deserving young man to remain in school. This young man's father was a Spanish-American war veteran and was killed. The mother is in the home at Dodge City, and the young man in question had a brother who was killed by lightning this summer.

This chap is one of the finest young men that I know of and he is not an athletic tramp by any manner of means. He will make a name for himself, and you without doubt will receive a letter from him. Later on he will call on you in person to thank you. Before he is out of the University it is my opinion that his name will be on the tongues of a great many of the faculty members and athletic followers.

Mr. Hitt, our assistant registrar, has spoken of him, saying that he is one of the finest young men that he had met. He is a fine student, a fine athlete, and a real gentleman. Mr. Hitt was a Summerfield scholar and a brilliant teacher of mathematics, so I am sure that his evaluation is a real recommendation.

Again thanking you, and assuring you that the first time I am in Topeka I will stop by to express our thanks for your generosity, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.



October 6, 1941.

Mr. Charles L. Shugart,  
Principal, Lansing High School,  
Lansing, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Shugart:

I have just engaged an excellent six-man football referee for you. He is Robert Lee "Buck" Thomas, who is one of the best officials we have both in eleven-man football and six-man football.

Thomas refereed the varsity all-star - freshman game that was played at the Haskell stadium for the Bill Hargiss benefit fund. I watched him and he did a splendid job on it.

You can count on efficient service, and I will guarantee to you that he will have no arguments on either side. He will run the ball game and the boys will know it. He is courteous and efficient.

Mr. Thomas will bring an umpire with him and I have told him that you will pay \$10.00 for the two officials and \$1.00 for the gasoline expense money.

After the game is played on Friday I would be happy to have a letter from you telling me what you think of the officiating. We desire to recommend only the very best.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

FCA:AH



October 6, 1941.

Mr. Cy Sherman,  
Sports Editor,  
Lincoln Star,  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Cy:

Harold Browne wrote Fred Ware a long letter regarding the statement that I made when I spoke to the football squad at William Jewell College. Last fall I spoke to the all-star high school football players in Kansas City, Kansas, and in endeavoring to picture to the boys the true status, as I saw it, of present "big time" football, I also tried to tell them some of the things that most coaches who picture the rosy side do not say.

I am sending you a carbon copy of my letter to Lt. Col. Browne.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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Encl.



Oct. 2, 1941

Mr. Lawrence Servais  
Gove, Kansas

Dear Mr. Servais,

The wrestler's or the boxer's stance is generally called  
"An Apeman's Stance".

The individual is crouched with knees definitely bent, arms  
and shoulders drawn in, with hands and forearms extended.  
The head is drawn well back into the shoulders and the indi-  
vidual presents a militant, aggressive, fighting position.

It is more of a waddle than it is a walk. The biceps and  
shoulders are swung much like a quadruped who walks on his  
hind legs.

If this is not a sufficient description, please write me  
further and I will attempt to elaborate.

Sincerely yours,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach



Gove, Kansas  
September 27, 1941

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am enclosing a stamp, and will you please tell me what is a wrestler's stance? And what is a boxer's stance.

I am coaching basketball in the Gove Rural High School.

Sincerely,

*Lawrence Servais*  
Lawrence Servais



Oct. 1, 1941

Mr. Willis Stetson  
Basketball Coach  
Swarthmore College  
Swarthmore, Pa.

Dear Bill,

Believe it or not, I've been carrying your letter of May 27 on my desk for all this time waiting for an opportunity whereby I could write you a long and lengthy epistle such as your good letter.

I handled our Varsity baseball in addition to my own administrative duties last spring so that tied me up more definitely than I had been heretofore. Then, I had a great many high school commencement dates, and in addition, I had a lot of grapefruit and lettuce speeches to make, so the summer came on and since I taught eight classes in the summer session and had complete charge of the University summer recreation course, I still found myself busy.

As soon as that was finished I went to Iowa to a coaching school which was conducted by Clarke Shaughnessey, Bernie Bierman, Henry Iba, and myself. On Sept. 6, my daughter, Jane, was married to a young Princeton man who resides in Chicago, and if you have women folk who have to do with weddings you can appreciate what a busy time we had. Then, on Sept. 15 we got our youngest son, Bob, and our youngest daughter, Eleanor, on their way to the University of Pennsylvania. Bob is studying medicine--he graduated from here last June. His address is Room 44, Morris Hall, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. Eleanor wanted to get away from home after her sophomore year, so she is enrolled in the School of Fine Arts and she is living at 415 Sergeant Hall, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

Please do not feel at all that you are under any obligations to see him until you have an opportunity, but I know that Bob would be glad to see you if you have any time. We are alone in our big house here and the way we locate each other is by keeping still and listen for the other rattling around--like two dried peas in a pod--so you see, that's easy.

Eleanor and Bob attended the Kansas-Temple game in Philadelphia last Friday night and seemed to have a good time. We got a fine letter from Eleanor and instead of being homesick she is enthusiastically liking it more every day and we know that Bob realizes that he is entering a profession that takes close application and much work to get the proper training.



Now, talking shop just a little--the Eastern boys of course favor higher backboards because of the highly promotive element of the game that they indulge in. They are thinking about those extra seats behind the backboard that they can sell for more if they can see through it--don't worry, the rules committee will never sanction a back stop, and the fan-shaped backboard will stay.

I have a letter from Val Lentz of Westpoint and I told him frankly that a group of the Eastern coaches were going to cause a rift between the rules committee at the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

Nels Norgren, head coach at the University of Chicago, and president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches appointed me as chairman of the rules committee for the coaches association, but I refused the honor, if it is such, because the person in control of the coaches association is going to get in dutch in my opinion by allowing the Yiddishers to run the show.

I wish that I might write you a longer letter, but my time is gone, so please give the Allen's love to your lovely wife and your fine mother. And by the way--your fraternity brother, Howard Engleman is now with Phillip's Petroleum Co. at Bartlesville, Okla. He made a fine record in academics and athletics and was elected president of the senior class in the School of Business. We are very proud of chaps such as he.

With kindest regards and best wishes I am

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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## SANDERS COMPLAINS

Coach Sanders, of W. and J., although pleased at the outcome, was far from jubilant.

"I thought we were at least 10 points better than Villanova," he said, "and we would have showed it except for the official interpretations. We're not used to such 'homer' decisions."

Sanders' complaint was based

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SWARTHMORE COLLEGE  
SWARTHMORE, PA.

Altamont  
Bellevue Park  
between Coffeyville

ATHLETICS

March 27, 1941

Dear Mr. Allen:

After making some very good attempts to sit down and pen you a few lines I have finally gotten down to actually doing it. No doubt you can appreciate how easy it is to put off catching up in your correspondence so I'll not ask your forgiveness but merely assume that I have it.

I was talking with Bob Reed last week and learned that you came out tied for the leadership in your league. That was swell, as were the victories over Nebraska which I noted in our papers. I couldn't always locate your scores but I did note those two. We completed our season with a record of nine (9) wins and seven (7) losses which completely satisfied me. With what I had left after last year's seniors graduated I would have been pleased with .500 ball. Our last game was a good win over Lafayette so that a good taste was left in everyone's mouths.

I am enclosing several clippings from Phila. papers which I thought you might like to read. The article on the W. + J. vs. Villanova game included some remarks about a certain



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young man who posed as a referee the night of your Temple game. The short dark complexioned one as you will recall. I also told "Jocks" Collins, the other official that night, that you were quite pleased with his work and he was very pleased to hear it.

That brings up one point about this grand game of basketball over which I am concerned and about which something had better be done soon or else it will be a permanent injury to the sport. I refer to the vast difference in officiating in various parts of our country due to the widely different interpretations of various rules as written in the official rules. Specifically I could mention three points on which sectional interpretations are common. One, is traveling with the ball. In this section it is called very strict but we go to play a New York State team or a team in New England and you might just as well hand them the ball at mid-court for they practically walk that far with it anyway. Second is the pick-off or block or screen (whichever you prefer to call it) In some sections of the U. S. one might as well put on shoulder pads & go to it for it appears that blocking isn't written as a foul. And thirdly I prefer to charging. I think I have seen more poor fouls called this year over an interpretation of this rule than on any one other single rule. It seems to me that this



SWARTHMORE COLLEGE  
SWARTHMORE, PA.

## ATHLETICS

Could well afford to be clarified for the sake of all. Some officials put all responsibility on the man with the ball while others throw it all on the defensive player.

I'm looking forward to the outcome of the meeting you folks are having in Kansas City over the rules. If I interpret correctly the outcome of the coaches meeting in New York, they favor elimination of the 3 second rule. That may be a good thing but it would add to the value of tall men. I also read where they favored the present size backboards, but preferred glass. The last part I most heartily disagree with & sincerely trust you shall not allow it to become a suggestion for future years.

Now that basketball is over (although I'm still watching the state high school play-offs) I'm trying to take a rest prior to the start of baseball where I handle the Freshman. Teaching & coaching as I do, and in addition having to coach the basketball team at the high school where I teach, keeps me more than busy so that I'm sort of glad to <sup>see</sup> the close of the season roll around. I've tried several times to do something about



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becoming located in one position for I feel it would be better physically as well as being able to do a better job. I have always hoped that Swarthmore would want me as a full time man but after another recent chat with our new President, I'm convinced that this is a very remote possibility and probably would only come about should someone now in the department leave. It is not such a bright outlook and yet because I am so fond of my Alma Mater I keep hoping that the "break" will come my way. Enjoying as I do the coaching of the varsity basketball team I want to keep on with it until something in the way of an advancement appears and so I'm going to ask to be relieved of coaching the high school team next year. I'm hoping some of my friends on the school board will help put it through.

Well, Mr. Allen, I sure trust that you were satisfied with your season and that you have in the offing a fine team for next year. Please give my regards, and those of my wife, Jean & Mrs. Allen, Eleanor & Bob. Say hello to my fraternity brother Howard Engleman for me when you see him.

Write when you find an opportunity and best of luck to you.

Sincerely  
Willis (Bill) Steben



September 17, 1941.

Coach Walter T. Hunt,  
Potwin, Kansas.

Dear Coach Hunt:

I am very sorry that I have been unable to answer your kind letter of the 8th instant sooner. We are in the midst of enrollment, which has caused us to delay answering some of the letters that have come to my desk.

If you have access to a copy of my book, "Better Basketball", which you no doubt have in your school library, you will find a complete description and photographs of a shoulder brace that I think is just what your boy needs. Look on pages 362 and 363 of the book for the pictures and description.

I had this brace made for a boy who was attending a prep school in the east, and it has proven very successful. Lowe & Campbell Athletic Goods Company, of Kansas City, made the brace, and will make others on order. It is rather expensive, but is very efficient in cases such as you describe.

With best wishes to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.



Toledo Kansas  
Sept 8, 1941

Attachment  
letter  
etc

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

Dear Sir:- I have a boy in school whose right arm throws out at the shoulder. We had him examined by a specialist last year who found that the arm has a tendency to pull out of the socket toward the front when holding a weight. Sometimes a quick motion may throw it out. It came out twice last year on the basket ball court.

The doctor recommended that he quit athletics until this fall. He seems O.K. now but I would like to get some form of support to protect him and also make him feel free while in the game. Can you recommend a support that would do him any good? He is my best Basket Ball player. He made an average of 14 points <sup>per game</sup> in the 6 games that he played last year.

Sincerely yours  
Walter T. Hensh  
H.S. coach



September 29, 1941.

Mr. Dick Sklar,  
1815 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Dick:

I had hoped that I would not have to write you and remind you again of your obligation to me made several years ago. In your previous explanations made to me some time ago you told of the birth of a child and the expense of family life which kept you from meeting your obligations.

I realize these very definitely, since I have had six children. However, I realize that my credit is one of the most valuable obligations.

I have read and heard of your fine football officiating schedule this year. Since I did this a number of years I know how convenient it was to pay off some of my added obligations with officiating money.

I am writing you asking if you will not reduce this indebtedness to me somewhat -- even week by week or by the month. Since you are quite active in alumni gatherings I know that you want to have good credit.

With good wishes to you, and hoping to have a reply at an early date, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

FCA:AH



FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY  
WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION  
KANSAS

Leavenworth, Kansas,  
September 26, 1941.

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

Dear Doc:

Thanks for your letter of last week.

Upon checking my library, I find that I do not have a copy of your book, "Better Basket Ball." I did not use your copy of the book since 1939, but used Fred Harris', as we had the class together.

Hoping this will check with your records, I remain,

Sincerely,

*George Stapleton*

GS:mrn



Sept. 27, 1941

Mr. David L. Shirk  
Coach Augusta High School  
Augusta, Kansas

Dear David,

It will be a pleasure for me to help you in every possible way regarding the position here in Lawrence. Would you like for me to see in your behalf Mr. John Jacobs, principal of the junior high school; Mr. Neal Wherry, principal of the senior high school; and Mr. Clifford Dean, the superintendant?

I will be glad to talk with them if you wish me to do so.

What I want to do, Dave, is to help you---so you tell me how far you wish to go.

Yes, Maurice Cannady's number is up and he is to be called about Oct. 16. I suggest that you let me know right away or better still if you will get in touch with the people that I've mentioned. Then I could help you when the thing is opened up.

It may be that the administrators plan on pushing someone of their own personnel into Maurice's place. As soon as I hear from you I'll know how to move, but I want word from you before I do so.

Regarding what little I've been able to do for you --it has been a distinct pleasure for me. You have earned every penny that you have got.

Give my kindest regards to your good wife and remember that I'm constantly pulling for you.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

AUGUSTA, KANSAS

September 24, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Physical Education Dept.  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

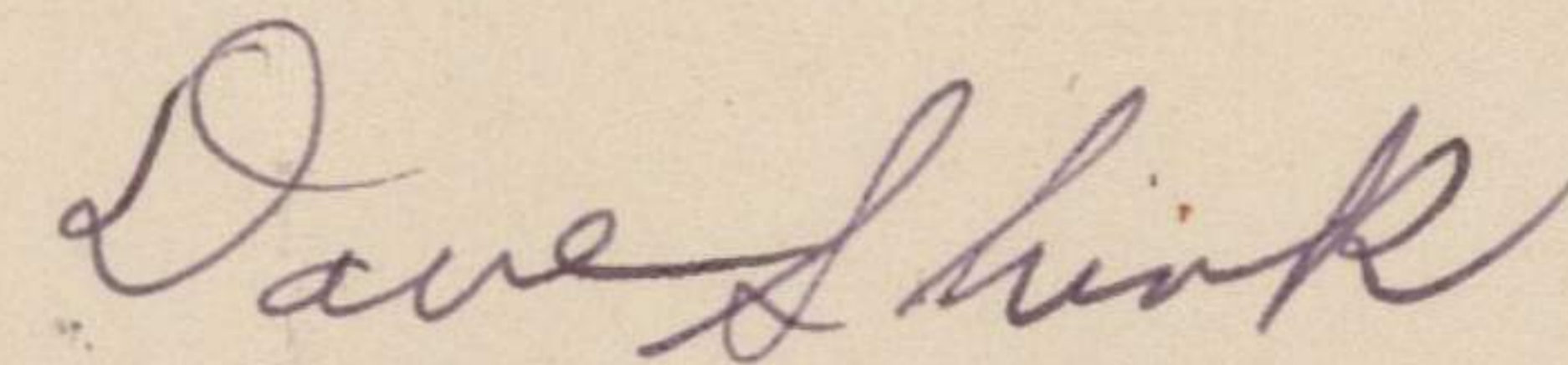
Dear "Doc":

When I was in Lawrnece last week I was left with the impression that Maurice Cannady may be drafted into the Army sometime soon. If Maurice will have to leave I would appreciate it if you would recommend me for his position, or do you think this advisable? I like my job here but I believe if I could get a position in Lawrence I would be in a better place for Dr. Elbel to help me with my graduade work, also I feel getting into the Lawrence school system would be a big advancement.

Augusta lost its first game last Friday night (6-0) to Valley Center. Even though statistics showed that we outplayed them we lost to a very good team. My team this year is improved and has a great deal more weight over last year.

I would like to thank you for the job you gave me the past summer--I really did enjoy doing what little I could do. I am sorry that I did not get to talk to you Saturday afternoon, but I hope to be in Lawrence again soon and will see you at that time.

Respectfully,



DAVID L. SHIRK

DLS:ml