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Mr. Forrest Allen
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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.