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May 23, 1941

Dr. Forrest Allen  
Director of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

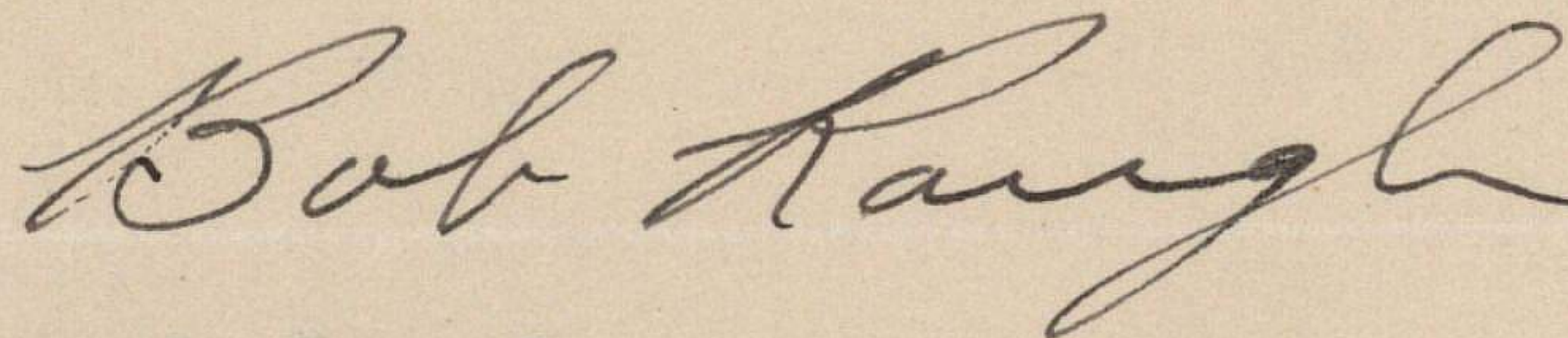
I have just received a letter from Mr. Vic Hurt, telling me of his talk with you since his return from Wichita.

He encouraged me to investigate further the possibility of my making connections with the University of Kansas, and suggested that I come to Lawrence for a personal conference with you before going to Colorado for the summer.

Dr. Allen, our school is out on Tuesday May 26th, and I can be in Lawrence the following day if you can see me at that time.

Kindly let me know whether this will be satisfactory with you or not.

Yours very truly,



Bob Raugh  
Football Coach  
Colby, Kansas



May 27th, 1941

Mr. Bob Raugh  
Colby Public Schools  
Colby, Kansas

Dear Mr. Raugh:

I am indeed sorry that I was unable to answer your special delivery letter as of May 23rd, sooner. We were playing the Kansas State College, Friday and Saturday, and your letter came to my attention Sunday morning.

Yesterday, I was engrossed in many emergency situations which prohibited my answering you before this morning.

I regret that I cannot give you more definite information at the present time. We have two major vacancies in our department which must be filled before I can know just what to advise you as to our personal department.

Both men leaving have Master Degrees with part work on their doctorate, and we are expecting to fill these two positions with men of this type. Therefore, you can see I'm in no position to make a decision at this moment.

Do you expect to attend the University of Colorado? If so, it would be best for me to communicate with you there if you will give me your address.

Sincerely yours,

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

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COLBY, KANSAS.

May 24th, 1941

*Bob Raugh*

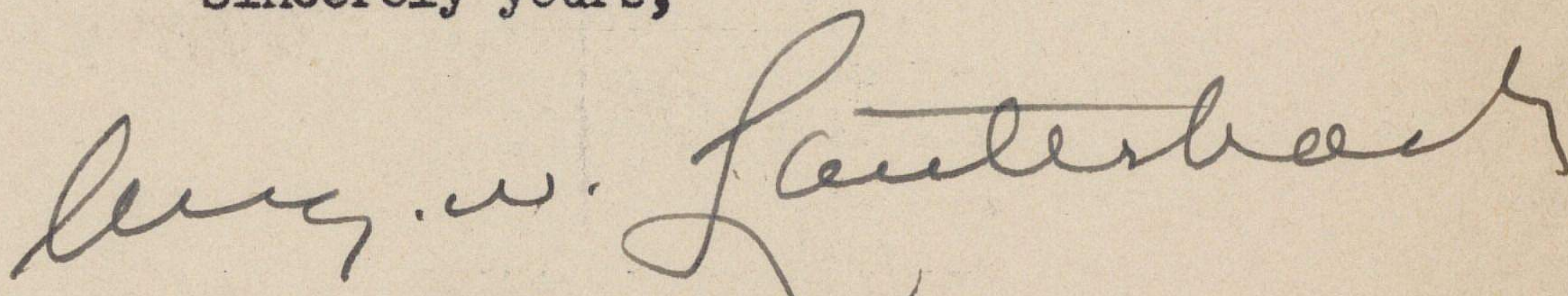
Dr. F.C. Allen, Director of Physical Education,  
The University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Mr. Bob Raugh who is football and track coach in the Colby High School and a darn good one, tells me he is interested in getting some sort of a part time job at the University and at the same time work on his Master's degree. Bob is a wonderful fellow and has been a very successful coach here. He came to us from Nebraska University and during his four years in Colby has won our league 3 times, tied for 2nd place one in football. This year his first as a track coach, he lost the league meet but won the regional at Scott City. Bob has a wonderful personality, gets along famously with boys and he really puts something into his teams. He isn't especially one who drives the boys but he puts his stuff across, and incidentally I might say he really has something in football, knows a lot of plays and how to execute them. I don't know exactly what kind of a job he wants, but as I heard he might see you, I am taking the liberty of writing you to personally testify that Bob Raugh is a good guy personally, has personality and certainly knows how to coach.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Aug. W. Lauterbach

P.S.

Dr. Allen, I almost forgot to mention anything you can do for Bob will be greatly appreciated by me personally.

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May 21  
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Mr. Bob Raugh  
Football Coach  
Colby, Kansas

Dear Bob:

Since returning to Lawrence I have talked to Dr. Allen about your situation.

There has been some changes in the School of Physical Education in the past month due to the fact that one of the instructors was a Reserve Officer, so there is just a possibility that you might be able to make a desirable connection with Dr. Allen at this time.

I am speaking in no way in an official capacity. I am merely giving you this information in order that you may check up on the same and see what possibilities it might have. I am inclined to believe that if you are really anxious to get your Master's in the very near future, it might be to your interests to take a day or two off and come down and talk the situation over with Dr. Allen before you leave for Colorado.

I enjoyed my visit with you and will be glad to have you look me up at any time you are in Lawrence.

With very best personal regards,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

V. C. Hurt  
Ass't. Football Coach

VCH:IW



May 27th, 1941

Mr. Reginald R. Strait  
Chanute City Schools  
Chanute, Kansas

Dear Mr. Strait:

Pardon my delay in not answering your communication of the 17th instant, sooner.

I have been out of Lawrence on Commencement Addresses almost continuously with the exception of the time that I would drive back to meet my classes and then depart again. My correspondence has suffered and this has been the cause of it.

If convenient for you, I will be very happy to talk with you if you have not already left for the University of Iowa for summer session.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

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R. B. Strait  
1001 Lincoln  
Meadow  
Kansas.

Phone 636

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REGINALD R. STRAIT, *Director Physical Education*

May 17

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Yesterday I read of the resignation of Mr. Degroot from the Department of Physical Education.

Could you at this time give me any information relative to this position or if one will exist for the coming year.

I am a graduate of Ottawa University, graduating in 1927. Since that time I have completed the Masters and approximately half of the Doctorate in Physical Education at the University of Iowa.

I have coached athletics and taught Physical Education in two Kansas high schools. Four years ago I became the director and supervisor of Physical Education in the Chanute schools. My work here has also included teaching Playground Supervision, Personal and Community Hygiene and Sports and Recreation in the Junior College.

If the position exists and you feel that my application is of interest, I would be glad to make a personal application in the next few days before returning to the University of Iowa for the summer session.

Sincerely

*Reginald R Strait*  
Reginald R Strait

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Rt.1 Box 20-D  
Irvington, Calif.  
May 31, 1941.

Dr. F. C. Allen  
Dir. of Physical Education,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Please consider this letter as my application for the position vacated by Mr. De Groot at your university. Mr. De Groot informed me last night that he had recommended me as a possible candidate for his position and I am taking this opportunity to indicate my interest in that regard.

I am sincerely interested in physical education as a career and this opportunity, if realized, will enable me to further my aspirations toward this end. I have what is considered by many a strong background in the theory and practice of both physical education and recreation as gained under Mr. D.S. De Groot at San Jose State College. As Director of Physical Education, Mr. De Groot raised the physical education curriculum standards at that school from relative mediocrity to a level considered second to none here on the coast.

Feeling weak in the health and hygiene part of our work, I decided to supplement this weakness by attendance at Stanford University, a school long noted for its training in these fields. Working towards my master's degree, I completed approximately fifty units at Stanford. I do not have my degree as yet but have completed all of the academic courses required and have only the writing of the thesis to accomplish.

Aside from eighteen units of practice teaching, I have gained practical experience in two private schools and one public school all on the secondary level. I have achieved some success in the guidance and counseling of students during my experience as a teacher and this fact together with my athletic experience and travel will, I hope, qualify me for your consideration.

It is my opinion that successful teaching of professional courses in physical education is dependent upon a practical experience in this field gained in each of the lower levels of education. Further, I believe that any advanced teaching should be preceded by a wide variety of individual experiences as might be gained from life itself as well as in formalized educational situations. In this regard I refer to my experience as gained from working my way through school as a chemist in a cannery and also to some traveling which has taken me from coast to coast a number of times, numerous trips to both Canada and Mexico, and three trips to the Hawaiian Islands.



My interest in physical education was undoubtedly founded on whole-hearted participation in athletics while still in high school. Following an extensive sports program in college my interest has only been increased with the years in contact with this phase of the work of the physical educator.

May I say that I hope this letter has given you some insight as to my character, personality, and experience. I will be only too glad to supply you with whatever information regarding myself I may have failed to mention. Should you be interested in learning something of my ability as a student those records, together with my recommendations, are on file in the Appointment Office at Stanford University.

I am enclosing a stamped envelope for your convenience in seeking information about me. Hoping that I may receive your consideration for this position, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Clyde Voorhees*

Clyde Voorhees



# CITY SCHOOLS

D. E. WOLGAST, SUPERINTENDENT

MARYSVILLE, KANSAS

June 5, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

Mr. Floyd Hanson, applying for a position of coach of Athletics in the Marysville High School, refers to you.

Will you please give me a frank statement of your opinion of his qualifications concerning his preparation, ability to teach and to manage, degree of good will he secures from boys and desirability as a member of a corps of teachers?

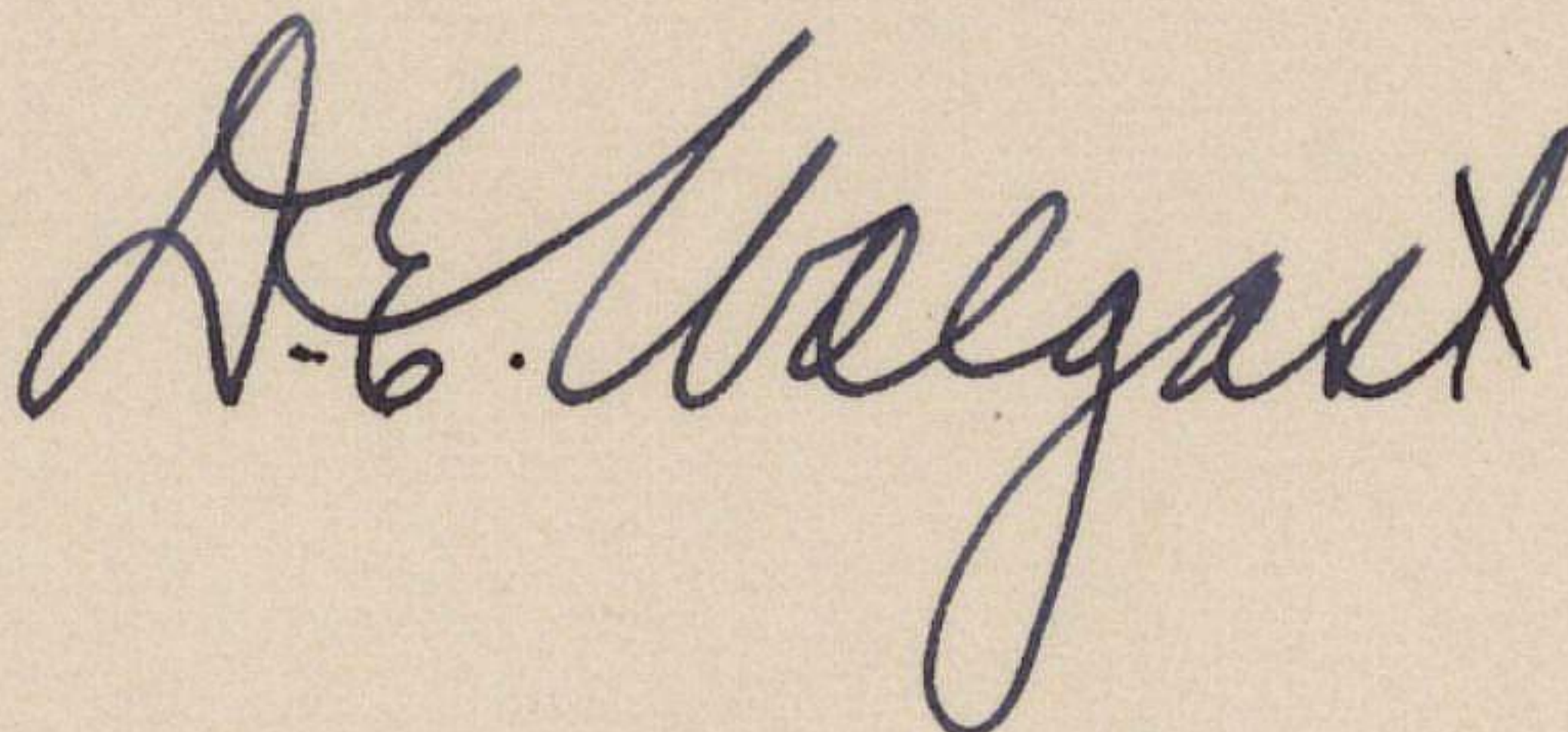
How do you rank him? Is he a leader of boys and does he exert the right influence? How successful has he been as a coach?

Will you not give me just such information as you would want under similar circumstances?

Thanking you in advance for the desired information, I am

Sincerely yours,

DEW:MMG





June 10th, 1941

Mr. Dewey Wolgast  
Superintendant of Schools  
Marysville, Kansas

Dear Dewey:

Our commencement has interfered with a more prompt reply to your letter regarding Floyd Hanson.

Frankness is always a virtue even though it might interfere in your desire to help an individual that you wish to help. I'm very fond of Floyd Hanson and his wife. I worked with Floyd in his effort to secure the Sabetha position. I understand that he was not wholly satisfactory.

His greatest shortcoming was the fact that he did not mix with the towns people. I understand that he had no bad habits and was fairly successful with the boys but he did not engender a loyal following.

If he is an applicant for the head coaching position at your school, I'm wondering if this position might not prove too difficult for him there. I certainly would not want to recommend someone to you who might fail.

We have some highly successful coaches such as Carney Smith at Paola; Paul Masoner at Garnet; Forrest Hardacre at SmithCenter, and Dave Shirk at Augusta.

If you're interested in any of these young men or if you desire further information on Floyd Hanson, I will be very happy to furnish the same.

Sincerely yours,

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

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June 10th, 1941

Dear Dewey:

Realize that I am a little delinquent in answering your letter regarding Floyd Hanson but final exams and all of these things demand attention at this time of the year.

After Hanson came to us from C. of E. he had a bad year scholastically, but after that he found himself and made a very good record as a student. When he left here a couple of years ago, I had a great deal of confidence in him. I thought he would be able to fit into the Sabetha situation in a fine manner and recommended him highly. I understand though that he has not been too successful. How much is his fault I am not prepared to say. The fact remains that he apparently did not fit into the situation as well as we thought he could. For this reason, I would feel reluctant to recommend him for a job as large as Maryville.

Hanson has many fine qualities and I am sure that after a few bumps will make a good coach, but that of course remains for the future. If I can furnish any additional information regarding Hanson I shall be pleased to do so.

Kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours



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5427 West 64th Street  
Chicago, Illinois  
June 13, 1941

Mr. Forrest C. Allen  
Director of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you for your welcome to the University of Kansas. It was kind of you and I appreciate it very much. Needless to say, I consider it quite an honor to be a member of your staff and I know that I will find Lawrence a pleasant place to live as well as work.

Miss Freer, Head of the Physical Education Department for Women at the University of Illinois, has told me many favorable things about Miss Hoover. Therefore, I am looking forward to September when I shall meet her.

I, too, shall be glad to have a conference with you as soon as I arrive in Lawrence.

Respectfully yours,

*Melba Schilling*



June 7th, 1941

Miss Melba R. Schilling  
5427 W. 64th Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Schilling:

I have conferred with Miss Ruth Hoover, the head of our Physical Education Department for women regarding your candidacy here at the University of Kansas. I have also conferred with our Dean of Education, Raymond Schwegler, and our Chancellor, and we are now able to offer you a position of dance and physical education instructor in our department at a salary of thirteen hundred dollars for the school year.

I believe that you will like the University of Kansas and its environment. Miss Hoover, a graduate of the University of Illinois and from Columbia University, has done exceptionally well for us here. I know you will like her. We welcome you to Lawrence. I shall be glad to have a conference with you regarding your work, upon your arrival.

Assuring you that we are happy to have you with us and wishing you the best of success, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

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June 3rd, 1941

Dean Schwegler  
School of Education  
University of Kansas

Dear Dean Schwegler:

I am inclosing the letters from Miss Hoover; to me and to Miss Schilling. Also, the wire sent by Miss Hoover to Miss Schilling.

I will thank you after you have looked over these credentials to give us the benefit of your criticism.

Miss Schilling, if she is engaged, is to take the place of Miss Jerry Ulm who is to be married this summer. Miss Ulm has given splendid satisfaction.

Sincerely yours,

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

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

June 3rd, 1941

Dean Schwegler  
School of Education  
University of Kansas

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Sincerely yours,

*Frank Allen*  
Director of Physical Education  
and Recreation-Varsity Basketball  
and Baseball Coach.

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
LAWRENCE

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

May 31, 1941

Dr. F. C. Allen  
University of Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am enclosing the recommendations of Melba Schilling, University of Illinois. From all the applications received for the position of dance instructor, I am the most interested in hers.

I have talked to Miss Freer, who is the director of physical education for women at the University of Illinois, on the telephone. She gives very high recommendations for Miss Schilling. Since I have attended the University of Illinois and have also taught under Miss Freer I feel that I can place complete confidence in her recommendations.

I have wired Miss Schilling, as you suggested, so that she will not accept another position before official confirmation can be made here.

Miss Freer felt we would be able to contract Miss Schilling for \$1300.

I hope definite arrangements can be made very soon.

Sincerely,

*Ruth I Hoover*

Ruth I. Hoover

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Encl.



UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
LAWRENCE

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

May 31, 1941

Wire to Miss Schilling:

Would you be available for the position of dance and physical education instructor at the University of Kansas. Official confirmation cannot be obtained from authorities before Monday. Probable salary \$1300. Letter follows.



May 31, 1941

Miss Melba Schilling  
506 E. Daniel Street  
Champaign, Illinois

Dear Miss Schilling:

I have been in contact with Miss Freer for a dance and physical education instructor for next year. She has recommended you very highly. The position will require teaching: modern, social, folk and tap dancing with possibly a class in archery, badminton or tennis, and a class in Rhythms for our senior majors.

I am interested in your recommendations for the position. Definite confirmation of an appointment cannot be made before Monday at least. If you are available, let me know and I will go ahead with a definite appointment if possible.

Very truly,

Ruth I. Hoover

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HARRY B. SIDLES - VICE PRESIDENT  
VICTOR L. TOFT - SECRETARY & TREASURER



*Bar Bough*

# Froutdale in the Pines

30 MILES  
WEST  
OF DENVER

Evergreen - Colorado

June 26, 1941

Dr. Forrest Allen  
Director of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

We have been very busy with the opening of the hotel, so please excuse me for not having answered your recent letter at an earlier date.

I was pleased to hear from you and wish to assure you that I really do want to attend Kansas University this fall to do my graduate work. The position you are trying to work out for me sounds good and I certainly appreciate your efforts and interest in me.

I had a nice visit with Mr. Henry while in Lawrence, but he could not give me much encouragement at that time other than that he would like to help me. I believe he feels the responsibility of giving first consideration to boys who have completed competition at K. U. but have not graduated. He did tell me, however, that he would keep me in mind and give me every consideration.

I am sorry the money angle has to be considered so closely, but recent expenditures in our family have made it impossible for us to save enough to see us through without some work to aid us financially. I believe if we could earn \$1,000 we could get by.

I have done some officiating in the past, and am sure that if I could get started there in eastern Kansas, I could pick up quite a bit. However I do not know if I am well enough known down that



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way to get enough jobs to help me or not. I will write to Jim Reed of the Topeka Daily Capital in regard to teaming up with some good men.

I am eager to get this matter settled as soon as possible in fairness to Mr. R. L. Dennen, Superintendent of Colby Schools. I will be unable to get a release from my Colby contract after July 31st.

Dr. Allen, may I reiterate that I appreciate your very kind interest in me, and that I will cooperate with you to the best of my ability.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

*Bob Raugh*

Bob Raugh



July 2, 1941.

Mr. Bob Raugh,  
Trentdale in the Pines,  
Evergreen, Colorado.

Dear Bob:

I have your letter of the 26th ultimo.  
If you are interested in the \$500.00 scholarship in our  
department I will be glad to recommend this. I cannot  
go beyond it, but doubtless you could work out some  
scheme to get the other \$500.

Since we must make a decision I will  
await your answer so that I may move forward.

I would be happy to have you in our  
department, and I trust that you can make arrangements.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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