

March 10, 1941

Mr. A. O. Hainline  
Superintendent  
Belleville Public Schools  
Belleville, Kansas

Dear Superintendent Hainline:

I am sorry that my basketball schedule has been so full of trips and games that it has been impossible for me to answer your valued letter of February 14 sooner.

However, Mr. Cecil Munger was in to see me Saturday morning and we had a splendid talk with him. I was fortunate in finding Mr. Dean Nesmith, our trainer, who was a Belleville boy, and we arranged so that Mr. Nesmith could contact the different applicants and bring them to the attention of Mr. Munger..

We will see that at least two or three candidates from the University apply for the position. I think we have some outstanding majors in the Department of Physical Education who would be of interest to you.

I will follow you directions and have the applicants send their credentials from the placement bureau and also write personal letters to you.

Thank you for your kind inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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March 3, 1941

Mr. A.O. Hainline  
Superintendent  
Belleville Public Schools  
Belleville, Kansas

Dear Superintendent Hainline:

Your letter of February 14 regarding a coaching vacancy for next year has been received.

Dr. Allen has been out of town much of late on basketball trips and it has not been possible for him to keep up with his correspondence.

However, I am sure you will hear from Dr. Allen very shortly.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F.C. Allen

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BELLEVILLE, KANSAS

February 14, 1941

Mr. Forrest C. Allen, Dir. of Phy. Ed.  
Recreation, & Varsity Basketball Coach  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

I'm answering your letter written to Mr. Theodore Sanborn in regard to a coaching vacancy for next year. Since Mr. Masterson has resigned from his duty as football coach it will be necessary that we employ a coach for football and track for the next school year.

I would like very much for you to suggest and have apply two or three candidates from the University. The salary at the present time for this position is \$1,440.00 for nine months.

You may have the applicants send their credentials from the placement bureau and also write personal letters to me.

We shall appreciate any assistance you may be able to give us in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*A.O. Hainline*  
A.O. Hainline, Superintendent

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March 10, 1941

Mr. Murle H. Hayden  
Superintendent  
Lincoln City Schools  
Lincoln, Kansas

Dear Supt. Hayden:

I have your good letter of February 28 and am sorry that basketball trips and games have interfered with my answering sooner.

Ed. Hall does not graduate in June so he will not be eligible. I believe that Gordon Gray's qualifications will command a better salary as he is now studying on his Master's Degree and he has had a great deal of experience in coaching.

Both Ed. Hall and Gordon Gray are outstanding boys. They have a fine personality, are clean in habits and character and I would recommend either one of them. Of course, Ed. Hall has had no experience and Gordon Gray has had about four years of experience. I will say nothing about your inquiry either to the Placement Bureau or to the boys.

We have some wonderful seniors coming up this year who were Varsity football, basketball, track and baseball men. One of these is Ramie Beims who was outstanding in football and baseball; another is John Burge, football and baseball, and he, incidentally, coached the Oread High School Team to a championship in their basketball league. He did this as part of his practice teaching work.

We also have Ralph Dugan who has participated in all the major sports and he also was an outstanding pitcher on the Varsity Baseball Team for three years. We have other outstanding seniors who are Varsity lettermen.

If you will write me and let me know when this position is apt to open we will be glad to submit you the names of some additional men who we consider very attractive and personable material.

You can count on my never recommending a man unless he does get the best from the material on hand regardless of the percentage of wins.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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## Lincoln City Schools

MURLE M. HAYDEN, SUPERINTENDENT

Lincoln, Kansas

February 28, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
Varsity Basketball Coach,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

It is very likely that we will need a new coach for all sports next year. We have felt that your numerous contacts with many good young coaches would qualify you to make some excellent nominations for this position. We would appreciate the favor very much if you would list for us the coaches that you feel are qualified and would do us a good job. They would need to be qualified to teach the social sciences. The position would likely pay ~~from~~ \$1200 to \$1500 depending on the training and experience. Would Ed Hall or Gordon Grey be interested in this position? If so, what is your opinion of these two boys?

For the present we prefer that this information be held in strict confidence. We would rather that nothing be said to the placement bureau or to the boys. Our Board does not wish to take formal action until after the close of our basketball season. In the meantime they would like to carry on some rather informal investigations of possible candidates.

Personally, I would favor boys who have had some successful experience. By this I mean ones who have really been able to get the best from the material on hand regardless of the percentage of wins.

With very kind personal regards, I am

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Yours very truly,

*Murle M. Hayden*

March 20, 1941

Mr. Louis Helvern  
Hiawatha High School  
Hiawatha, Kansas

Dear Louis:

I have learned of the resignation of Coach Charles Socolofsky, the former Aggie athlete, who is to accept the position at Manhattan.

We have several very excellent physical education majors who are seniors this year and who are desirous of being placed in some good Kansas high school.

Doubtless you are cognizant of the fact that Kansas State organized their Physical Education program (School of Coaching) seven years before we got started, due to the fact that some of our administrators were not sold on this type of organization; therefore, the Aggies have had seven years start in placing their key-men in fine positions.

I thought of writing Walker Means, Ewing Herbert, Jr. and Hall Bailey, but since you had shown more of an active interest in athletics than the other men, I have turned to you as head of the Department to give me information on the possible successor to Socolofsky.

Is the Board of Education friendly to a University of Kansas graduate? If so, we believe that with our ever increasing efficiency among our physical education majors that we are in a position to offer you some excellent applicants.

I am thinking of Ed Hall, fullback in Varsity Football and Guard in Varsity Basketball, but I do not believe he can finish in time; however, we have John Burge, end on the football team and a pitcher on the baseball team; then we have Steve Meade, a guard on the football team who is a brilliant student and a wonderful teacher. Also we have Charles Dalrymple, who is an all-around athlete and a fine teacher.

I will appreciate a letter from you at your early convenience giving me the information we desire.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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March 29, 1941

Mr. L. B. Helvern  
Attorney at Law  
Hiawatha, Kansas

Dear Louis:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 27 advising me about the coaching vacancy in your high school, the action of the School Board, and other matters.

I am writing Mr. Frank W. Sterns, a member of the School Board, today.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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March 29, 1941

Mr. Frank W. Sterns  
Hiawatha, Kansas

Dear Mr. Sterns:

I have just received a letter from Mr. L. E. Helvern, in response to me letter, giving me information regarding the coaching vacancy in your high school.

We have a number of very competent people that we should be happy to present for your and the Board's consideration.

You will hear from me in the very near future and I trust that some of our applicants will be given their usual careful consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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L. E. HELVERN  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
HIAWATHA, KANSAS

March 27, 1941.

Mr. Forrest C. Allen,  
Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Fog:

I have your letter of March 20th regarding the placing of a K.U. man in Hiawatha as athletic coach.

We have had for the past term Coach Socolofsky who is a former Kansas Aggie man and there will be a vacancy to be filled soon.

I have discussed this matter with a couple members of the School Board. Mr. Frank W. Sterns is a former K.U. man graduating in 1915. Walker F. Means is also a K.U. man and both are on the School Board. They give me the impression that they want to get a K.U. man as coach. I inquired something as to the qualifications which they desired the coach to have. Mr. Sterns told me he thought that they would like to have a man who had played basketball and football and who had a letter in at least one of the sports, preferably football. They especially desire someone who played on the K.U. basketball team under your coaching.

The School Board will hire some thirty-five teachers at their next regular meeting which is on April 7th. Mr. Sterns told me that in all probability they wouldn't employ a coach at that time. He said the reason for this is that they wanted to wait until they hired the teachers so that they could ascertain what particular subject the coach would teach and until they hired the teachers they wouldn't know what subjects would be left open and hence wouldn't want to hire the coach until that time. I asked him what applicants should do who were wanting to be placed here and he said his suggestion would be that they come up to Hiawatha and meet the members of the School Board and place before them their qualifications and then a little later they would employ the coach.

You mention Ed Hall. I know him quite well and in my opinion he would fit in very admirably. But you know these boys better than I do and I suggest you pick two or three who you think might be able to fill the qualifications which I mentioned above and have them make it a point to come to Hiawatha and meet the individual members of the School Board. I have a hunch they will choose one of them if they possibly can.

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I will be glad to write you further on the subject if there is anything further you would like to know, or if you care to you might write to Mr. Sterns who I am sure would like to place a K.U. man here.

Sincerely yours,

*L. E. Helvern*  
L. E. Helvern. D. B.

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April 17, 1941

Mr. Ben Marshall  
Attorney at Law  
Lincoln, Kansas

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of April 12 telling us your School Board desires to have applications from University of Kansas Graduates for the position of coach in your high school. Yes, I do remember you very well and appreciate your writing us about the matter.

We will notify some of our fine graduates of this opportunity and I am very sure your school Board will have a number of applications within a short time.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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P.S. It was necessary for Dr. Allen to leave town on a baseball trip before this letter was written. Dr. Allen has asked that I sign the same and forward it on to you.

Secy. to Dr. Allen

BEN MARSHALL, JR.

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
LINCOLN, KANSAS

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LINCOLN COUNTY

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April 12, 1941

*Mrs. De Grood talked  
to practice teachers  
re. this*

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

Some of the younger men of this community are very anxious to have some applications from Kansas University graduates for the position of coach in our High School here in Lincoln.

I was informed by one of the members of the school board that they had asked for applications from graduates of The University of Kansas and Kansas State; that they had received only one application, and that they were not satisfied with it.

We have been overrun with coaches from smaller schools, and we have never had a coach from one of the better institutions. It has been our misfortune to have Kansas Wesleyan coaches here from time immemorial, and a good many of us hope that we have had the last.

I am not a member of the school board, and I hope that perhaps you have remembered me; if you have it would be unnecessary to tell you that since I graduated from law school only last year. With that explanation I might say that the customary pay here is not great; I think that they paid around fifteen hundred last year to an experienced man.

I would appreciate any efforts you might make in an effort to get us some immediate applications before our school board since I think that they plan to hire a coach in the very near future.

Thank you for the courtesy requested, and I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Ben Marshall, Jr.*