

December 29, 1939.

Mr. Norman Becker,
Chautauqua High School,
Chautauqua, New York.

Dear Norman:

I acknowledge with much pleasure your very fine letter of December 15th recalling the happy days that we had together at Springfield, Mass.

I am glad to have an opportunity to attest to your ability as a teacher and as a man. Any man that Professor Affleck says is o.k., is surely all right as far as I am concerned, and the fact that I had the happy pleasure of knowing you better makes it a double pleasure.

Congratulations on your wonderful record in basketball. I think you have done marvelously well. I am wishing for you and yours a very happy and prosperous New Year, and may another championship materialize for you in 1940!

Give my kindest regards to your lovely wife and her mother. The Allens all send their deepest sympathies and heartfelt wishes to your fine family. I was so fond of Dr. Stevens and I know what an irreparable loss it is.

Mary and her husband, who live at Anchorage, Kentucky, and their son and two daughters are with us now, as is our oldest son and his wife and little red-head of two years of age. We have four grandchildren and all of our family is at home during the Christmas time. It has been a genuine pleasure to have them here.

You can rest assured that I will give you the very highest testimonial.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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CHAUTAQUA HIGH SCHOOL

CHAUTAQUA, NEW YORK

December 13, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence
Kansas

Dear "Doc",

When we used to play golf together at Springfield, you said that you would be glad to have me use your name for a reference at any time. Several years have gone by and I am using your name as a reference.

The job for which I am applying is at the State Teachers College at Hyannis, Massachusetts. The pre-requisites are a Master's Degree and five years of teaching in a public school. I received my B. S. in 1931 and my Master of Education in 1936, and this is my ninth year of Director of Health and Physical Education at the Chautauqua Central School.

Professor Affleck is the one who recommended me to the position, and I hope that I am fortunate enough to receive the appointment.

You might be interested in knowing that in the past eight years my basketball teams have won the Sectional Championship of Western New York four times. We haven't had state championship contests for the past nine years. My teams have won 110 and lost 21 in eight seasons. This year we have won both games played to date and I hope to have another Sectional Championship.

Normie started in the first grade this year and is enjoying his school work. Mary and I often speak of you, and we would enjoy seeing you again. Her father, Dr. S. Stevens, dropped dead last January and her mother is now living with us.

Please give our best regards to your daughter Mary.

Anything you do in regard to this position at Hyannis will be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes to you and your team for the season.

Respectfully yours,

Yotman Becker



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Education

December 8, 1939

Dr. Forrest Allen
Director of Health & Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Dr. Allen:

You have been suggested to me as an individual qualified to pass judgment on the personal and professional qualifications of Norman G. Becker who is an applicant for ~~instructorship~~ Head of Department of Health and Physical Education in one of the Massachusetts State Teachers Colleges.

May I impress upon you the importance of considered judgment in the filling out of the enclosed recommendation form, every detail of which will be kept in strictest confidence.

My purpose in asking you for a candid expression of opinion in regard to this applicant is that I wish to determine whether or not the applicant is qualified to assume the important responsibility of training others in the art of teaching. The duties of the position demand superior qualifications on the part of the individual.

The scale which I have adopted for convenience in the expression of your judgment lends itself to accuracy. May I ask that you check it carefully, bearing in mind that the influence of instructors in our Teachers Colleges will be reflected eventually on thousands of our children in this Commonwealth.

If your knowledge of the applicant is such as not to enable you to express yourself from experience on all of the details on the enclosed blank, I ask that you express yourself only on those on which you are qualified to speak from this viewpoint.

Sincerely yours,

WALTER F. DOWNEY

Commissioner of Education.

Not only did I have Mr. Becker in class, but I observed him on the athletic field and had the pleasure of playing golf with him and a number of students on the course in Springfield, Mass. I visited with his wife's family and with his own immediate family, and found him at all times to be an affable, cultured and courageous young man in squarely meeting situations. Not only is he a splendid young man, but he is an especially safe and valuable person to deal with young people. His work is not of the mere accidental type, but is founded upon experience and splendid judgment. I am happy to recommend with our reservation Mr. Becker, and I am sure that he will make a splendid contribution to your teaching staff.

I taught five summers at Springfield, Mass., Y.M.C.A. College and had Mr. Becker in my class and also observed him at work in the college. I am happy to recommend him without reservation or evasion.

January 2, 1940.

Mr. Evan H. Browne, Jr.,
717 Minnesota Ave.,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Evan:

It was nice of you to write me as you did in your letter of December 29, 1939, regarding the John Carlson memorial service. It was a lovely gathering and I was pleased that I could take part in a meeting that many considered worth while.

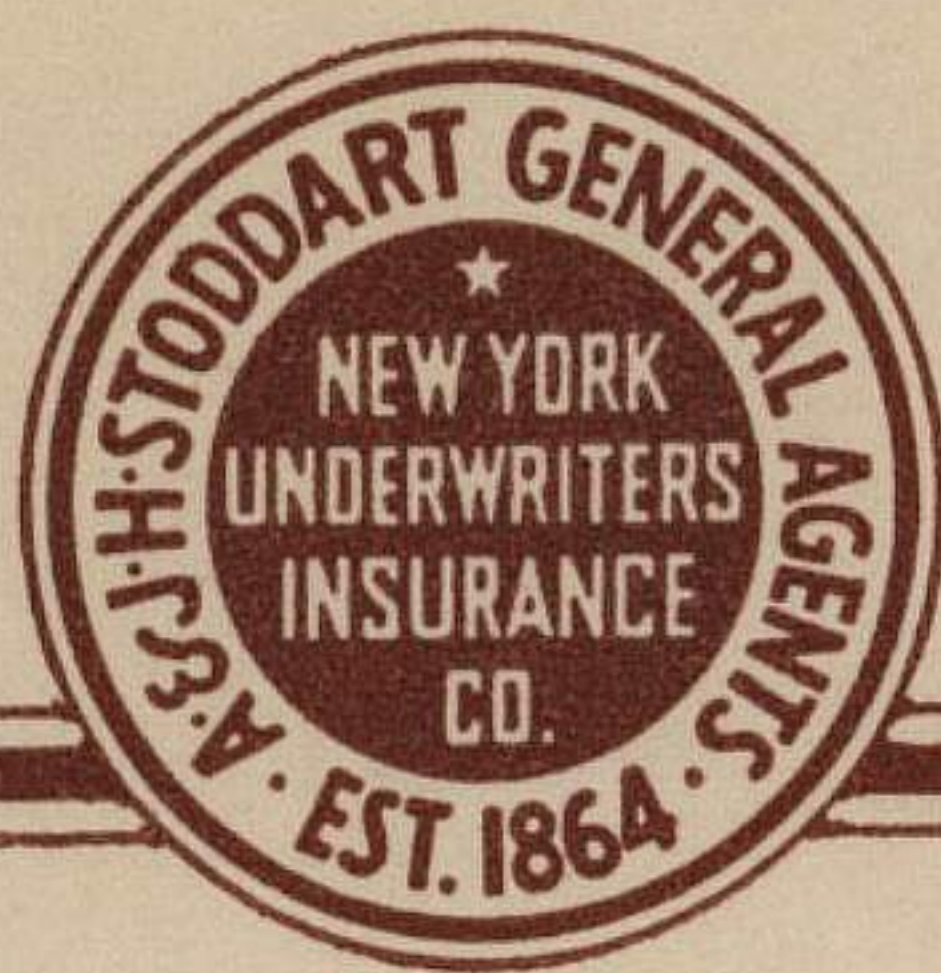
I am happy that Mae Carlson felt that such a meeting made things easier for her.

Thanking you for your kind wishes, and assuring you of my reciprocal feeling for you and yours, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Evan H. Browne, Jr.

GENERAL INSURANCE

PHONE: DREXEL 2288

717 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, Kansas

December 29, 1939

Dr. Forest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

I just wanted to let you know of the very many complimentary things said about you in connection with the John Carlson Memorial Service.

I believe you sensed our appreciation of your sacrifice to be present. Your remarks were particularly well suited to the occasion and fitted in perfectly with the program as a whole as I knew they would. Everyone of our special guests came up afterwards and lauded you and the other speakers. More important, I think, was Mae Carlson's statement that it had eased the way for her.

May you have a successful New Year and a couple of seven foot centers.

Very truly yours,

Evan H. Browne, Jr.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF MEN

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

January 11, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 8. You probably have a copy of the report which I made after working with the 12-foot basket. I believe you will find there some very positive statements concerning the rebound arc of the ball and the lessened congestion around the basket. This latter fact, of course, reduces the number of fouls because we know from the investigations which have been made by Floyd Rowe that the concentrated area of fouls is around the basket.

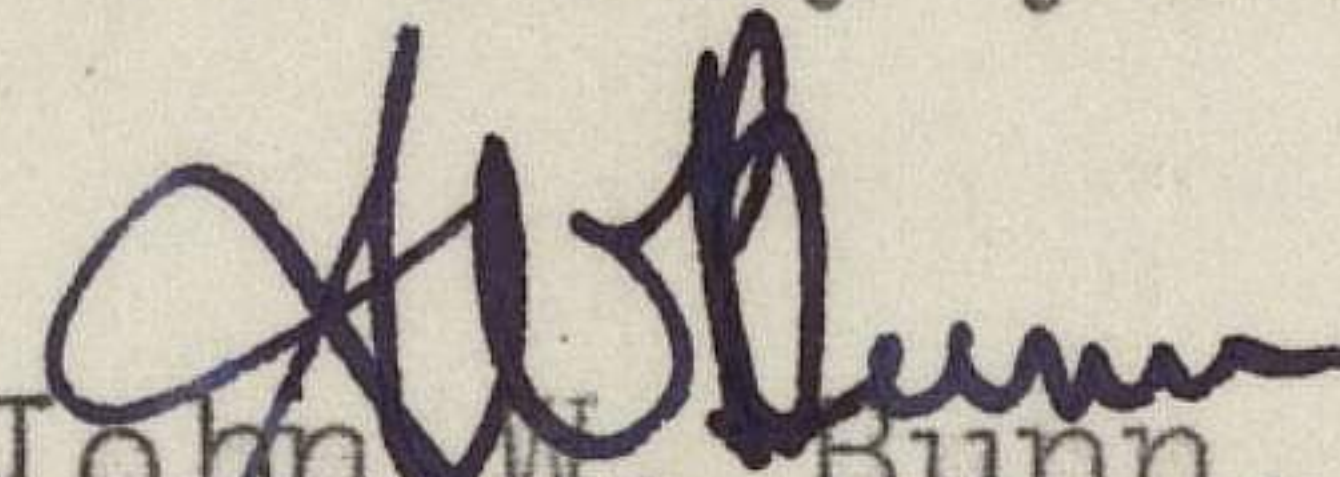
I don't know whether it will be possible for me to repeat this work before the next rules meeting or not. However, I shall take the matter up with Dr. Storey and Mr. Masters to see if we can set up the 12-foot basket on one of our courts. If this is possible, I shall try to get some student to tabulate data on the two points which you suggest.

We have had one of the newly-designed backboards put out by Medart. While I have not taken any statistics on this board, I have made many observations and have asked for comments from other coaches and many players. The letter to Mr. Weinzettel, a copy of which is attached, gives a resume of this subjective study. I was surprised to note that I could sit directly behind the board and see the ball go through the basket.

It would seem to me that one thing we should do before the Rules Committee meets is to attempt to get the reaction of the country on the cost necessitated by such a change. If this is favorable, then I think there will be no deterrent factor in the way of adoption of the new backboard by the Rules Committee.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,


John W. Bunn,
Dean of Men.

My appointment on the committee has expired and I have asked to be relieved of this responsibility. The meeting usually comes when I am busiest so that it is difficult to leave here.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF MEN

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

December 28, 1939

Mr. R. E. Weinzettel
Fred Medart Manufacturing Company
Potomac and DeKalb Streets
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Weinzettel:

This will acknowledge your inquiry of December 20. The basketball backboard which you so kindly sent us here at Stanford has been set up on our court. I have had occasion to attend several rules interpretation meetings this year. At each of these I have called attention to the backboard you sent us. Many coaches, players, and spectators have come to see the board. We have left it set up off our court during the games we have played so far this season so that people could see it. The players and coaches have used it from time to time.

I have received many satisfactory comments concerning the board and no criticisms of it. It does permit a person sitting directly behind the board to see the ball go through the basket. This is because the basket sits so near the bottom of the board, so from the standpoint of vision from all parts of the bleachers, I believe the board is quite satisfactory. I might say that I was agreeably surprised.

From the standpoint of the players, I think the use of the board is a matter of adjustment. It does not take long for one to become accustomed to these new dimensions. The curved surface of the board, so far as I can tell, has no different effect upon the ball than does the flat surface of the ordinary board.

I believe the only serious problem in connection with the introduction of this board is the expense. This is something to which the Rules Committee must of necessity give careful consideration. I am not now sure whether it would be advisable to permit the use of this board and the present 4 x 6 backboard. You can see, therefore, that the whole problem is one of expense in the change of equipment.

Cordially yours,

(signed)

JOHN W. BUNN

John W. Bunn,
Dean of Men.

January 13, 1940.

Mr. J. H. Bennett, Jr.,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Dear Junior:

Don Blair was just in the office and told me what a fine game you played against our Lawrence team last night. I want to congratulate you on your playing - we have heard many fine reports of your basketball skill.

If you find it possible to come to any of our games here at Lawrence, I would be very happy to meet you.

We will be watching your playing with great interest, and wish for you the best of success.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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F. R. BENNETT JR.
321 WEST 3RD STREET
OTTAWA, KANS.

Dear Mr. Allen:-

Thanks a lot for your letter of the 13th. We didn't do so well with our Lawrence game.

I have seen all your games at Lawrence with my Dad, Ransom Bennett, as we have season tickets.

I met you here a year ago at the De Molay banquet and hope to see you again some time when in Lawrence or when you are in Ottawa

Wishing you success at Columbia Thursday and another Big "6" Championship this year

I am sincerely,
F. R. Bennett Jr.

P.S.

Please give my best regards to Don Blais when you see him.

January 8, 1940.

Mr. Bert Anderson,
The Bennett Creamery Co.,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Dear Bert:

It is nice of you to write me as you did on December 29, 1939. You will pardon me for not answering more promptly, but I have been tied up pretty definitely in a way that it has not been possible to answer your letter sooner.

You bet, we want F. R. Bennett, Jr., at the University of Kansas. You tell him for me that we have one fine boy from Ottawa who is going to make his mark for himself - Don Blair - and we would like another one equally as good. I will ask Don Blair to make it a point to have the young man come up to some of our games. It will be a pleasure for us to have him. Perhaps he can come up to our game with the Kansas Aggies next Friday night if he doesn't have a game of his own.

Most of the boys playing basketball are in need of financial help and many of them have to work. Of course this interferes in a way with their academic studies because there are just so many hours in the day, and by the time they study and work and participate in athletics the day is too short for most of those boys.

If you come up to any of the games I would be happy to have you bring him up as my guest. Keep preaching the University of Kansas to this boy. If he has great ability he should go to a place where he will be able to express his talents in the highest degree.

Thanking you again for your interest in the University, and assuring you that if at any time I can reciprocate your kindness it will be a pleasure, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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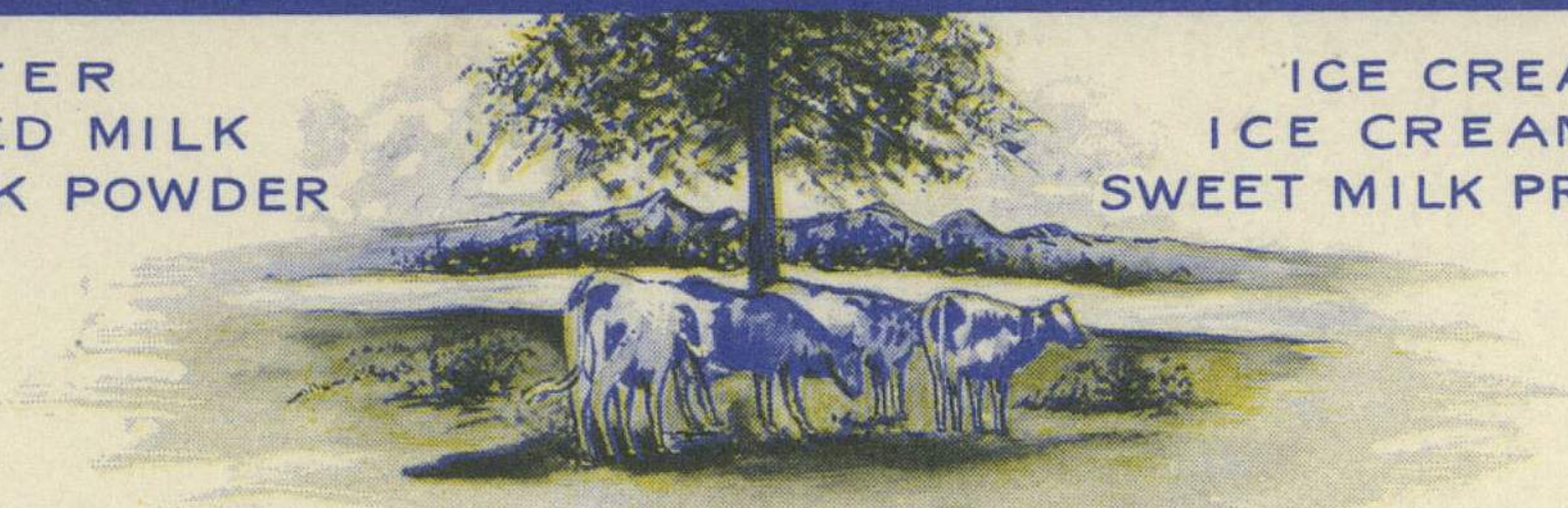


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OTTAWA, KANSAS

December 29, 1939

Mr. Phog Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog,

We have a boy down here on the high school basketball team by the name of F. R. Bennett, jr., that looks like a good Kansas University prospect.

He is only a Junior, sixteen years old but is five feet ten or eleven so should grow another two inches before ready for college. He is one of those boys that looks lazy and slow on the floor but seems to always be in the right place on the court.

To date this year, he has scored about forty percent of the points made by the Ottawa team. I do not know whether true or not but one of the high school boys was telling me that no opponent who he is supposed to guard has made a field goal this year.

In addition to the above he has averaged ninety five in his first two years in high school.

Wherever he might go to school he will not need work nor financial assistance.

My only interest is that he go to Kansas to school so thought you might be interested. Southern California came to Colorado after his cousin this year but I would like to see this boy stay in this country.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Bert Anderson

BA/w

January 16, 1940.

Mr. Maurice L. Breidenthal,
Security National Bank,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Maurice:

I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in
sending me a desk calendar for the year 1940.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

January 16, 1940.

Mr. Jerry Bronfield,
NEA Service,
1200 West Third Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Jerry:

I am sending you a picture of my son, Bob,
and myself, which I trust will be satisfactory for your
purposes.

I might explain that in this picture I am
demonstrating to the players how they can bat the ball
away from an opponent by an undercut, so that they will
not make a foul in attempting to gain possession of the
ball.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH

Cleveland, Ohio
January 15, 1940.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen.

Would greatly appreciate picture you and son
together without Dr. Naismith. Thanks much for everything.

Jerry Brondfield,
NEA Service.

January 17, 1940.

Miss Ruth Baker,
Roosevelt Junior High School,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Ruth:

It is always a pleasure to receive one of your interesting letters, and yours of the 14th instant was no exception.

I am glad to know of your plans for the summer, and I trust that your plans work out to your satisfaction and pleasure.

Thanks for your good wishes to the team when they play against Missouri tomorrow night. We are getting away tonight, and I know it will be a tough battle at Columbia.

I hope it will be possible for you to get to Lawrence for some of our games. I am enclosing a schedule so that you can pick out a night that will be convenient for you. It will be a pleasure to see you.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Jan. 14, 1939.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Congratulations to the Coach and his team. We're proud of our Alma Mater even tho there was only 1 point difference in the score of the K.U.-K.S. game. Dr. Nelson and I have both agreed that as long as the one point is in "our" favor, everything will be O.K. He is certainly one fine fellow.

Ernestine broke her arm & dislocated the bones in her left wrist last week while ice skating. We rushed her to the hospital & when the nurse asked which Dr. she should call, I didn't give Ernestine a chance to answer. I said "Dr. Nelson." He certainly did a beautiful job of setting the bone & replacing all the dislocated ones. I was a privileged character. I guess for he let me watch the whole procedure and also showed me the X-Rays.

I'm still grateful to you and Dr. Nelson for getting my job for me.

How are things around and about the Phys. Ed. Dept. now? I received a catalogue for the K.U. summer session

and immediately turned to phys. Ed. section. Even tho it sounded interesting and made me happy to know K.U. is coming right along with the work toward the Masters Degree, my plans don't change. I intend to go back to N.Y.U. I plan to go to the Square during June and back to Camp during July and August. If I can manage to work in some Chemistry, perhaps by correspondence, I think I can complete my work for a Master's in the summer of 1941. By that time maybe you and Dr. Nelson will know of another grad job for me. Ha!

Soon another year will have rolled by. It won't be long till the District + State Phy. Ed. Convention then a month later the National at Chicago which I should like very much to attend. I think that making acquaintances with people in our profession and getting their ideas first hand is of much more value than reading it from a book.

Of course motion pictures are good. Did I tell you we were making a movie of our gym classes? and guess what I was asked to do first! Folk dances! Believe it or not. I actually think

I did some good when I stood up for Folk Dancing. It now is to be one of the major activities in the Phy. Ed. programs here. I'm hoping for Co-recreation and Social Dancing soon. But I have to take my steps slowly & handle the principal with greatest care.

I've been enjoying the ice and snow a lot. We skate on the river. After I had thoroughly tested the ice, (guess how!) everyone felt it was safe to skate on. The city even installed flood lights, had P.W.A. fellows sweep the ice, & even hired a supervisor while big, little, old and young enjoyed the sport. Other than several black & blue spots, I'm still all together and am in tip-top condition. I'll have to confess I haven't mastered all of Sonja Heini steps yet. Ha!

I must close before your eyesight is ruined. My best wishes to you and the B.B. team especially against Missouri Thur nite. Hope I can get to Lawrence for a chat with my friends before they all forget me and perhaps see a B.B. game. How about sending me a schedule? Thanks!
as ever Ruth.

Beauchamp's Pharmacy

GUS BEAUCHAMP
K. M. TRUE

Holton, Kansas

Prof. Forrest E. Allen

Lawrence Kansas Jan 1940.

My dear Allen

Yours of recent date came. It was sure
dumb of me to forget the Boys name here it
is Lhas. Robert Gilchrist ^{one can not say}
Enough for this boy. good disposition and
perfect habits. he will be valuable to any
College. Basketball Base Ball and "Foot Ball"
and track. you must be sure and stop
I will be pleased to see you if I know
the night or afternoon I will be watching

Yours sincerely
Gus A. Beauchamp



The REXALL Store

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January 23, 1940.

Mr. Bus Boyd,
Coach, Mankato High School,
Mankato, Kansas.

Dear Bus:

Congratulations to you and Mrs. Boyd on the arrival of the splendid daughter. I trust that everybody is doing well, and that you and yours have a long and happy and prosperous family life.

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

January 26, 1940.

Miss Jane Byrn,
Department of Physical Education,
University of Kansas.

Dear Jane:

A great number of people told me how very much they enjoyed the dance entertainment between halves of the Nebraska-Kansas basketball game. It was fine of you to do this, and I want you to know that we appreciate the trouble to you that it took to arrange for this marvelous entertainment. You very definitely contributed to the pleasure of more than twenty-five hundred people.

Thanks a lot.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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January 29, 1940.

Mr. Carl W. Bosse,
Brooking Cemetery Road,
Route #3,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Bosse:

Your special delivery letter was received by me this date and I am hastening to reply. I am puzzled why Richard did not come to my office after the Buildings and Grounds people had asked him to do so.

This boy, Dan Bernstein, is a Jewish boy from New York City. Last year he attended Washburn College. I know very little about him. But it is a fact that we cannot build a fence around our children while they live in this world, and each individual boy must make his own decisions as to the type of friends he keeps.

I am afraid I will not be able to be here at the office at 6 p.m. today, but I will make it a point to see Richard, as I have some things to say to him in a pretty definite manner. From my talk with you and Mrs. Bosse in the presence of Dean Werner, I think there is a good deal to do for this boy. I can see that he is willing for other people to take the responsibility for his failure.

I met the young man who lost his gray wrap-around no-button overcoat. He is Elmer Ramie Beims. No high school boys are permitted or admitted in the gymnasium at that time of day. The only time the Oread boys come into the gymnasium is every day at 1:30 p.m. I was downstairs when this stuff was taken and heard the statements of the boys. Mike Sihlanick and Bob Johnson were the boys who lost the stuff, and Richard met Dr. Elbel at the foot of the stairs. Richard had some clothes under his arm and he said, "I thought I would take my work clothes home."

Mr. Bosse, I am not an easy fellow to get along with unless a man assumes his own responsibility. Richard will have to come clean and go straight if I am to do anything for him at all. From a circumstantial point of view this case looks pretty bad,

and the fact that he denied the telephone calls as well as having denied some other indiscretions and later admitted them, is proof that Richard is not being honest with himself.

Assuring you of my desire to help him if he will help himself, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Jan 28 - 1940

Lawrence Kansas

Dear Allen Kind Sir I am writing
you in regard to my son Richard
Doss after leaving your office
Friday afternoon we went to Richards
room 413 W 14 st nothing irregular
we asked him to come home with
us as he had been at school about
3 weeks and is returning Monday
Morning to be ready ^{for} Jan Tuesday
he seems to be quite friendly with a
boy by the name of Dan Bernstein
who we didn't meet while there.
There has been cases where a older boy
will mislead a chap like Richard this is
only a opinion I had him into see
Dr Gibson Saturday morning at N @ office
had the pleasure of making his acquaintance
I think he is a very fine man

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He told me Richard would be alright
from now on I am asking Richard to see
at your office R.W 6 pm Monday
Mr Allen any thing you do to help
this boy I and Mrs Bosse surely never
^{will} forget and will appreciate very much
we tried to call you by phone before
we left Lawrence Friday night but were
unable to get in touch with you

There was something said by Alan Warner
about overcoat and shirts being taken from
Gym. I don't see how he could have taken
same he said boys from high school
used Gym. and would take things through
mistake or otherwise hoping for the best
and that that matter will be dropped out
safely and boy will be able to finish
through K. K. Respectfully yours

Carl. W. Bosse

Brooking Cemetery Rd

R# 3 N. C. Mo.

Phone - Fleming 1346

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Dear Allen

Kansas University
Lawrence Kansas

Fee Claimed by Office
of First Address

Gray Wrap around
no buttons

fairly old coat

Elmer R. Beines

