

# THE RUSSELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

. . . . Office of THOMAS L. IDEN, Superintendent . . . .

RUSSELL, KANSAS

April 17, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

Herbert R. Michaelis, 406 Fossil Street, Russell, Kansas, is thinking of enrolling in K. U. this summer or next fall for what work he can complete before being called into the army. He will graduate from high school May 26 and will not be eighteen until April 11, 1946.

Herb is the best potential basketball player Russell has had in the last seven years. He is over 6' 3" and weighs about 175. He played end on the football team and is on the track team throwing the weights and running the 220 on relays.

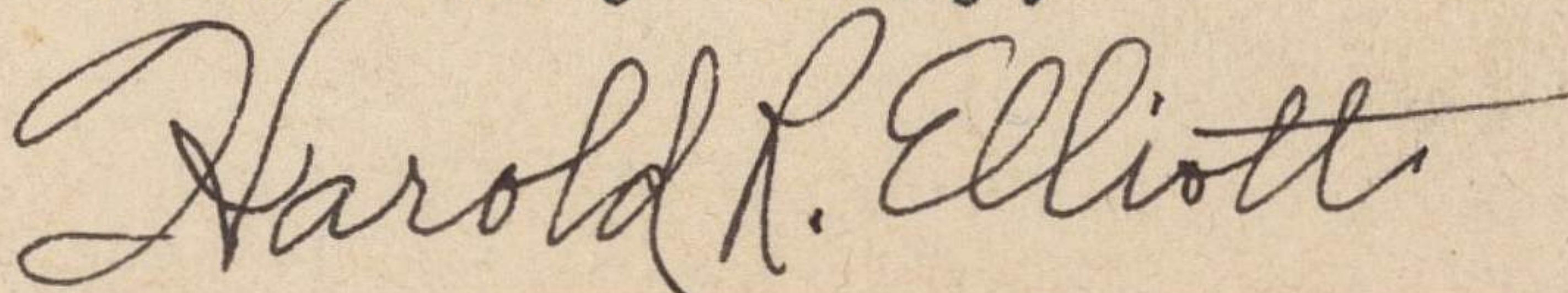
Herb has very quick reaction and has a very good eye for the basket. He was our leading scorer this year <sup>with</sup> an average of eleven points in 24 games while playing forward on offense and guard on defense. He was playing with a center as large as he. It was largely due to Herb that Russell qualified for the State Finals at Emporia in Class A. He scored 13 points against Turner who won over us by three points. He is an excellent rebounder. He is well liked by all and the boys named him honorary captain for 1944-45. He is very interested in basketball and works hard at it.

Much to my regret Herb is graduating in three years. He hopes to get in a full year of University work before he goes to the army. His grades average a low 'B'.

I am writing to you now as Herb is planning to be with the track team attending the K. U. Relays. I would like for him to talk to you and have suggested that he contact you while in Lawrence.

I really believe you can use Herb and I believe he can hold his own on the basketball floor with almost anyone under eighteen in the State.

Yours very truly,



Harold R. Elliott,  
Basketball Coach.