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Hi Dr. Allen:-

I believe you will recognize the writer of this letter much more readily if I mention that the name of Bill Sapp has been brought before you in the past by Mr. David Shirk, my former high school coach. I'm writing this as a friendly letter hoping that with basketball drawing to a close for this season you will have time to help and advise one of the younger generation in the near future.

I've talked with Dave a great deal about going back to school, Dr. Allen. With my ambitions set on playing basketball under you plus Dave's great backing of your well known and often proven ability as a basketball mentor I have planned for what is now years of going to Kansas University. As the present situation now stands it appears that I may receive the chance to fill my ambition as school opens next fall. You have witnessed a sample of my basketball ability before and I hope the impression left with you was that of a promising athlete in the field of basketball.

Will it be possible for me to enroll at K.U. next fall, sir? Through my hometown paper I received the news that the enrollment there is at its peak at present. Being a newcomer to the school I was wondering if I would be allowed to enter.

I also have the ambition to be a coach someday, Dr. Allen. Do you think this a good field for a person today? It has always been my ambition and thus far I have held to it although many people have tried to change my idea. Through my four semesters of V-12 training at Duke University I have received 65 college hours credit. How many of these I will be able to transfer to Kansas University I don't know. Since