

February 25, 1938.

Mr. Donald Ewing,  
Manager, Joe Fisher Basketball Team,  
104 Fredonia Avenue,  
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Ewing:

Thank you very much for your very kind letter of the 20th instant. It was very nice of you to write me and I assure you that I appreciate it very much.

May I wish for you and your fine basketball team continued success.

With deep appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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DON EWING  
Manager

**JOE FISHER**  
**BASKET BALL TEAM**  
Sportsmanship - Ability

104 Fredonia Avenue  
Peoria, Illinois

February 20, 1938

Dear Mr. Allen:

I read the article about you in the 'Christian Advocate' and I want to congratulate you upon your stand for Christianity. There are too few men in the realm of sport who stand as you do.

As captain and manager of the Joe Fisher team I have attempted to carry into the game the spirit of Christ. I have reached the conclusion that the playing of the game is more important than the winning.

We have created a spirit of friendliness wherever we have played. I cherish this more than the excellent record we have made. We, last year, won two major championships.



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in independent tournaments. We hope (and expect) to repeat this year. But whether we win or not we will maintain our high standing of sportsmanship.

The best of luck to you and to your team and I hope you will continue to stand as a fine example as well as a fine coach.

Sincerely yours,

Donald Ewing



# JOE FISHER BASKET BALL CLUB

AN ORGANIZATION OF  
Sportsmen - Athletes - Gentlemen

PEKIN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL  
Pekin, Illinois

April 29, 1937.

Dear Sir:

Just a line to congratulate you and your boys upon the fine showing made during the season just closed on the basketball floor. I had the pleasure of working in one of your games and seeing your team in action several times during the past season and want to congratulate your team upon the ability to play and splendid sportsmanship shown.

Your team conducted itself on par with the best high school and college fives I came in contact with during the past season.

In closing let me congratulate your sponsor for the fine piece of work he is doing in making such a thing as this possible for a fine group of young men.

Very truly,  
A. G. HAUSSLER,  
Director of Athletics  
Pekin Community High School  
Pekin, Illinois.

## FISHER'S TAKE BASKET CROWN

KEWANEE HIGH SCHOOL  
Kewanee, Illinois

May 3, 1937.

Mr. Donald Ewing,  
Manager, Joe Fisher Basketball Team,  
104 Fredonia Avenue,  
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Ewing:

I am very glad to write a letter of recommendation for the Joe Fisher Basketball Team based on what I saw of them in competition here in Kewanee in the Y.M.C.A. Tournament.

I thought that your team was the smoothest independent basketball team that I saw in action all season long. The ability of the individual team members was self-evident and the way in which they worked together for a team unity, was something not often seen in independent competition.

Speaking from both an official's standpoint and also from the comment heard in the spectator's group, I want to compliment them on their conduct on the floor and the sportsmanship which they exhibited. The team management seemed to be very efficient and their presence in the Y. tournament was greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Sincerely,  
ROSS ANDERSON,  
Director of Athletics.

PEORIA TEAM WINS MISSISSIPPI VALLEY TITLE  
CENTRAL OILERS ARE  
BEATEN IN 30-29 THRILLER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Peoria, Illinois

May 1, 1937.

Donald Ewing,  
104 Fredonia Avenue,  
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Donald:

During the last basketball season I followed with lively interest all our local teams. In my college days and while attending the University of Chicago, I played on University teams and so naturally the love of the game has stayed with me in these later years.

Among the teams I have seen play in Peoria this past season is the Joe Fisher team. Some of the men on this team I know personally, which made my interest the keener in estimating them.

I will say that I was impressed with the high type of young men playing on the team. And there was abundant evidence of skill at the game which so delights the trained eye of one who knows the game himself.

And one other thing of prime importance in athletic competition, and very generously in evidence in all your games I have seen, is the quality of good sportsmanship. Spectators delight to see a team play hard and fast and at the same time show that they are clean in hard competition.

Sincerely,  
GEORGE W. CHESSMAN,  
Minister of the First Baptist  
Church of Peoria, Illinois.

PEORIANS GRAB KEWANEE TITLE

### HEADLINES TAKEN FROM—

Daily Hawkeye-Gazette, Burlington, Iowa

Peoria Journal-Transcript.

Star-Courier, Kewanee, Ill.

Peoria Star.

Y. M. C. A.  
Burlington, Iowa

May 17, 1937.

Mr. Donald Ewing,  
104 Fredonia Avenue,  
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Ewing:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the "Joe Fishers" on their display of sportsmanship, ability, conduct and management. They were no doubt the best dressed team in the tournament; and from the sportsmanship angle, were rated one of the best.

Their team work appeared to be the best organized of any team in the tournament and their conduct on the floor and off floor was the best that is possible to show.

We hope that your team will come back to Burlington and display this same attitude; because most of the independent teams are short of this very thing.

Sincerely yours,  
G. D. McBRIDE,  
Physical Director.

## Joe Fisher's Quintet Nips Coalers for "Y" Championship

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
Peoria, Illinois

May 12, 1937.

Mr. Don Ewing,  
104 Fredonia Avenue,  
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Don:

When I saw you the other day I was reminded that I wanted to write and tell you how much I enjoyed watching your basketball team during the past season.

It seems to me you have gathered around yourself a group of fellows who are not only good athletes, but gentlemen as well. They played a hard, fast, clean game of ball. I think they are a great outfit.

There is no particular reason in my writing this letter except I know you worked hard to get the team together and to keep them going, and I thought you would like to know that some folks recognize that you did a fine job.

Sincerely yours,

W. G. SCHMIEDERER,  
Director of Program for Boys.



February 28, 1938.

Dr. E. E. Ebling,  
Lindsberg, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Ebling:

It was a very great pleasure to hear from you, and I assure you that you have never asked me for anything but what it was always a great pleasure to respond. Don has talked about you and Mrs. Ebling coming, and I have promised him that I would write you.

On our way to Lincoln, Nebraska, I said, "Don, I have not written your father yet about his coming to Lawrence along with your mother." He said, "Well, I am afraid there is not much use to write, Doc. They have just about given up. You know, mother is not well, and it is a hard trip." So he is not expecting you, and I know it will be indeed a happy surprise for him to see you, but I will not say one word to him about it, and let him have the added joy of finding out at the proper time.

I have spoken to Mr. Earl Falkenstien regarding the tickets. He will have them for you at the box office window.

Now, Dr. Ebling, I would like to ask you and your party to be our guests in our home that evening. Jane and Milton and Mary are all away from home, and we have a very large house with only Bobby, Eleanor, Mrs. Allen and myself, so if you would accept our hospitality for that night it would be indeed a great pleasure. Won't you accept? If you do, either wire or write me special delivery, so that we can make arrangements.

I assure you it will be no trouble, but we always have a lot of people the night of the game, and I am saving the space for you until we can hear from you. Understand this is no courtesy bow. We really mean it. We hope that you will come.

Thank you for your kind wishes regarding the Nebraska game. Don asked us to save a couple of tickets for you, and we did up there, but he said, "Well, I guess they gave it up", and I returned the tickets. Doctor, you should have seen the boy perform. He played a great game. He is a wonderful chap. I mean every word that I say about this boy. He is one of the brainiest athletes that I have ever coached.

Trusting you will accept our invitation, I am, with kindest personal regards to you and your splendid family,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



EUGENE E. EBLING  
DENTIST  
ROOMS OVER BERGGREN TAILOR SHOP  
TELEPHONE 102  
LINDSBORG, KANSAS

Feb. 25, 1938.

Dr Allen:  
Lawrence, Ks.

Dear Sir:

Well Dr. Allen you will know that hearing from me, I want something and of course I do.

Mrs. Ebling and I are coming to Lawrence, Mar. 3rd. to the K.U. and Mo. game and I am wondering if you will reserve (4) four tickets for us that night.

Donald has been asking us to come up for the game and I have been telling him that it would be hard for Mother to make the trip all the same day, I told him I didn't feel that I could spare the time to stay over, so I think he feels that I am not coming and I don't want you to let him know that we are coming, so if this is not asking too much Dr. Allen I will appreciate you doing this for me. You can send me the tickets or leave them at the box office, either way will be O.K.

I sure am pulling for you to win the Nebr. game tomorrow night.

Thanking you for all favors,  
I remain as ever,

*E. Ebling*



March 2, 1938.

Dr. E. E. Ebling,  
Lindsborg, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Ebling:

Thank you so much for your good letter of March 1 telling us that you will be with us to see the game, but not to stay at our home. Had it not been for the fact that Mrs. Allen has just finished a very strenuous club paper on a very difficult assignment, I would insist that the entire Ebling household stay with us. Our house is large enough, but I know that the hotel, under the conditions, will provide the best answer to your situation.

I am to leave for Columbia on Friday for the Big Six track meet. I am to have some special duties down there, and for that reason I am going down. Otherwise I would be here. But I will make it a point to have a visit with you and your family Friday morning before I leave. I do hope Mrs. Allen will be able to be free enough to drop down to the hotel for a short visit.

Do not worry about your being a jinx to our ball club. I never believed in jinxes, and I don't believe in this one. It will be a great pleasure to have you. The way the weather looks it is a little encouraging now, and I am trusting that you will have a very nice drive up, an enjoyable visit here, and a pleasant drive home. To make that visit one of pleasantries it is up to us to see that Kansas comes through all right with Missouri. We will do the best we can.

I also will be happy to see Don's boy friend. Don is playing a great game and we are very proud of him. In fact, we are proud of all the Eblings.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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EUGENE E. EBLING  
DENTIST  
ROOMS OVER BERGGREN TAILOR SHOP  
TELEPHONE 102  
LINDSBORG, KANSAS

Mar. 1st. 1938.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Allen:

Received your kind letter this morning and advising us about the tickets and extending us your hospitality for the night, but Dr Allen we are expecting Eugenia and her husband from Eureka Kansas and we have planned to make our stop at the Hotel, as we could all be together, Eugenia, Pete, Donald, Mrs. Ebling, and myself, and as Donald want have to go out for practise the next day we can have a kinda family re-union.

Anyway we appricate your invitation and we hope some time in the future, that we may have a chance to visit you and Mrs. Allen.

My only hopes is that you win this ball game, as the last three games that we have saw Raymond play, his team has lost and the first game that K.U. played I was their and you lost, so I hope that we will not be the jinks to your ball club.

Again thanking you Dr. Allen for your hospitality for the night, and I know you mean it and I would like to have time to talk to you and have a visit, but you are to busy a man at the time of the game I dont like to butt in.

I am bring one of Donald best friend's with us and also another boy, but they will stay with Donald that night.

Thanking you again Dr. Allen,  
Sincerely yours,

E. Ebling



July 8, 1938.

Mr. Don Ebling,  
Lindsborg, Kansas.

Dear Don:

Your good letter just arrived this morning, and I want you to know that I was happy to hear from you. Yes, we are getting a pretty tough schedule - three games with the Oklahoma Aggies on December 9 and 10 and February 9, then with the University of Texas on December 16 and 17, and two with Southern Methodist University on December 19 and 20.

Doubtless you saw the little squib that appeared in Eddie Brietz' column yesterday afternoon. It is as follows: "Texas basketball fans think Promoter Ned Irish will be making a mistake if he doesn't include the Texas Longhorns in his visiting list for Madison Square Garden next winter . . . Coach Jack Gray can start an entire line-up of ex-John Tarleton boys, and John Tarleton, if you remember, is the school which won eighty-four in a row before hitting the well known dust late last season."

And S. M. U., you know, is supposed to have a pretty strong outfit. A gentleman by the name of Billy Dewart, of Dodge City, is captain of the team, and of course he will be out to make his best showing against his former contemporaries in the Jayhawk state.

I had a fine visit with Dick Harp just a few days ago. We were talking about you. Dick said that he had a letter from you and that you were doing nothing but playing golf, but your letter of the 7th advises me differently, and I am glad to see you pick up that 15 pounds because you are such a nervous scamp that you are liable to worry this 15 pounds off before the start of the basketball season. You have something to work on now, Don.

I am going to write a letter to each one of the boys real soon, giving the full set-up for next year, but I haven't quite gotten around to it.

Glenn Cunningham just left the office after a nice visit. He has just accepted a position as lecturer in the extension division of the University, taking up his duties September first. I am sending you a copy of the Summer Session Kansan which will tell about the Women's Building and about Glenn. Glenn will lecture to some of our classes in Physical Education, and of course he will work out to keep in shape for the next two winters before the 1940 Olympics. Of course, that will be a great lure to the



track boys.

Getting back to your hard work, I am glad to see you doing that, Don, but be careful that you don't turn that tractor over. We had one of the most wonderful prospects in Lawrence High School turn a tractor over on himself during the summer just before he enrolled as a freshman here at the University. His name is Ralph Graeber. He scalded himself so severely that he was never able to play. So be careful about cutting any didoes with that vixen that has a hot blood stream.

Don, you would be surprised how many hours I am putting in here at the office. I am getting a lot of things done so that I will be caught up on my work in such a fashion that I will have definitely much more time to give to our fall basketball. We must start early because we have got some tough games very early in the season. I want to play the game about December 2 or 3 against one outfit before we tackle the Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater on the 9th. I have written Carleton College, of Northfield, Minnesota, who may come this way, and I have also written Washburn. We will take either one of them, and if we can't get either one we will play somebody else. Carleton College is coached by Marshall Diebold, one of Menawell's star players at Wisconsin. Diebold was one of the lecturers at the Register-Tribune coaching school last winter while we were up at Des Moines.

Now, back to this heterogeneous letter. Yes, my golf game is providing a lot of amusement, but I am not in the low 30's yet, Don. If I can get by with a 40 I am tickled pink. Dick Harp had told me you were the number one man on the Norwegian links. How is your dialect? Do any of those religious Swedes out there, when they play golf, ever dig up the sod and talk to God? You ask 'em.

I am glad the old bug is working on you to the extent that you are anxious to start back to school. To me it hasn't seemed that school is out yet. I am going to have everything in tip top shape here, even to the point of the varsity moving in the new dressing room and everything fixed up in apple-pie order so that we can start our training without interfering at all with the treating room for football, which will be in our old dressing quarters. I imagine they will use those quarters during the morning, so we will be free to move into the new East wing quarters. And then after the football season is over we will have the freshmen move in the varsity quarters of last year. However, if some good star freshmen appear we may let the freshmen check out a little early and work out against our varsity men, but we will have them in different quarters and that will be nice.

About three weeks ago we had five of the boys who are in school - Dick Harp, Lester Kappelman, Lyman Corlis, Howard Engleman, and Bob Allen - put on a clinic game against the teaching faculty. These were principals and superintendents who are in summer school, like Bullock, of Larned, an old Bethel College man. The varsity whipped them about 14 to 6 in an abbreviated game. The boys looked awfully



good when they set up their plays, but when they started playing shimmy, fire wagon basketball, and war cry polo they didn't look so good. Engleman is here taking work in summer school and working a little every afternoon to pay his board, or a part of it. Bob Allen is getting his chemistry out of the way, and doing a good job of it.

I will tell Bob and Mrs. Allen what you said and they will be mighty happy to hear from you. No, Bob is not playing baseball with the Ben Johnson team. I really believe he is going to knock chemistry for an "A" because he studies every night and he is more interested in his school work than his athletics. But he eats up basketball. He dreams about it and it seems to absorb almost all of his athletic enthusiasm. Lawrence has about five pretty good pitchers, and Bob is playing a lot of softball, so he is not going out with Green Brothers. He wants to get his chemistry out of the way and get a good start in the fall, and then he thinks he will try out for the varsity in baseball next spring.

In the next two weeks you will get a letter from me that will go out to all the varsity boys explaining the possible national collegiate championship which will be played off this year after the regular varsity season is over. It looks like it is pretty much on the way.

Give our sincerest regards to your splendid family. I am indeed very fond of them. I must write Ray a letter congratulating him upon the step that he is about to take. He may like this "life sentence". I don't see why he shouldn't, with a sweet girl like Helen. Now I am going to extend him my best, and this letter will serve as a reminder for me to write him.

Reverting to basketball, I want to tell you, Don, how fine it is to have a group of boys like you, Dick Harp, Engleman, Bob, Messner, Florall, Corlis, Kappelman - well, I could name a lot more, but I want you to know that it is a pleasure to work with a group of boys like you fellows who really want to go somewhere. I will be just as enthusiastic about our success as you perennial Sophomores. I guess they think that the sophomore has about the best enthusiasm of any of the classes, but I will take our outfit as they are coming this year for a bunch that will go places.

With kindest regards and best wishes to all of you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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P.S. By the way, Don, don't forget to do the dip and push-up on those fingers 12 times morning and night. We don't want you to sprain those fingers or wrists this next fall and winter.



Leinelsberg, Tex.  
July 7, 1938

Dear Dr. Allen —

As I once said to you I'd drop you a line during the summer months I guess I'd better do so, now.

I read in the evening paper where N.U. is scheduled to play S.M.U. and Texas U. four games. It sure should be swell, and may be beat them. I saw Schaake a few days ago so I asked him how your school went, and he seemed to think your classes were fine. Did you have quite an enrollment?

Doc, this summer seems to be going all right with me as I've gained nearly 15 pounds and barely lack tipping the scales at 170 lbs. If I keep on at the rate I'm going, I'll have to be trucked back to school. It seems as I'm beginning to fill out somewhat, and now I can only see about half my ribs. Anyway I have been driving a tractor for nearly three weeks from ~~AM~~ till nearly 8:30 P.M., so it can't be fat from lying around.

I imagine you have your golf game around the low 30's by now, or are you too busy to play? Before I began to work I played golf nearly every day and was No 1 man on the Leinelsberg golf team — the only reason I guess is because I'm about the only one that plays.

I'm getting rather anxious for school to start again. I didn't believe I'd ever learn to wish to



go back, but living in this great "metropolis" three weeks has cured me.

I haven't seen many kids from school nor heard from many so don't know what's going on. I've often wondered whether or not Bob was playing ball for Lawrence. The papers never give anything but the scores, so I can never tell who plays or what's what.

I received a letter a while back from Bill Savoy. It was too bad K.U. couldn't have ~~got~~ him in its fold as I believe he'd helped heaps. He said to me that he was afraid several K.U. Alumni would look down on him, but he said the opportunity was just too good to pass, and I don't believe I blame him one bit. - Another Kansas athlete gone.

My folks are feeling fine as well as everyone else in the family, but I do believe Ray is beginning to get a little shaky as his "term" is to begin sometime in September.

Well, I've done the best I can so I guess I'd better end. Tell Bob and Mrs. Allen "hello" for me and for Bob to sharpen his sight as I'm going to mine.

Yours Sincerely  
Don



January 26, 1938.

Mr. H. D. Edgren,  
Supervisor of Intercollegiate Athletics,  
George Williams College,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Edgren:

Thank you for your very gracious letter of the 24th instant concerning "Better Basketball". To know that you are pleased with it makes me happy indeed. I am also pleased to know that you think well enough of it to use it as a text in your professional course in basketball in your physical education curriculum.

I have just received a letter from Oswald Tower in which he says he thinks the Rules Committee meeting will be held in Chicago the first week in April. Of course, we will be notified when it is definitely settled. It will be a pleasure to see you and to continue our acquaintance.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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January 24, 1938

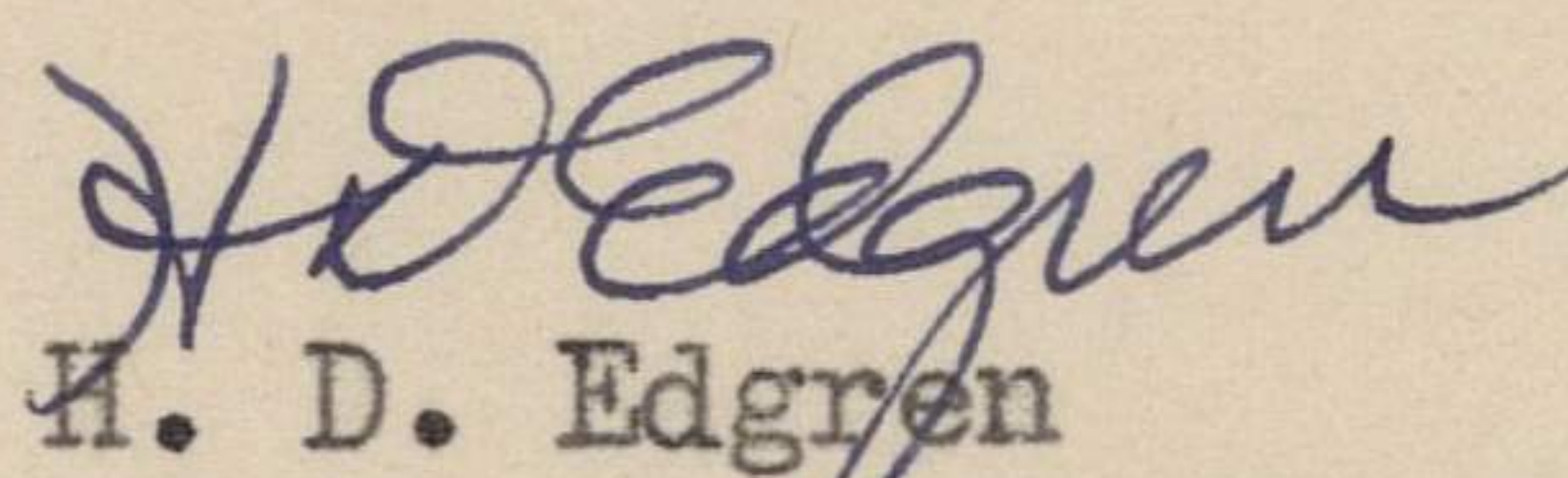
Dr. Forrest Allen  
Director of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I want first to compliment you on your recent book Better Basketball and to thank you for a copy of it which I received in the mail sometime ago. Thanks very much. I think you have developed a book here which for my purposes is the last word. It combines both the individual and team development as well as fundamentals and material for teaching techniques. I am planning to use it a text in my professional course in basketball in our physical education curriculum.

I hope to renew our acquaintance again during the Rules Committee meeting in New York this spring.

Yours very truly,

  
H. D. Edgren

Supervisor of Intercollegiate Athletics

HDE:EPB



May 20, 1938.

Mrs. Boulah Engleman,  
1003 South 2nd St.,  
Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Engleman:

Thank you for your very kind letter of the 18th instant. I want you to know that we are especially fond of Howard, and think he is a wonderful boy. He is not only fine in athletics, but has the admiration of everybody on the campus.

The other night we played the varsity against the freshman in the last practice game, and after the game while refreshments were being served to the boys and a group of faculty members I asked the faculty which one of the boys seemed outstanding to them. They all picked Howard as the one boy in that group because he is so clean, fine-looking, has wonderful coordination, rhythm, and above all, sportsmanship. It is a great joy to have a boy like that.

My son, Bobby Allen, is very fond of Howard and they are close friends. They are both of the same temperament, and both fine basketball players. It will be a pleasure to work with them this coming season.

We are planning to give Howard some work this summer, because he is certainly worth it. I feel that we should thank Jay Plunley very much for selling you the right idea that Kansas is a place for fine, clean young men who can come and stay clean. So many people think the state university is a den of sin, and if a boy does come up clean that he is not apt to stay that way long.

On our basketball squad we have many other fine boys, such as Bobby Allen and Howard -- Kenneth Messner, Jim Arnold, John Kline, Bill McKinley and Bill Hogben. In fact, Mrs. Engleman, with one or two exceptions, we have a wonderful group of boys. The majority of them are of the finer type.

Please feel free to write me at any time. We want you to come up next year, because I know you will enjoy



seeing Howard play. If you can come this summer I will be happy to see you, as I will be here a good part of the time. Howard will be here this summer so perhaps you can drive up occasionally.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Ark. City Kans.  
May 18<sup>th</sup> 1938.

Dear Mr. Allen,

I regret very much that I have been unable to visit Howard during his freshman year at the University. He has been very interested and happy in his work there.

Last Fall I questioned the wisdom of choosing such an over crowded school. And with our limited finances I was afraid that either his health or grades or activities would suffer. But such has not been the case. I can truly say I have not once been sorry for our decision, and



hope he can continue.

I fully realize that such a successful year could not have been accomplished without a great deal of assistance from friends and it is you, above all, that I wish to thank. Your help and encouragement have meant everything to us. I deeply appreciate this from so busy a man. I know Howard is grateful and I hope he has told you so. He never fails to mention you in his letters to me but sometimes boys are careless about expressing their gratitude. The friendship of your son Robert has also been a bright spot in Howard's school year.

I am looking forward to some happy visits at N.U. next year. I have driven through the campus a number of times in August when it was rather deserted but I have yet to see that great institution "in action."

I must not tire you with more writing but since I have not had the privilege of meeting you personally I want to use this inadequate method to express my thanks.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs Beulah Engleman



August 30, 1938.

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

Dear Howard:

Yes, sir, you wrote me that letter! We have been away on vacation for two weeks, so I am now just getting to my dictation. I am glad that everything has gone along nicely with you. Bob misses you. He says that he would like to play tennis with you, but I cannot get him in the water much.

I, too, am glad that you want to return to Mount Oread and are so enthusiastic about your homecoming. It is too bad about Shell. Their moving out certainly will hit Arkansas City hard. Mr. Harry Howard was here Saturday morning to have me work on his foot that was giving him some trouble.

Give my regards to Kenny Messner and tell him that I am counting on him for a big year this year, and give my regards to Bruce. I am very happy to receive word from him that he will be o.k. He is a great boy. If he will just tear into things he should make a great record. Bruce is as smart as he can be, and as fine-looking as any boy I know of. I certainly would like to see Bruce on that starting line-up. He certainly did himself proud last year at Norman when the going got tough and when he stepped into the clutch and delivered beautifully. But he was not in good physical condition - like Golay, he tired out. But I am hoping that he is full of the old ginagar and vim and determination.

I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter I wrote Don Coulter. Be sure that you write him right away and tell him we need him here at K. U. You can also tell Jack Floyd that we will help him like we have helped all Ark City boys. I am glad that Jack is coming and I know that the Ark City standard will not be lowered by his enrolling here. The Ark City boys have made a fine record.

After summer school was out Bobby and I drove down to Louisville, Kentucky, to visit my oldest daughter, Mary, and her family of three children. Mrs. Allen, Jane and Eleanor were in New York, and they stopped by on their way home and we all visited there for a week. Then Bob and Eleanor drove to Culver for the dance up there. Bob got a B plus in chemistry - just three points below an A, but he couldn't quite make it. I think it rather disgusted him on account of his inability to deliver. I took your



letter home, and he and I both want to congratulate you in getting an A in accounting. That is swell, Howard. We are proud of you.

Yes, I do remember very well regarding our proposed discussion. It was on the possibility of your coaching, you know. That can wait until you return next month. I just thought it well to begin to discuss the things that you might want to look forward to after your graduation.

I am glad that you are doing those push-ups. You will find that will not only strengthen your shoulders and back, but it will insure you against sprained fingers and wrists when basketball season starts, and it won't be long because after about seven or ten days after enrollment is finished I am going to call the basketball squad together and we are going to start practice either in the afternoon or evening. We will get a lot more of those fundamentals mastered before we start our heavy grind on scrimmages.

Now, regarding Bob's Topoka flame. Bob has some gal here in Lawrence he has been dating. I don't know her name - maybe you do. Just before he left for Kentucky he had Jean down here visiting at Betty Blue's for a week, and they saw a lot of each other. Maybe he got caught up on the Phi Gam dates by this method. I will tell Bob to write you, but I thought I had better write and not count on him because his batting average is not nearly a thousand when it comes to correspondence.

I want you to know, Howard, that it has been a pleasure to have you here. You have come up to our full expectations in every way. It is always a pleasure for me to do something for a boy of your mould. Please give our kindest regards to your good mother and tell her that we expect to see her up here a lot this coming fall and winter. I want Mrs. Engleman to know Mrs. Allen. We want to have her down at the house.

With all good wishes to you and your family, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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P.S. I find that you have a check at the Business Office. Mrs. Hulteen will get it today and I will enclose it with this letter.

F.C.A.



1003 So 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Ark City, Mo.

Dear Doc & Son,

You wanted me to write you, so here's your letter. I don't have any idea where you are but I'll just address it to Lawrence, and let some one forward it.

Everything's been fine with me. I've played tennis and swam about everyday. All the kids are just lozping or playing all day. I'm sure glad I have a school to go to and not have to stay here much longer. The Shell is about through tearing down now, and then things will be bad. Everybody is either moving out or doing something. I've an Uncle who's leaving next week for a farm in Arkansas.



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But enough of that.

Messner worked on the farm for a while. Now he is in Houston visiting relatives. Bruce is pushing ice. He says to tell you not to worry about him, that he'll be okay. I hope he does. He's taking Amer. Gov. by correspondence. He's looking fine, and growing too. He says he's planning to make that starting fine next year, and if anybody beats him out of his place, it'll be not without a fight. I like his spirit. I think he's kinda disgusted with his last year showings, both in basketball and studies.

Jack Floyd, his the running mate to Don Coulter, is planning to come up next year. He's got a lot of ability and I know he can go far. So be



sure to remember him, next fall.

Coulter is still in Zionsville Ill. I haven't written him yet, but Messner has. He isn't sure yet when he will go. Rumor has it that he is being wooed by Purdue, Ill. & some Big Ten schools. I wish you would write him or his mother, if you can, because like every other high school youth your name & reputation would be sacred to Don & his parents.

What have you and Bob been doing since I left? I'd like to hear from you if you aren't too busy. Make Bob write me. I hope Bob got his A in Chem. I lucked out one in Accounting.

Say, Doc, we were to have a little talk together before I left, something about teaching or sumpin. remember?

Well we can talk it over next month



I can hardly wait till the grind starts again. I've been doing my push-ups every night too.

Say while I think of it, I haven't gotten any check for my July's work yet. Should I write the Bus. office or just be patient?

How's Bobby doing with his Tazeka flame? I hear she has a date every nite with some Phi Lam. Oh Well.

I want to thank you again, Doc for all you've done for me, both last year and this summer, and someday I'm going to pay you back somehow.

With Thanks and Best Wishes for a pleasant August. I'll be seeing you soon

Sincerely,  
Tope Engleman.



March 7, 1938.

Mr. Phil Edwards,  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Phil:

It was swell of you to wire me. I have always considered you one of my very best friends, and coming from you I appreciate this message a thousand times. We had quite a scrap, but it was a lot of fun.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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WESTERN UNION

Fort Worth, Texas  
March 4, 1938.

Dr. F. C. Allen.

Congratulations. How did you happen to lose one game?

Phil Edwards  
Ft. Worth Star-Telegram



March 8, 1938.

Mr. Ernest Eberth,  
Basehor, Kansas.

Dear Ernest:

I was glad to receive your letter of February 28,  
and believe our letters must have crossed in the mail.  
I trust that by this time you have signed the vouchers  
and returned them to the Business Office. I find there  
is \$7.70 due you for your work in the towel room.

I was sorry to learn that you have had such a  
long siege of illness, but hope you are steadily recover-  
ing. We are looking forward to having you with us next  
fall.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



February 28, 1938  
Baseho, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

It has been some time since I've seen you, but in this period I've also heard much about you and your fast traveling basketball team.

That game with Oklahoma must have been a thriller as it was very exciting as broadcast over the radio.

I've been in the hospital for seven weeks and am now at home under the doctor's care. I had a case of infectious mononucleosis which finally infected my heart.



It will probably be several months yet before I can be at work again.

If it wouldn't inconvenience you too much, I was wondering if you would send me a check for the ~~two~~ work I done at the gym during the Thanksgiving vacation and for the time I spent in the towel room. As I've spent considerable for hospital + doctors, it would, indeed, come in handy now.

I certainly hope you + the boys can handle Missouri + take care of the Big Six Championship.



Well goodby and good luck  
to you all. I hope to be  
back next year to attend  
school; and if all is well,  
to still show you that  
I can play basketball.

Sincerely

Ernest Eberth



March 9, 1938.

Mr. Paul Endacott,  
Assistant to Executive Vice President,  
Phillips Petroleum Company,  
Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Dear Paul:

It was swell of you, Paul, to write me the fine letter you did over Kansas winning the Big Six title. Receiving your congratulations makes the thing just about perfect.

I knew that had there been any way that you would have been at Norman to see that ball game, and what a ball game it was!

I am sorry that Dutch did not win the Big Ten championship. I was pulling for him to do it, and I thought he would. He started out in good fashion and it looked for a while as though he would come under the wire a winner, but fate decreed otherwise.

The Missouri game was intensified by the great following that the Kansas team has built up this year. Not possessed with a superabundance of power, with the exception of Fred Pralle, the Kansas team really broke its back in endeavoring to stay in there against a more high powered and potent field this year. They were indeed a courageous and fighting band, and I am very proud of them.

Some time when you come to Lawrence be sure to give me a ring. It will be a great pleasure to visit with you, even for a few moments in your very busy existence.

Mrs. Allen and our family send love to you and yours.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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**PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY**

**BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA**

PAUL ENDACOTT  
ASSISTANT TO THE  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

March 5, 1938.

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

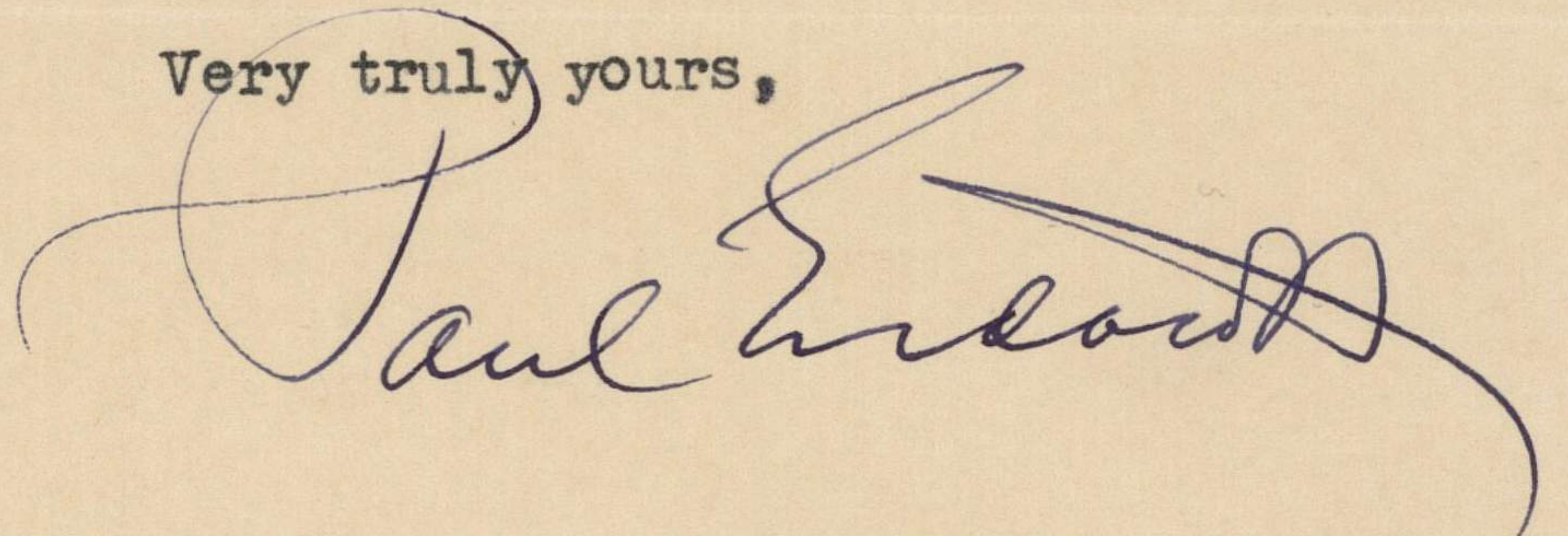
Dear Doc:

I know you must be feeling pretty good over capturing another undisputed Big Six title. May I add my congratulations to the many which you and the boys must be receiving.

I had thought that I would be able to see the game at Norman but at the last minute had to go to Chicago. While I was there I managed to see Dutch Lonborg's Northwestern team beat Indiana.

I tuned in Thursday night and managed to get through the interference of other radio stations enough to get a pretty clear picture of what was going on during the Missouri game.

Very truly yours,



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