October 19, 1939.

Mr. Earl Falkenstien,
Generalissimo of the Pecuniary,
Athletic Office.

Dear Earl:

Fred Nelson's very interesting epistle addressed to your department has been carefully scrutinized, analyzed and de-propagandized by the gentleman on the other side of the bristol board to the south of you.

After carefully cogitating on this lengthy and incoherent epistle, I am wont to render this tribute to Generalissimo Nelson:

Guinea-Gog, the One-Eyed Monstrosity, captured on the Coast of Zamboanga, sixty miles from nowhere. When captured this young Goliath could say nothing, but now he can say "Maw" and Pa".

No matter how cold the north wind blows, he is still your ethnological relative!

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 9, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Henry:

I desire to recommend the following men for varsity basketball letters for the season 1939-40. Their individual loyalty and their exceptional adherence to training rules qualifies them as an outstanding basketball aggregation. It is with great pleasure that I recommend these men for their varsity letters.

Bob Allen
Don Ebling
Howard Engleman
Dick Harp
Bill Hogben
T. P. Hunter
Bob Johnson
John Kline
Ralph Miller
Jack Sands
Bruce Voran

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Varsity Basketball Coach.

April 24, 1940.

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

Dear Gwinn:

I would like to make a recommendation through you to the Athletic Board for a gold basketball for Russell "Rub" Thompson.

Russell Thompson played three years on the Kansas varsity basketball team, his last year being 1930. He received a very severe injury at Manhattan in his senior year by being thrown violently on his back, his elbow striking the floor, which caused a streptococcic infection of the elbow joint. He was in bed several weeks and suffered near permanent injury to the elbow. It was necessary to lance it a number of times, and for a great while it looked as if he would lose partial use of his arm for life.

This injury resulted in his not being able to play in the final games of the season, especially the Missouri game which was played here at Lawrence and which Missouri won 30-23, with Missouri winning the Big Six title.

Russell Thompson is the only basketball player who played three years on a Kansas team from 1922 until his time, and which time has been extended to the present time, 1940, who does not possess a gold basketball. Due to this unfortunate injury and the exceptional circumstance under which he was subjected to an injury, I would kindly recommend that Russell Thompson be given a gold basketball. If you need further details concerning my recommendation I will be happy to supply the same to you.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

March 17, 1941

Mr. Gwinn Henry
Director of Athletics
University of Kansas

and

Mr. Karl Klooz
Bursar
University of Kansas

Dear Gwinn and Karl:

I am sending you a copy of a letter from Fred M. Harris of the Chanute Tribune. You doubtless are acquainted with the fact that Fred M. Harris is the son of Mr. Fred Harris of the Board of Regents.

This letter from Fred Harris is identical with a great number of requests that we have received from many alumni throughout the State inquiring for shots of some of our basketball games. Fred Ellsworth has called repeatedly requesting that we send some sort of basketball film of our games to some of his insistent alumni. Each time we tell him that we do not have such films. Fred has also asked for the Indiana-Kansas games and the Southern California and Rice games. I tell him that those are the property of the N. C. A. A. and since they paid for filming them we have no right to send them out under the University's name.

I am speaking at the McPherson, Kansas Rebounders Club and they have requested that I bring some basketball films along. I am also speaking at the Chase, Kansas High School, to the Metro Club Luncheon in Kansas City, to the Holyrood, Kansas Athletic Banquet and to the Kansas City, Missouri Grain and Feed Club dinner. These are all athletic set-ups with athletic boosters as the background, and they constantly ask for films.

Mr. Fred Montgomery called me prior to the University of Oklahoma game here, stating that they had shot all of the football games here for the past several years and he was wondering if a few hundred feet of the Oklahoma game would not be a fine thing for the grapefruit league and lettuce league speeches that coaches are forced to make. He offered to shoot it at $6.00 a hundred feet. There are four hundred feet in each one of the film rolls and if you just took the high-lights of the game it would cost $24.00 for one reel, but if you took the entire game it would be two reels and that would amount to $48.00.

I know that it is rather difficult for us to comprehend that movies are made of basketball, although we do see them in our theaters right along. Nebraska has been shooting films of her basketball games for the last three years, as had Oklahoma and some of the other Big-Six schools. Three years ago the lighting in all of our Big-Six schools was raised so that pictures could be shot of all of our games.

When Mr. Montgomery called, I naturally referred him to the parties that have to do with the expenditure of money. I later learned that he was not successful in his quest. He was only looking at it from the standpoint of his experience in having so many requests for this type of picture, and being unable to fill the requests he presented it to us. I told him that if I had to put pressure on anyone or if I had to beg for something that was obvious to most people that I would never do it.

However, it does seem to me that when pictures are taken of all the football games, both home and away, that many of our people over the State would like to see some basketball pictures. Especially is this true when so many high school teams in Kansas play basketball. Kansas is naturally made up of many many high schools that are too small to play football but do play basketball. All of these high schools have projection outfits as a part of their visual education set-up. Therefore, I think it is rather short-sighted economy not to recognize a University service that has so many potent possibilities.

When we consider that there are thousands of people over the State that never get an opportunity to glimpse the University in reality, we realize they must depend upon pictures to aid their visualization. Doubtless the University receives much good by portraying to these people the beautiful stadium with its crowds nestling in the valley below the University, and so it would receive much good by portraying Hoch Auditorium when it is jammed to overflowing, as it was at the Oklahoma game. It ties up their loyalty to the University when they are able to see the Jay Janes and the Ku Ku's in action on the stage, portraying a side of University life that doubtless they cannot comprehend until they witness it in pictures. They are Kansans and naturally the majority of them will be for Kansas, against any outside opponent. I think such pictures as these return definite values to the University, and they also enable many people to see a game on the film that they had always desired to see in reality, but circumstances and finances prevented their coming.

Naturally we can say that we are short of funds, and I recognize this situation; however, the past two years basketball has made much more than the estimated budget and we have made this money by scheduling games many times that redounded to our hurt rather than to our benefit. When we do this solely for the purpose of bringing in gate receipts, we are of the opinion that sometimes a liberal viewpoint on extra expenditures such as this should not be turned down.

For instance, Kansas and Nebraska have been playing basketball for the last three years on this basis: We have always played the first game at Lawrence and the second game at Lincoln on the supposition that Nebraska would perhaps be in the title hunt. Closing with Nebraska on their last home date has for a number of years brought in a very healthy check. Doubtless the schedule this year of playing Nebraska and Iowa State on the 1st and 3rd of March resulted in our losing out on a clear-cut championship. Not only

was this schedule arrangement made to get more money at Nebraska, but we played Nebraska and Iowa State on the same trip, making a circle tour and thereby reducing the railroad travel considerably.

I do not believe that I have ever made this point manifest to you two people, but Mr. Falkenstien has been aware of this arrangement for quite some time.

If it is necessary to beg to get every little financial consideration that redounds to the University's benefit, then I am a poor fellow to do it. Certainly the basketball budget somewhere along the line should be increased for such a thing as this.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

FCA:lg

cc: Fred Montgomery

May 11, 1940.

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

Dear Gwinn:

At a meeting of the basketball coaches of the Big Six Conference the following recommendations were made by the coaches for the attention of the Big Six directors:

1. That permission be given to play twenty (20) games of basketball every year (this to include the holiday games).

2. That permission be granted to play basketball games on neutral courts during the Christmas holidays. The basketball coaches desire this change for financial reasons only (for the same reason that the Big Six Indoor Meet was changed to Kansas City this past year).

3. The basketball coaches went on record as favoring a Basketball Commissioner following out our present plan of selecting the two officials for each of our games with a third, fourth, and fifth alternate.

Personally, I do not believe that 20 games are too many, because we start after Thanksgiving and before the Christmas vacation. We play a few games, and then the Christmas vacation comes on, and unless we go to the expense of keeping the boys at home, a trip or a tournament seem to be the logical thing to get the boys in condition. Then we have a few games before the semester examinations which take place the latter part of January. After the examination period before school starts for the second semester we may desire a small college game to rather work the boys up into playing condition before the conference season starts for the second semester.

It seems entirely logical that twenty games are not too many when they are distributed over three separate and distinct playing periods. For three months - December, January, February and the first week in March - you have over a three-months period, which would be an average of less than seven games a month.

I would be very happy if the conference could see fit to permit us to play twenty games provided two of those games were played

during the Christmas holidays. Thank you for transmitting this information to the group and to the faculty representatives.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

May 11, 1940.

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

Dear Gwinn:

There has been much discussion among the basketball coaches regarding the ten player limit for basketball trips. Before the center jump was eliminated basketball was not so strenuous, but with the game in its present situation there is great danger of injuring a boy by keeping him in this "fire department" game of basketball as it is now played. There is no more danger regarding injury to a boy's knee or ankle in this game than the other, but there is great danger of injuring his heart and his vital organs.

Therefore, I would respectfully ask you to consider and present to the directors and faculty representatives the argument of the basketball coaches that it might be possible to carry an additional man or two over the ten player limit where teams are making trips that involve more than one game.

I notice that in football 35 men are permitted, two over three full teams; in track duals 27 men are permitted; in baseball 15, and in basketball 10, which is exactly two full teams. If we would have a maximum of two over two full teams we would be permitted to carry 12. In view of the strenuosity of the game I would respectfully ask this consideration, but I feel sure that the basketball coaches should be reminded that because of the fact that 12 are permitted in some instances, the ten player limit should be adhered to in all but exceptional cases.

Personally, I desire to carry a small squad. I have always striven to keep the expenditures in due bounds and I never take an extra man along unless I feel that I will use him.

When this matter is discussed before the directors I would thank you if you will give some weight to the presentation of the matter by the basketball coaches.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

March 14, 1941

Mr. Gwinn Henry
Director of Athletics
Robinson Gymnasium
University of Kansas

Dear Gwinn:

I wish to recommend the following men for a Varsity K in Basketball for the season 1940-41. In my opinion these chaps have done the near impossible. I personally had rated our chances for only fourth place in the Conference; however, these boys doggedly refused to get whipped and did something I thought they could not do. For that reason I believe that they deserve exceptional praise and am recommending the following men for a Varsity letter.

Howard Engleman	Marvin Sollenberger
John Kline	Norman Sanneman
Bob Allen	John Buescher
T. P. Hunter	Charles Walker
Jim Arnold	Vance Hall

Ed. Hall

I am also recommending Dick Miller for a provisional K.

In addition to this, I am sending the recommendations of Gordon Gray to you for the Freshman award in Basketball. I am adding my o.k. and wish to say that in my opinion that Gordon Gray has done an exceptional job not only in coaching these boys but in developing esprit de corps that is most commendable.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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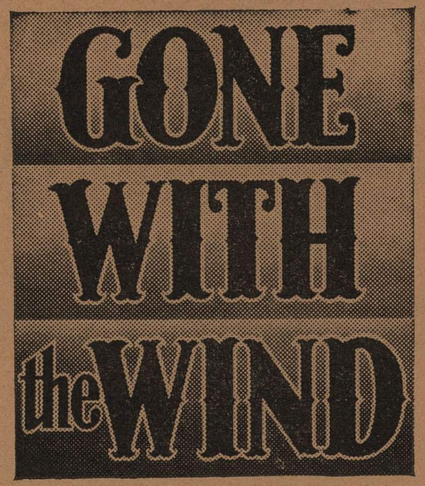

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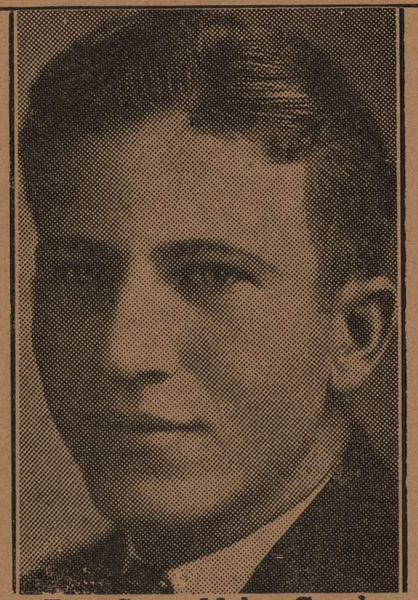
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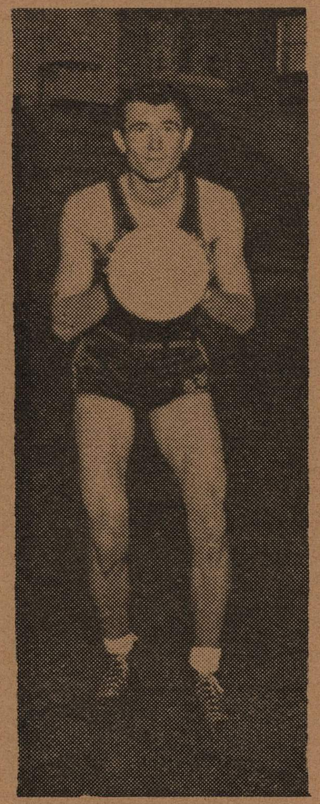

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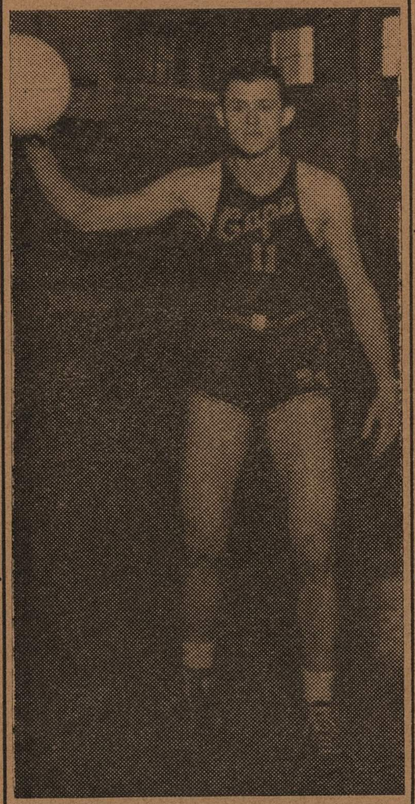

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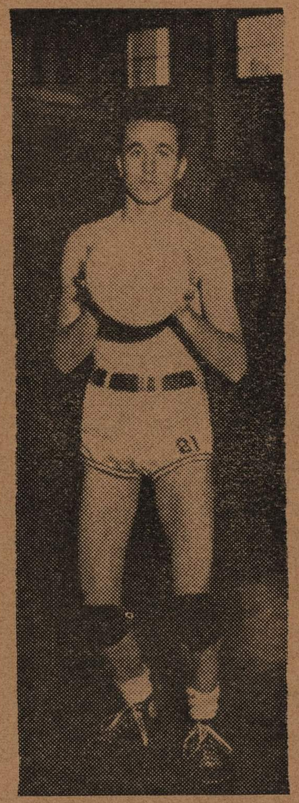

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