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BURNS, KANSAS

7 July 1944

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

My son, Brice Blaine, entered Kansas University the first of July. He is not yet seventeen so I know he will have some difficulty getting accustomed to his new environment. He wants to get his ropes about the athletic situation there, especially with reference to basketball. I am wondering if it would be asking too much to have you give him a ring and have him come up and talk with you. He is staying at Myers Hall in Dean Barr's home.

It would be difficult to tell you in words just how much you have influenced his life. Since meeting you when you gave the commencement address he has been a constant admirer. It has given impetus to his school work and meant much in many more ways. He wants to go out for basketball. He understands the competition is keen. He has been taught to do his best and if that is not good enough, then take his hat off to the other fellow.

Whatever advice and suggestions you can give him about the university will be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much for whatever assistance you might be to him.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Very gratefully yours,

Brice Durbin, Superintendent