

August 28, 1942.

Mr. Marvin Vandaveer,  
620 S. Woodlawn,  
Wellington, Kansas.

Dear Vandy:

Mr. James Wallace, the new director of physical education at Haskell Institute, came into the office last week with Mr. Solon Ayers, the new superintendent at Haskell. Henry Shenk and I were at that time in a physical education huddle, and we had quite a visit with Mr. Wallace. Mr. Wallace is a graduate of the Springfield, Mass., Y.M.C.A. College, and is going to head up all the physical and athletic activities at Haskell.

Mr. Ayers and Mr. Wallace interviewed us here in regard to the possibility of getting one of our physical education majors to coach their Haskell football team. Coach Powless has left Haskell, and it is our information at present that the man who accepts this job will be the coach of the Haskell High School football team, and that means the first team because Haskell is of high school rating athletically and academically.

Mr. Shenk saw Mr. Wallace on the street yesterday afternoon, and Mr. Wallace informed Mr. Shenk that Mr. E. A. Thomas, the high school commissioner, had approved a set-up whereby one of our physical education majors near graduation will be eligible to coach the team. Henry and I both believe that you could do a good job out there and we believe further that the compensation would be fairly ample. We have also both agreed that you are the man to do the job if you want it.

I am wondering when you are coming back to Lawrence. Of course, Mr. Wallace is anxious to get this matter settled, but I would not want you to make a special trip on this account. If you are contemplating an early return to Lawrence I would suggest that you come on in and permit us to get you in contact with Mr. Wallace. I believe it would be well for you to have our counsel before you talk with him regarding the matter.

You see, Vandy, things work out pretty well, don't they? You considered accepting a coaching job last spring so you could coach this fall, and I believe now that you have your wish and you can still go forward with your education. Some good things come to those who wait.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.