

December 16, 1938.

Mr. Paul R. Ensign,
Sparta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Ensign:

Thank you so much for your good letter of the 24th ultimo telling about the basketball ability of Joe Fordham of Gibson, Georgia.

I would be very glad to help Joe, but from a practical standpoint I find that the out of state tuition is so high that it discourages boys from other states. I am enclosing a letter similar to some I have sent out to boys who desired help. This will explain my position quite fully, I think.

Most of the boys that I have on the Kansas team are Kansas boys, with the exception of a few boys who live in Kansas City. They are close and would rather come here than go to Missouri. At the present time I don't know ten high school basketball players in the country. I have just taken boys who come to the University and have tried to develop them into a team.

I know this may sound queer to you, but it is a fact that I have never gone out after basketball players.

I thank you for your interest in the University of Kansas, and assure you it was a pleasure to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Ensign

Sparta, Georgia

11-24-38

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

My dear Dr. Allen:

Could you give me some information concerning the possibility for a boy to get a job for his room and board at Lawrence while attending the university. There is a boy at Gibson, Georgia named Joe Fordham, who is interested in the opportunity for working his way thru college. The reason I am writing you instead of the regular employment office is that this boy is a basketball player, and I thought that you would take more of an interest in him. He played on a team from a small town that went to the finals in the state tournament, and lost there by only a few points.

He lives in one of the counties in which I am working and comes well recommended by his former coach, by his superintendent and teachers and by the townspeople in general. Knowing that I had attended K.U., and knowing K.U.'s fine record in basketball, the coach asked me if I would write this letter to you, which I have been glad to do.

If you can be of any help to the boy, will you kindly write me, or to Joe Fordham, Gibson, Georgia. Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely yours

Paul R. Ensign
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December 9, 1938.

Mr. Paul R. Ensign,
Sparta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Ensign:

Your letter of November 24 addressed to Dr. Forrest C. Allen has been received. Dr. Allen is at present out of town, but will return in a few days, and I am sure you will hear from him very soon.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

March 9, 1939.

Mr. George Edwards,
Basketball Coach,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear George:

After our game last Thursday night I congratulated you in person on Missouri winning the championship of the Big Six. I think that Missouri has a very wonderful team and played perfection ball the night against us at Columbia.

This is but a formal acknowledgment of my congratulations, but I sincerely wish to congratulate you on the patient struggle that you have made to gain this championship. My personal congratulations, as well as those of the University, are extended to you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
C O L U M B I A

March 14, 1939.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Dr. F. C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Dr. Allen:

It was mighty kind of you to send the note of congratulations. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

You have always done such expert jobs of coaching your teams that I must admit considerable satisfaction accompanies each of the small number of victories we are able to register. I feel that your work this year was not an exception to the rule for with a group whose ability was somewhat below those of recent years you had them in the running despite a poor start.

I can't help complimenting you on the changed attitude during the last two or three seasons. It seems as if our teams put up as hard fights and as good exhibitions as formerly but the relationship between both the players and the coaches has been of the highest order. Among friends victory loses none of its sweetness while defeat is robbed of some of its sting.

The fervent wish is mine that neither I nor my players will do anything to hinder the development of this fine spirit, and I hope that it may be absorbed more and more by followers of both teams.

Congratulations to you for such a thorough job in administration of the Fifth District play-offs.

Yours truly,

George R. Edwards
George R. Edwards.

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August 14, 1832

August 2, 1939.

Mr. Howard Engleman,
1003 South 2nd St.,
Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dear Howard:

I am sorry that I have delayed so long in replying to your very interesting letter of July 15th. I have been teaching two classes every day in the Summer Session, in addition to having charge of the recreational program this summer. It has kept us busy, but we have had a lot of fun doing all these things.

I, too, was disappointed to learn that you were still waiting for the call to go to Phillipsburg. I think Mr. Henry and Mr. Hurt have done all they could, but it is just one of those things that has proven a disappointment to a number of the boys. Have you heard anything more about your job? I am awfully disappointed about it and sorry that you will not have the extra spending money that you would have had had you worked. The fact that you did not get away probably did cause you some embarrassment, but there are a lot of good men out of work this summer and you are one of them.

Yes, I did hear about Bruce Reid. Mrs. Reid wrote me regarding the operation and I wrote both Bruce and Mrs. Reid wishing for them my very best. It seems as if Bruce has had a tough time, but I am hoping that he pulls out in good shape. One thing sure, they won't have to worry about that old appendix any more.

If I were you, Howard, I would make it a point to talk to Tucker and just make friends with him. It may be that he will not decide to come to the University, but the fact that you looked him up this year and visited with him might be the cause of establishing a friendship that would be productive.

I assure you, Howard, that you are not troubling me with your problems. I really want to do something in your behalf, but I have been helpless in regard to the Phillipsburg job. I want you to feel that I desire to help you help yourself in every way possible. Howard, you can bet your life that you will get a job, but I want to put you in a spot that will develop your personality and your "stick-to-it-iveness". I am wondering what sort of a job you are going to get over at the house and how much you will earn. I would like to know

this so that you will not be forced to spend too much time working over at the house and here also. You know, a fellow can do too much work and not produce the best in all-round efficiency.

You mentioned your earnings from the towel room last year. I thought it might be interesting to send you a statement of your earnings for the past two years. From the looks of this it seems you earned more last year than you did in the previous year. You write me and tell me if I am incorrect, and we will give you the payments by the month if you desire them.

But I want to help you - I want to help you all that I can. You are right, Howard, many of the boys work in the towel room who are by no means varsity material, but they had friends and their friends said they were the greatest athletes in the country, and then on one or two occasions we hired boys who were sent here by great athletes who had done their bit before, and sometimes we find we are forced to do things for some of our old time athletes because of what they had accomplished.

You can perhaps see far enough in the future when Howard Engleman will want to help some fine young man and he may not have much athletic ability, but you will write in and say, "Doc, this boy is a wonderful fellow. His mother doesn't have much money and he has had a tough time, but I want you to help him get an education because he is worth everything." And that is how we get into things, Howard. Sometimes it may be the boy is not an athlete at all, but the athletes look on those boys many times and say "that guy shouldn't have this kind of a job - he is not an athlete". The older we grow, Howard, the more we want to help every boy who wants to better himself, and I find myself in much that kind of a fix.

Now, about basketball - I, too, wish it were December first and we were just getting ready to play the Oklahoma Aggies on the 5th. I am sending you a basketball schedule so that you can see about the way it is running. We still have three games open, but I believe we are going to have a good tough schedule. Michigan State has written asking to play us, but we have not decided on that yet. Anyhow, we are going to have a lot of fun and a lot of fight.

I took your letter home and read it to Bob and the family and they were delighted to hear from you. Old Bob is really hitting the ball. He is taking 5 hours of Comparative Anatomy under Dr. Taylor, and that is quite a chore. He swears this is the last summer school he is going to attend.

Mrs. Hulteen has been sitting here by the desk for an hour now and we have had a number of callers, but we have finally finished this letter. I am going to St. Louis on the 14th and 15th of this month to confer with the Medart Manufacturing people, who make the goal we use in our new game of "Goal-Hi" basketball, and then I am going on to Atlanta, Georgia, for the coaching school there on August 19-25.

Howard, I want you to know how much I have enjoyed knowing you and having you on my team. You have been one of the most unspoiled and one of the finest young men that I have ever worked with. The fact that I have had an opportunity to know your fine mother makes me feel very close to you. I sincerely trust that our friendship will ripen into an acquaintance that through the years will make us lifelong friends and companions.

Please give my regards to your fine mother. With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE KAPPA SIGMA
FRATERNITY



GAMMA OMICRON CHAPTER
1045 WEST HILLS
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

July 15th

Dear Doc,

You told me to write you so I shall now. I suppose you've been very busy with your summer school picnics and classes etc. I have not been able to get a hold of Danny Sidener directly because he is working in Houston but I've talked to his folks and they sound favorable. They said also that he would make no definite move until I had a chance to talk to him early in Sept. Tucker is around playing tennis at the various tournaments so I have had no opportunity to see him. As he is a junior though, we still have plenty of time for him.

Perhaps you are surprised that I am still at Ark City. It is also a surprise and big disappointment to me. Those jobs at Phillipsburg have as yet never materialized. They were scheduled to begin June 15 but were delayed. Then I came home to wait. Vic Hurt then notified me that work would probably start the 1st of July. Then toward the last of June, he sent word that the 10th would be the day. Then the 10th. He said work should start by the 15th. Well here it is the 15th, summer half over, & still no word nor work. It has been both disappointing and embarrassing for me because I need the money badly and I have told all my friends that I would be gone soon, only to see them



the next day still here. I have been unable to go on any sort of small vacation or trip because of the expectation that each day will bring my call. There is nothing to do in Ark City (work & mean) and now it is so late that I see I might better have gone to summer school.

It's no ones fault in particular I don't suppose, and I feel sorry for Vic & Guinn who have promised so many boys work and then to have no work for them; but there's the situation

I hate to trouble you with all this as busy as I know you must be with problems of your own, but you've always treated me almost as a father, and never having known a real father, you can't imagine how I've appreciated ad you've done. I was wondering, if it could be possible for me to have a job in the varsity room like Golay & Kline had. Providing of course there is a vacancy or you had not promised it to some one else. I was in hopes that my summer earnings would not necessitate such a request but since the job has not developed it looks as though I'll be harder hit next year than any. For one thing my towel room allotment

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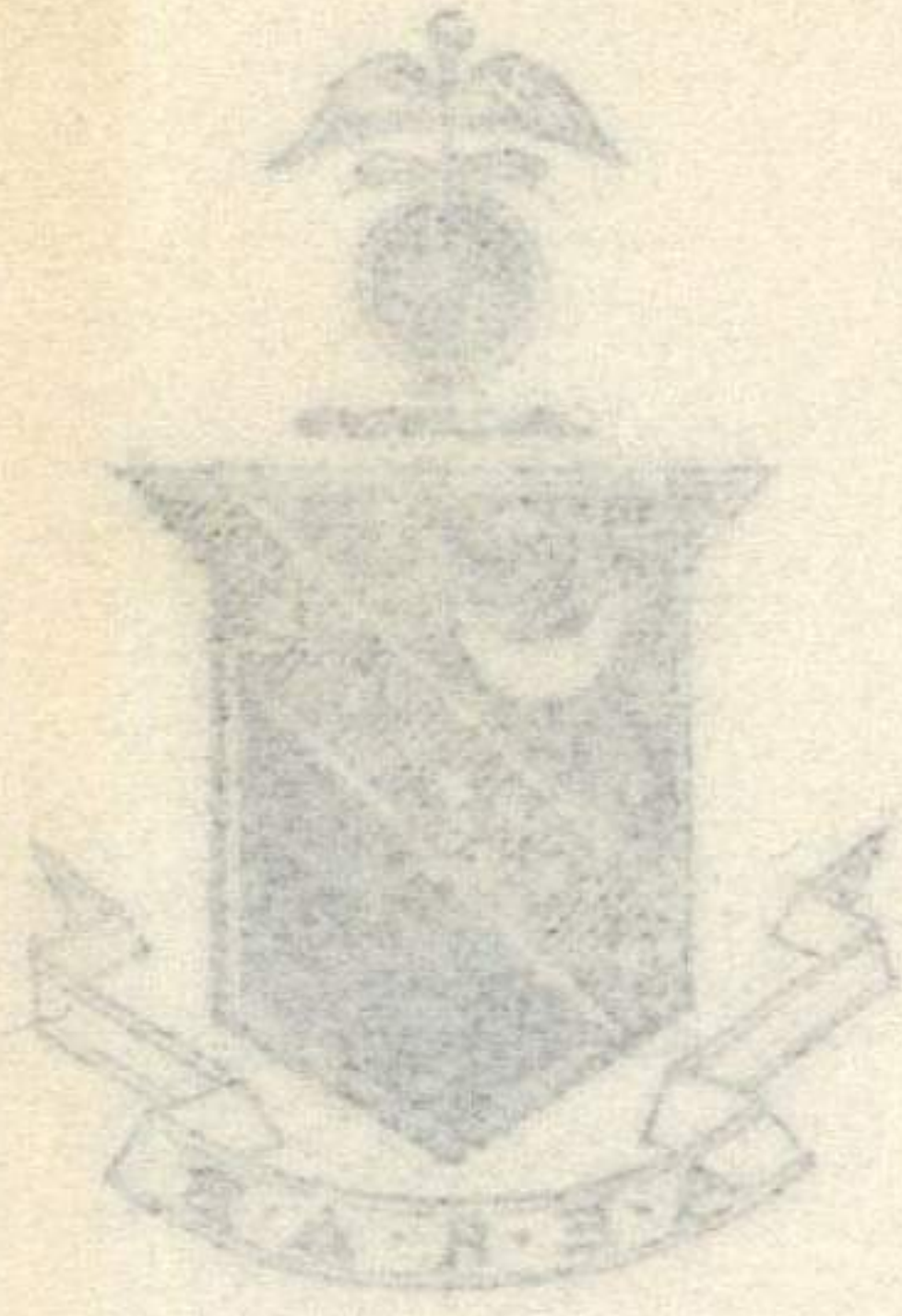


GAMMA OMICRON CHAPTER
1045 WEST HILLS
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

last year dropped to six hours a week & my freshman year I had 14 hours. Seems like Jim had so many boys in the towel room and each working so little that no one benefited a great deal & even towel room efficiency standards were lowered somewhat, I believe. Also it seemed that half the hours were worked by boys who were by no means varsity material & in fact many of them had even quit the sport for which they were supposed to excel in. However, I am not one to talk, I was merely trying to show you a possible reason for ~~my~~ some of the towel room criticism.

Well enough of that. I do hope though that I can have Golair's old job if possible because I will certainly need it. Mother's small earnings seem to decrease every day & I hate to ask her for anything, although she would give me her last cent if she thought I wanted it. All mothers are that way though thank God.

The more I reflect over last year the more I want to kick myself in the pants for our poor showing. If we never win another game next year, I want to beat



Missouri so bad over there that they won't know whether they are coming or going. As Ebling would say we'll haunt em next year. I hope Ralph gives up football because I can't help thinking there's a team there if everything works right. I wish it were Dec. 1. right now and I'll bet all the rest the gang wishes so too. We're going to go next year. I feel it.

Well Doc, by the time you've tried to read through all this maze you'll be hungry, sleepy & everything else so I'll stop. Give my regards to Bob & the family and have a pleasant August. If you have time to write me a nice long letter just get good ole trusty Mrs Hutton by your desk & start dictating.

Your pupil & admirer

"Rope" Engleman

P.S. Doc if you can hurry those Phillipburg boys along any please do.

Howard Engleman's earnings from Towel Room:

1937-38: Total, \$110.95 (Ave. of \$12.32+ for 9 mos.)

1938-39: Total, \$124.58 (Ave. of \$13.84+ for 9 mos)

(Kenneth Messner - 1938-39: Total, \$145.03, ave.

\$16.11+ for 9 mos.)



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Forest C. Allen
Robinson Gym or 800 Louisiana
Kans. Univ.
Lawrence
Kansas

Dear Doc,

Just heard that Bruce Reid had an appendicitis operation. They're not allowing visitors yet but I guess he's coming along all right. Maybe you already knew but thought I'd make sure.

Did you get my letter I wrote you several weeks ago. That work hasn't started yet. I expected to hear from you by now but I reckon you're awfully busy.

I'll let you know about Bruce later. Where will you be next month. Write me.

Sincerely Yours,
Rope
Engleman

September 30, 1938.

Mr. Tom Elliott,
2127 Ryans St.,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Tom:

I asked Taft Talbot for your address and he gave it to me, so I am writing you concerning the manufacturing of other things besides a "Phog" Allen basketball.

This Kelly knee pad made by Milton Kelly down at Austin, Texas, was made here in our athletic treating room and the knee pad was designed by me. Kelly was my trainer here for a number of years, and I had him make it for me because it was light. After he had made some for me he said, "I wonder if you would care if I made them in my name", and I said, "No, go ahead."

Each winter Kelly had flu and would be down in bed for a month at a time. At that time Theo Belmont was Director of Athletics at Texas. I was attending the Texas Relays and asked Belmont if he wanted a first class trainer. He said he could use one and I recommended Kelly. He needed to get to a warmer climate.

I want to say that I do not want to steal any of Kelly's thunder, but I know I can design a knee pad that will not be stealing anything from him. In fact, this idea was mine in the first place. I thought maybe I could interest Rawlings in making a complete set of "Phog" Allen braces and athletic appliances. You can see the knee pad that our boys are wearing in those pictures in the book. They are wearing Kelly knee pads. You will also notice that sacro-iliac belt in the book, and that was my origination. Then that dislocated shoulder brace I designed for Larry Smith, the son of Lawrence Smith of Smith-Grieves, Kansas City. He attended Andover last year, and is now at the University of Kansas. Lowe and Campbell made this brace under my direction for this boy.

It just occurred to me that we could start out with some very worth while appliances and put them on the market just as the need indicated. I thought this might be an additional matter that you could discuss with your boss at an appropriate time. I really believe that some of these features would be of reciprocal benefit both to your firm and to me.

I trust that you enjoyed reading the book. Be sure to read "Tales of Yesteryears". I think some of them will prove interesting.

It was nice to have a visit with you and Taft. I will be hoping for more such visits.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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KANSAS CITY, MO. September 28, 1938

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Phog:

In answer to your letter of September 27th, the following is Tom Elliott's home address:

Tom Elliott
2127 Ryons St.
Lincoln, Nebraska

A letter addressed to Tom at Rawlings in St. Louis would doubtless reach him eventually, but a letter sent to his above home address would probably reach him sooner, as he makes Lincoln his headquarters.

Very truly yours,
R. S. ELLIOTT ARMS CO.

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September 30, 1938.

Mr. Taft Talbot,
R. S. Elliott Arms Co.,
1508 Grand Avenue,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Taft:

Thanks very much for sending me the address of
Tom Elliott. I am enclosing copy of the letter I have
written him.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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St. Louis, Mo.

Jan 14, 1939.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Athletic Dept.
Kansas University,
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Doctor:-

Under separate cover via parcel post am returning the book Better Basketball, which you so kindly loaned to our Mr. Elliott and which I took the liberty of reading.

It is very interesting indeed and we will be glad to recommend it.

Yours sincerely,

Vice Pres.

WEB-B.





HENRY J. WESELOH
MANAGING DIRECTOR



HOTEL SHAWNEE

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

Sunday
11-6-38

Dr. F. C. Allen
Kansas Uni.,
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I finished reading your book last week. However I took it down to the factory with me in St. Louis and Mr. Seudder and Mr. Bischoff wanted to look it over. They will return it to you.

I enjoyed all of it - especially the stories in the last section.

I had a long talk with Mason Seudder, who owns Rawlings, about making some pads and braces for you.

He says he will be glad to do it and it works out very satisfactorily on items that you can patent. On other items the royalty runs the cost up so much that when the other manufacturers copy it, they have you beat in price.



HENRY J. WESELOH
MANAGING DIRECTOR



HOTEL SHAWNEE

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

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He would be glad to talk to you about the entire set-up regarding the use of your name, especially on a line of pads and braces.

He did not think that he wanted another name on basket balls now, unless you and Dr. Naismith would be agreeable to our using a "Naismith-Allen"

name on a ball. He says he will take that suggestion up with Mr. Hood and Mr. Carr the last of November when they come in for the next meeting.

I would not make a special trip to St. Louis now, but if you are near there any time please go in and talk to Mr. Scudder.

I will keep you posted on how it develops.

Saw Ohio State and Purdue yesterday.

Tom Elliott
Rawlings Mfg Co.



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2127 Ryans St
Lincoln, Nebr.

Dr. F. C. Allen
Kansas Univ.
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Dr. Allen:
I received your fine
letter last week. I have
been with Mr. Hood of
our company this past
week. He discussed the
matter with Mr. Sudder
last week, and he told
me that Mr. Sudder was
interested and wanted to
talk to me about it later.
I will be in
St. Louis in two weeks
and will write you more
at that time.

Very truly
Tom Elliott
Rawlings Mfg Co.

Jim Ecken

September 21, 1938.

Mr. James Ecker,
Marion, Kansas.

Dear Jim:

I am sorry that you were unable to get sufficient funds to start to school at the University. However, I trust that you will be able to make the connection by next semester. I assure you we will be glad to help you help yourself.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Marion, Kans.
Sept. 19, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Allen:—

Due to unforeseen circumstances,
I was unable to get the hundred dollars
to start in school. I plan to get it
by next semester and hope that you
will be able to offer me a job then.

If I get a chance to come to
Lawrence I will stop in and see
you

Very respectfully
James E. Key

HAROLD M. HAUSER

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

DEAN BUILDING

MARION, KANSAS

September 13, 1938

Mr. Forrest Allen
Athletic Department
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

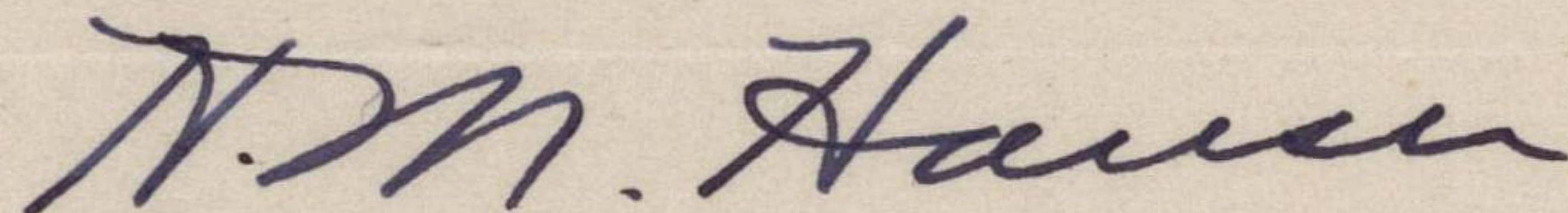
I am advising you that Jim Ecker, the boy whom I have previously written you about, will be in Lawrence about the 14th or 15th.

I have explained to Jim the situation as I was informed from your letter and that there was no assurance that he would receive a job but, in all probability, if he went to you, you would do whatever is possible to secure employment for him.

Jim wants to go to the University and he is by no means a tramp and anything you can do for this boy, I will certainly appreciate.

With very best personal regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,



HAROLD M. HAUSER

HMH:LP

August 29, 1938.

Mr. Harold M. Hauser,
Dean Building,
Marion, Kansas.

Dear Dutch:

As I told you over the phone, our vacation days are just over and I am writing you a letter this morning in acknowledgment of your good letter of the 25th. This explains why we have not written you sooner.

I was glad to have your letter concerning Jim Ecker, and I know full well that you know athletes when you see them. I have explained to you that I do not have any jobs, nor have I had any for several years. All the jobs are handled by Ad and the Kansas Relays Club.

I have much preferred to take boys who choose Kansas on account of the benefit that they could get from the University rather than figuring on what the University would pay them. I know, too, that it is necessary for a boy to have a job, but for an athlete who particularly wants to be "fixed up" before he can come to school, I have never been of the persuasion that that boy picked Kansas primarily on account of the benefit that he could get for himself academically.

Now please do not think that I am turning sour on an alumnus who is good enough to want to get a boy into the University. Rather, I have felt like the emphasis is placed in the wrong direction. If a boy chooses Kansas, then I am in a different position regarding aiding him in a job than if he has bids from other colleges and places the University of Kansas along with the rest of them in making his final decision.

I am sending you a copy of a letter that I have written to several boys and friends of boys who wanted us to get jobs for athletes before they decided to attend the University. My policy has been to take this boy who knows where he is going and help him help himself. This type of boy, I am sure, will be eligible and he is already fired with an ambition to succeed, and with these requisites I still feel competent enough to coach that type of boy toward a championship or a near-championship.

I think you have been around me, Dutch, long enough to know that I am friendly to all boys and I am friendly to boys who really want to get along. And I too can understand the psychology of a boy's mind at the present time who is out "on the make", because so many of them are doing it. But I am still old-fashioned and cannot get over that grade.

Again thanking you for your interest, and assuring you that I will help this young man should he decide on Kansas as his school, I am

Fraternally yours,

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Encl.

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

HAROLD M. HAUSER

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

DEAN BUILDING

MARION, KANSAS

August 25, 1938

Mr. Forrest Allen
University of Kansas Athletic Dept.
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

I am writing you in regard to the placement of a young man who graduated from Marion High School this last Spring. At the present writing, I have his consent to attend the University if a job is available for him.

His name is Jim Ecker and, in my opinion, he is, without a doubt, the potential outstanding athlete that Marion High School has ever produced. I hesitate to recommend any athlete for a job merely because he is an athlete and have never before attempted to secure a placement for an athlete at the University of Kansas but, under the circumstances, I am convinced that Jim Ecker has more possibilities of becoming a great athlete than any high school graduate I have ever known or have read about--notwithstanding Ralph Miller of Chanute.

I can not be too affluent in my praise for this boy and his ability as a basketball player is unsurpassed as a youngster capable of being trained. He plays the style of game which you yourself would love to see and, as best explained, he is rugged, tough and quick as a cat and this is coupled with a remarkable eye for the basket in any position. So much for his ability as a basketball player.

Now as a football player, he is a remarkable receiver of passes; his offensive play is as well as can be expected with the training he has had in blocking. What a good coach could do with him would be marvelous, I am sure. His defensive play is, likewise, qualified as good, under the coaching he has had, and the remarkable thing about it is that his development could be so positive that he could be made one of the most outstanding ends Kansas has ever had.

Mr. Forrest Allen

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Aug. 25, 1938.

He stands about six feet or a little more, at the present time, and weighs about one hundred seventy pounds, tough as a boot.

Now to top this off, this boy is a straight "A" student and one of good moral character.

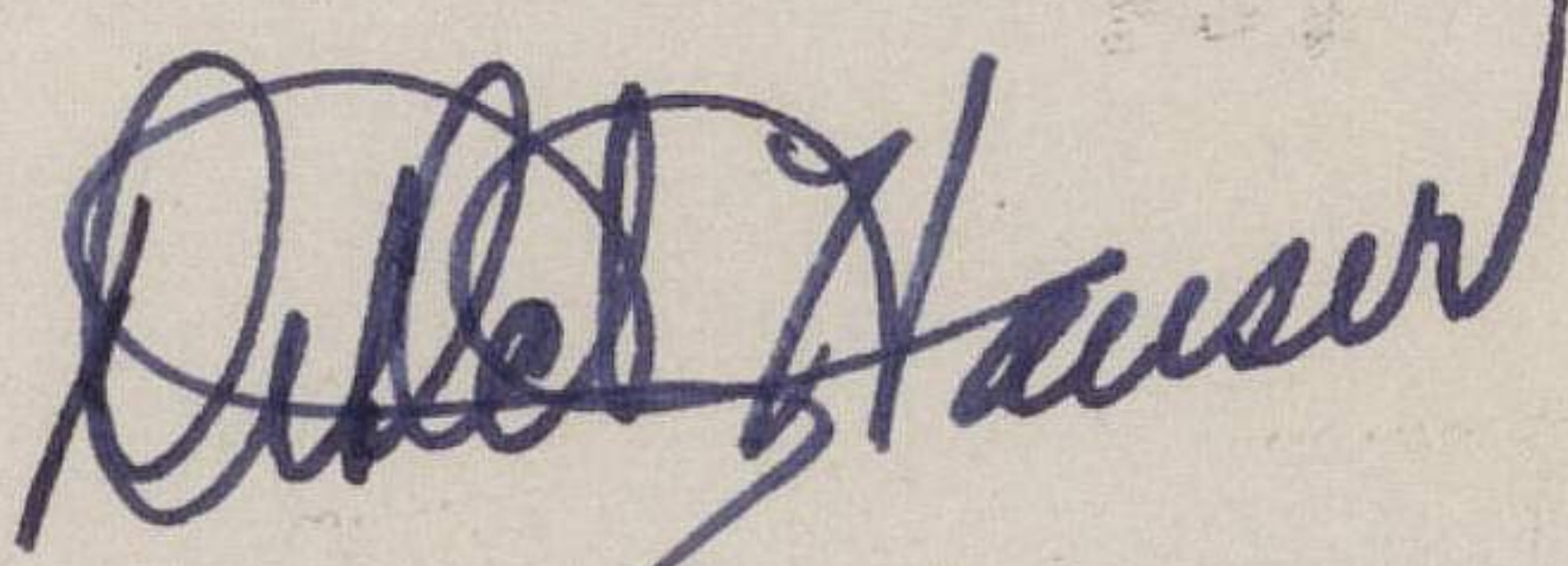
As I have said before, I have never recommended any athlete to you. This boy, in my opinion, is a potential great athlete and with the training he would receive under you and the present football staff would make him just that.

This boy has offers from all the Kansas Conference Schools and from two schools outside the State. If you are in a position to give this boy a placement, I want to know what the job is and how much it will pay so that I may give him the exact picture so that he may not be disappointed upon going to the University. I would like this information at your very earliest convenience.

I am sending copies of this letter to Gwyn Henry and also Ad Lindsay.

With very best personal regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,



HAROLD M. HAUSER

HMH:LP

cc: Gwyn Henry
Ad Lindsay