

March 2, 1938.

Mr. Floyd Ebaugh,
Athletic Department,
University of Nebraska,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

My dear Floyd:

Permit us to extend to you our sincerest condolences in the passing of your brother. We did not know of this sadness in your life until we had left the Nebraska Coliseum after the game. Had we learned of this earlier we would have surely gone to you to express our personal sorrow.

We have also heard of the fine thing that your teammates did in endeavoring to express to you their affection and comradeship.

Please be assured of our very high regard for you and the whole Nebraska team in their sterling performance of last Saturday night.

Sincerely yours,

Varsity Basketball Coach

Members of the University of
Kansas Basketball Team:

July 7, 1938.

Mr. Ernest Eberth,
Basehor, Kansas.

Dear Ernie:

Thank you for your kind letter of the 5th instant.

We found that the University Business Office has been holding your check for some time. I am sorry that it had not been sent to you long ago, but we assumed, of course, that when it came from Topeka the Business Office would forward it at once to you.

It was a pleasure to have you with us last fall, Ernie, and we deeply regret that your illness made it necessary for you to withdraw. I trust that you are regaining your health, and that you will be able to come back to school in the fall.

With best wishes for your success and happiness, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Basehor, Kans.

July 5, 1938

Dr. F. C. Allen
K. U. athletic ass.
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

As it has been some time since I sent those blanks to the Business Office and have not heard from them, I was wondering if they had been misplaced or something.

If the matter has been tended to and the check

has already been sent, I wish to thank you for your trouble. If not, I would greatly appreciate it if you would see what has caused the delay.

I wish to thank you for the interest you took in me while I was out at X. U. & thanks for the fine opportunities you afforded me.

Sincerely yours

Ernest Ebert

July 8, 1938.

Dean George A. Esterly,
University of Newark,
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear George:

I am just getting around to answering your personal note that you left at my office when you called on April 19.

Of course, I see your good dad quite often and we have a great many conversations concerning you and your future, - and we think it is brilliant. I want you to know that I do appreciate your stopping by for a personal visit. It is always good to see you.

The Allen's kindest to the Esterlys, and best wishes for your continued success.

Fraternally yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

DIVISION OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Phog —

April 19, 1938

I certainly am sorry to find you
out — as always the best of
wishes — etc. & etc. —

Forgetful

July 11, 1938.

Mr. Ray Ebling,
Phillips Petroleum Co.,
Bartlesville, Okla.

Dear Ray:

I have had a notation on my desk for a long time to write you congratulating both you and Helen on the step that you two are about to take.

I got a letter from your brother, Don, the other morning, and he mentioned the fact that your "term" is to begin sometime in September. Here's wishing that it may be a very happy and pleasant "life sentence".

Please convey my good wishes to your fiancée, and tell her that I am happy for you both.

We are having a very pleasant stretch of weather for the present time, and I am hoping that you are blessed with the same kind in Bartlesville.

With kindest regards to you all, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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P. S. I have just heard from Fred Pralle saying that he is to start with Phillips on August first. I had heard indirectly that he signed up with the Cardinals and had rescinded his contract with Phillips, and then asked to be reinstated. I am glad to hear that he is going to work with them, however. I have worried about Fred on this score because he has such a wonderful opportunity with Phillips. I would be terribly disappointed if he would do anything to injure the fine possibilities that he has for the present and for the future.

F.C.A.

July 8, 1938.

Mr. Evan E. Evans,
Superintendent of Schools,
Winfield, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Evans:

I acknowledge with thanks your favor of the 5th instant. I assure you that I was not expecting any apology, and it is not necessary for you to make one. Neither was I making excuses for the coaches.

I was endeavoring to explain to you the set up in Physical Education that is now in force at the University of Kansas. We feel very optimistic toward its future, and I am very sure that we will be able to make a definite contribution to the state. We shall value your criticism from time to time.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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WINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
WINFIELD, KANSAS

July 5, 1938

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

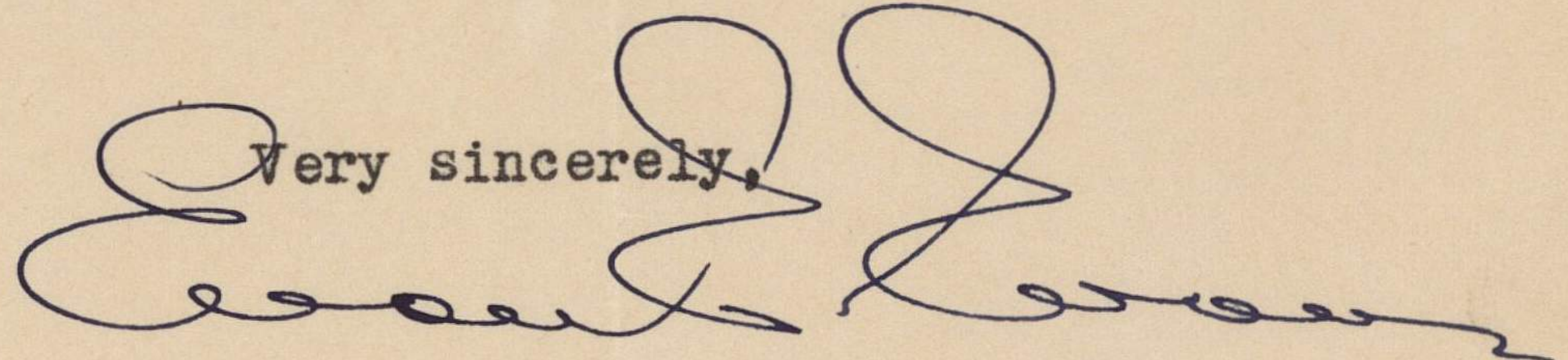
My dear Mr. Allen:

Long before I received your letter I had decided that it was unfortunate I had attended the Summer Conference. I talked entirely too many times and said too many things. In the first place I was referring to your Reorganization when I spoke in the morning and said that "Up until about one or two years ago it was impossible to find a candidate in a Physical Education Department in Kansas." I realize full well that my opinions regarding the Physical Education, Physical Education and Coaching, Physical Education Departments and the Kansas University Physical Education Department are of absolutely no value.

When I mentioned the fact that your coaches were not in attendance at the summer conference I did it to a very select group and did not realize it would bring about a controversy. Either Miss Dunkel or Mr. Henre must have told you of my comment. I made the comment to make the point that until the University Coaches get interested in Physical Education we do not need expect our high school coaches to get interested in Physical Education. The fact that they are on a $9\frac{1}{2}$ month salary is of no interest to me whatever. Most of the Physical Education instructors who were in attendance at the conference are on a 9 month salary.

Please accept my apologies for any interpretation you have placed on anything I may have said that is critical of the Physical Education Department of the University of Kansas. With the exception of the fact that I never seem to be able to learn to keep my mouth shut I thought it a very fine conference.

Very sincerely,



Evan E. Evans
Superintendent

EEE/MP

July 7, 1938.

Professor Bert Nash,
School of Education,
University of Kansas.

Dear Bert:

Confirming our conversation at the Education breakfast on the Fourth of July I am sending you copy of the letter that I wrote Superintendent Evans. I am also enclosing copy of his reply which came yesterday.

I wanted to keep you advised as to the progress that we desire to make in the Department of Physical Education as a part of the School of Education.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Office of the Superintendent
Winfield, Kansas

July 5, 1938

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Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

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Very sincerely,

(Signed) EVAN E. EVANS

EEE/MP

Superintendent.

June 30, 1938.

Mr. Evan E. Evans,
Superintendent of Schools,
Winfield, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Evans:

One of the members of our department mentioned the fact to me that you had thought it possibly queer that our Director of Athletics and the football coach were not present at the State Educational Summer Conference for Physical Education. Thinking that you might not be clear on this procedure I thought it best to write you to give you our set up here.

You doubtless recall that the Board of Regents on January 2nd, 1937, set up a four-year course with a major in Physical Education in the School of Education, and they named the writer as head of the school of Physical Education. Our purpose and desire is to supply physical education majors to the high schools of the state who are well qualified and capable of administering all branches of physical education, including the coaching of competitive sports. Of course, this includes football, basketball, track, baseball, as well as the minor sports such as wrestling, swimming, and so forth.

In other words, we will turn out a well-rounded teacher who cannot only coach the physical skills well, but will also be able to teach academic subjects and administer a department which might take in the co-recreational and social aspects and the administration of an all-inclusive summer program for people of all ages.

I am now working on a job analysis survey, desiring to get the educators' viewpoint on the ideal set up that they would desire for a teacher of physical education and coaching in their high schools. This, of course, obtains for a major in physical education and a minor in special academic subjects. We will want your aid in this project. Often we find that some of us turn out a coach who is not qualified to teach the subjects that the superintendents and principals would desire. The student has gone in too strongly for the competitive sports, and has thereby neglected the academic requirements, making his one-sided in preparation. This job analysis survey program will come to you some time after the opening of the fall term. We will thank you if you will give us your very searching analysis and criticism.

For your information I desire to give you the set up which we follow here at the University of Kansas. Mr. H. D. Chandler, of the School of Education, is secretary of the Teachers Appointment Bureau. The student expecting a teaching job must enroll with Mr. Chandler. It is his duty to get recommendations from all the teachers and coaches necessary to qualify the student for consideration. These are on file in Mr. Chandler's office. We here in the office of the Department of Physical Education have a duplicate file, together with such added information that we think a principal or superintendent would be interested in. This applies of course to certain phases of physical education that are sometimes not carried by Mr. Chandler.

For instance, if a principal or superintendent wanted a highly qualified football, basketball or track coach it is possible that we might have added information that Mr. Chandler might not have. Of course, this does not estop the principal or superintendent from going to the varsity football coach or coaches of other sports to learn any added knowledge concerning the fitness of a particular candidate. In fact, we very much desire this. But in our set up it is not necessary that either the superintendent or principal interview the coach because we have all the necessary data in the office.

I have two cases in point at the present time. Two principals of Kansas high schools came to me and said they desired primarily an expert coach. They were much concerned in this phase of the situation. They stated that they could shift the teaching in the schools quite satisfactorily, but they wanted an expert coach. In both cases I was able to supply this information.

Neither Messrs. Orlan Henry, Ad Lindsey, Dick Grayne, nor Mike Gotto are on the teaching faculty of the School of Education or the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. And too, they work 9 1/2 months of the year and are on their vacation during the summer session. This will explain to you their absence from the meeting.

The writer is responsible for all of the work of this department. Dean Schaeffer is my superior and with him I cooperate for the common good of us all.

I would be very happy to have a letter from you setting forth any further questions that you desire to ask regarding our set up, and it would be a pleasure to cooperate with you in any way that we can.

We enjoyed your portrayal of the very excellent recreative program carried on this summer in Winfield. We think it is wonderful. We only wish each town in Kansas would be as progressive as is Winfield in their forward-looking program. It would be a pleasure for me to sit with you and discuss the things that you consider eminently worth while in physical education, recreation and athletics.

Wishing you a very pleasant summer, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

June 30, 1938.

Professor F. P. O'Brien,
School of Education,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dr. O'Brien:

At one of the conferences on Monday Mr. Mifflin made a very unfortunate statement and it rather reflected upon his professional prestige. Superintendent Evans challenged it with the statement, "I am surprised. I came to the University not expecting to hear her leaders say such things."

Naturally, when he brought the University in and cited Mr. Mifflin as one of her graduates, which he is not, I arose and made a statement to clarify the situation. The whole discussion was one bearing on administrative procedure.

Later I learned that Mr. Evans discussed rather critically the absence of the competitive sports coaches at the conference. I felt it would be rather helpful to write him a letter of this sort, and I trust that this will further help the situation.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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June 30, 1938.

Dean R. A. Schwegler,
School of Education,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dean Schwegler:

Superintendent Evans raised the point why was it that the varsity football coach and Mr. Henry, director of athletics, were not present at the State Educational Summer Conference last Monday.

I think it would have been a good thing had they been there, but it is rather difficult to get these people to see the liaison.

I have desired to acquaint Mr. Evans with the facts. I hope that this bit of information will beget a better understanding and more wholesome cooperation.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

June 30, 1938.

Miss Elizabeth Dunkel,
Department of Physical Education.

Dear Miss Dunkel:

Apropos of Superintendent Evans' conversation
I am sending you copy of the letter I have written him.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH
Enc.

February 12, 1938.

Mr. H. D. Edgren,
George Williams college,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Edgren:

I am tardy in acknowledging your kind favor of the 31st ultimo, together with your study on Objective Tests on Individual Activities. Thank you very much for this. I am sure I will find it very interesting.

Answering your question regarding the conference attitude toward the elimination of the center jump this year, beg to state that McDermott, of Oklahoma, has outspoken against eliminating the tip, as I believe Root, of Kansas State, did. Menze, at Iowa State, rather has come along accepting it half-heartedly, as has Browne, of Nebraska. Edwards, of Missouri, is hoping to find more profits in the elimination of the center tip than was found in the tap play, although he has not come out very strong either way.

Personally, I have always been for the center tap, although in the 29 years that I have been coaching here we have had but two fairly tall centers. I have gone along with the rules committee feeling that they knew what they were doing, although I have never agreed with their action. I have always contended that it is just another out of bounds play, and just because half of the Pacific Coast Conference - a conference in which basketball never was any too strong - propogandized the thing, this should not have been a criterion to change the national rules. The northern half of the Pacific Coast Conference has always been for the tap play at center.

All the rules makers have done is to eliminate the center tip and just add a great number of out of bounds plays at the end. There are no plays now in the center of the court except the beginning tap.

I have always been strong for a rotation of center jumpers just as we have the batting order in baseball. Then if you took time out after each field goal and free throw, and give them ample time to come back to center to get set, you would give the public a breathing spell mentally after an exciting goal, and you would permit the players' hearts to resume some degree of normalcy before another hard drive up the floor.

I do not know just how many malcontents there are over the change in the rule, but I think we should at this meeting set out some definite problems to study for this next year. These problems, of course, should be asked for by the rules committee, rather than the research committee. We do a good deal of research, but unless the rules committee asks that publicly then the public does not consider it as important as they should.

I have always had the notion that the coaches who were not winning generally were the ones who were finding fault with the rule. So far as the fundamentals of the game are concerned, they have not changed the game much. But they have increased the strain on the heart. The game is for the players first, and the spectators second. I think both the players and spectators are being harmed by this type of game now being played. There is more strain on the players' heart and there are fewer mental breathing spells which enable a connoisseur of the game to enjoy to the fullest the high lights of this very interesting and fast growing indoor game.

We have done just as well without the center tap as we have with it, but as a coach and a member of the rules body I think the game is too much hockeyized at present. There is too much of a shuttle monotony. So long as we have held balls we have the players jumping for the ball. Running, jumping, leaping, vaulting and climbing are the fundamental activities of man. Therefore, I cannot see why unless they eliminate all jump balls they should eliminate the center tap.

In my 30 years of coaching I have never had any man injured at the center jump, and especially when we have the three 6-foot radius circles. That seems to me as much protection as anybody could or should want.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

George Williams College
Chicago

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January 31, 1938

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SUMMER HOME
COLLEGE CAMP, WISCONSIN
(ON LAKE GENEVA)

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thanks for your letter of the 26th. I, too, will be looking forward to our meeting in April.

I have sent you under separate cover a copy of a little booklet one of my students and I developed last year on Objective Tests of Individual Activities. I hope you might find it useful in some of your courses at the University of Kansas.

What is the reaction in your conference toward the omission of the center jump this year? Have they accepted it as much as the west coast did a year ago? We are sensing some real criticism in these parts around the lack of any breathing spell anywhere in the game as a result of the omission of the jump. Be interested to get your reaction.

Yours very truly,

H. D. Edgren

H. D. Edgren
Supervisor of Intercollegiate Athletics

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PHONE GRAND 1911

KANSAS CITY, MO.

July 13, 1938

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
c/o University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Answering your letter of July 11th, we wish to say that we have written the manufacturers for a sample square foot of the mat in question and as soon as we have received this sample, we will mail it up to you and let you look it over.

We should have this sample within a few days.

Yours sincerely,
R. S. ELLIOTT ARMS CO.

By

jre;m

"It Pays to Play"

July 20, 1938.

Professor H. D. Edgren,
Department of Physical Education,
George Williams College,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Professor Edgren:

I should like very much to receive a copy of
your mimeographed bulletin, "Individual Skill Tests
in Physical Activities", by Edgren and Robinson.

I do not know if there is a charge for this
or not, but we shall be glad to pay the postage or
any other charge that you find it necessary to make.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

V. W. Lapp,
Assistant Professor,
Department of Physical Education.

July 21, 1938.

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

Dear Jack:

Thank you very much for sending the sample of the sponge rubber gym mat. It was received yesterday, and we are very much pleased with the appearance of this material. You may be sure we shall take care of the sample, and give it to Taft Talbot some time when he is in Lawrence.

I'll write you later regarding our order for the rubber mats.

Thanking you again, and with best wishes,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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1508-10 GRAND AVENUE

PHONE GRAND 1911

KANSAS CITY, Mo. July 19, 1938

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
c/o Physical Education Dept.
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Phog:

We have just received a sample of the sponge rubber gym mat and are sending you this sample by parcel post today.

If this is what you want, we would be very glad to take care of your requirements as per our recent quotation.

Incidentally when you are through with the sample, will you kindly give it to Taft Talbot the next time he goes to Lawrence.

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

By

jre;m

"It Pays to Play"

June 14, 1938.

R. S. Elliott Arms Co.,
1012 Grand Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

A short time ago we ordered from you three croquet sets. These have been delivered, but no rules accompanied these sets. Some of our people are desirous of learning the finer points of the game, and we would appreciate it if you would send us the rules to go with these croquet sets.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

August 1, 1938.

Mr. Jack Engel,
Liberal, Kansas.

Dear Jack:

I am very glad to receive your good letter. Yes, I talked to my good friend, Professor E. F. Engel, and he told me that you were interested in the University of Kansas.

You bet your life we will be glad to help you all we can. I have never seen an Engel who wasn't dependable and who wouldn't work. I was always very fond of Vern, and if you are anything like Vern, you are O.K. You can count on my helping you obtain work.

Of course, it will be necessary for you to get your course outlined so that we can see what free time you will have, then we can fit the work into your schedule.

I would say that an average of 92 was very splendid. It will be a pleasure to have you on our freshman team, and I hope eventually on our varsity. You may count very definitely on my helping you. Let me know what time you are coming, and when you do arrive come in the office and we will be glad to cooperate very fully with you to the common end of obtaining a degree from the University of Kansas.

Where is Vern? I would like to be remembered to him.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Athletics
University of Kansas
Lawrence Kansas

Dear Doctor Allen:

I recently received a letter from my
uncle, Professor C. F. Engel, requesting that
I write to you and make formal applica-
tion for a job in the athletic department
during the 1938 and 1939 school term.

Since all of the Engels before me
have attended the University of Kansas,
I too have the desire to go there. Unfortunately
my father is not financially able at this
time to pay all of my expenses, and if I
am to attend the University it will
be necessary that I receive some outside

income.

I played basket ball three years in Junior High and three years in high school, and was captain of the team four years out of the six that I played. I was president of the freshman class; vice-president of the senior class and entered into other school activities such as school plays.

My average grade during my four years of high school was 92.

I am eager to continue with basketball in the University and will greatly appreciate it if you can provide some employment for me in your department.

Very truly yours,
Jack Engel

July 11, 1938.

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

Dear Jack:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 8th instant regarding the lastex hose. I appreciate your kindness in looking into this for me.

I also wish to thank you for your letter regarding the sponge rubber gymnasium mats. I am wondering if it would be possible for the factory to send us a small sample of these mats. I understand they use mats of this type at Kansas City University, and that they are quite satisfactory, but we should appreciate seeing a sample of this mat.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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