

LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
LONG BEACH JUNIOR COLLEGE  
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

55 Roycroft Avenue  
Long Beach, California  
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Dr. F. C. Allen  
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Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen :

I had to send in an application blank in a hurry last week and didn't get a chance to ask you if I could use your name as a reference. I took the liberty of sending it in without asking you. I hope this is satisfactory with you. If it is and they should ask you for a letter of recommendation I hope it will not be too much inconvenience to you. They wanted some one in a position to judge my work at Lawrence High School. Since Supt. W. W. Curfman is deceased I would like to have you vouch for me. I thought since you were in Lawrence when I was coaching there and you knew of my record at K. U. and have had a son under my supervision you would be one to give a good account of my training and work. Besides I know of no one whose letter would carry more weight.

You have had much more experience than I have and I find most of my correspondence just now is writing letters of recommendation for boys I have had in school at one time or another, so I know you must be swamped with letters asking for recommendations. I will be very grateful to you if they should call on you if you will send in a note for me.

My status just now is #3-A but don't know just how long that will last. The Navy asked me to fill out and return an application blank last week so I did and it may bring something. I Hope so any way. Last evening I received one from the Army so I hope one of them will make up my mind for me.

We are quite busy here with new emphasis on a physical fitness program in the L. B. school system. Our enrollment is down some but since we are requiring boys to take physical education four days per week our gym classes are very large.

We won the State championship in basket ball last year but we will be on the short end of many scores this season I fear. I have one sub letter man to build my team around, so you see that isn't much to tie to.

Give my regards to Mrs. Allen. Va. is not teaching this year for which I am pleased.

Sincerely yours, Melvin J. Griffin

P.S.  
Bert Smith  
sends his  
regards.  
M. J. G.