

June 19, 1940.

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Ernest J. Vanek,  
Wichita High School North,  
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Ernie:

Mr. Stark, who is assistant to Mr. Van Slyck, principal of the Topeka High School, wanted a recommendation for a physical education major first, and a basketball coach second. I recommended you very highly and you were the top recommendation. In fact, there was no close second.

Before school was out Buck Weaver called me from Topeka and told me that I would be asked in a few days to make a recommendation and that he would like to have you. That has been over a month ago and I had heard nothing until Mr. Stark came down from Topeka for an executive meeting with superintendents and principals in Fraser Hall yesterday.

I believe that you have the inside track, but politics are getting into the situation and different board members have separate choices, so if there is anything that you can do on your own resources to help your situation, do it. I am not sure that you want the job, but if you do I will help you in every possible way.

Please destroy this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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