

February 24, 1939.

U. S. Army Air Corps,
Kelly Field,
San Antonio, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I am advised that Mr. Wade Greene is making application for admission to Kelly Field.

I have known Mr. Green for a number of years. He is a graduate of the School of Engineering of the University of Kansas. He played three years on the varsity football team, 1934-'35-'36, and was a member of the varsity track team in 1936 and '37. In 1936 he was captain of both the football team and the track team.

While I was Director of Athletics here at the University Mr. Greene worked for me and gave a very good account of himself always. I would give him an excellent rating on dependability, cooperation, loyalty, and the ability to do a job when assigned the task. He is clean, capable and courageous, and does not dissipate; he uses neither narcotics nor alcoholic beverages.

It is a pleasure for me to recommend Mr. Green without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Case
Horace

February 24, 1939.

Mr. Wade Green,
2123 I St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Wade:

I am very happy that you like your job in Washington, D. C. very much. I knew when you got going that things would be fine. You remember you wrote me when you were doing the heavy at Stewart, Nevada, that these non-college men were laughing at you, but you got a fine education there. Being able to take it is a great task and you learned a lesson there that will be invaluable for you in later life. Stay right in there and pitch, Wade, you'll be tops some day.

When you pass by the White House drop in and slap Franklin on the shoulder for me and tell him that I am for him one hundred per cent. Any fellow that can take all the cussin' that he has taken and still be able to smile must be a great guy. You know, the president's job is nothing but one of persecution and punishment. Anybody that would criticize a president would never ever think of putting himself in the position of the president and then asking himself - What would you do in a situation like this? So I am one fellow that never criticizes the president, whether he be Republican or Democrat.

Now, regarding Squat. He is swell, and fine as ever. He came up here with Henry Iba's boys steamed up to a temperature as high as it ever recorded when he steamed up for old K. U. He really wanted to give us a good licking. And I admire his loyalty and cooperation in being for the boss he is now working for. I knew how badly he wanted to win, so we didn't talk about that, but it wasn't in the cards for him and Iba. He was terribly disappointed and dejected, but he was a gentleman through it all. I rather had a secret pride in him and a conscious joy in seeing our boys outfight the Aggies and whip them in the clutches.

Our boys looked mighty good that night and they displayed a quality that made me proud of them. They kept their heads and played for blood and for keeps, and they took the Aggies who were much bigger and older men, the oldest fellow on my squad being barely 21. Their boys range in age as follows: 21, 22, 22, 24, 25. Most of my boys

are 19 and you can appreciate the age difference.

It is a pleasure for me to write the letter of recommendation for you and I trust that this will get the job

are 19 and you can appreciate the age difference.

The Oklahoma Aggie game was a "six-quart game". They say that I absorbed that much moisture, anyhow. Saturday night we play Oklahoma here, and we must win this game with Oklahoma and beat the Tigers at Columbia on March 2 to win first place. That is quite an assignment.

I always knew you were quite a basketball player, and now you are proving it to the Senators and Representatives, as well as the President, at Washington.

It is a pleasure for me to write the letter of recommendation for you, and I trust that this will get the job done.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Dear Dad.

Well Dad I got to Washington alright. It is quite a nice place, I rather like it. It is very warm here rains nearly all the time. I'm not use to the rain.

I like my work very well and am getting along fine. I get along very well with my boss. Its just like going to school. I sit at a drafting board all day. (I get a lot more work done though.) I have been designing warm air heating plants for small offices.

I have done more studying than I ever did in school.

The Big Six is in quite a jumble isn't it. Where does Kansas stand. I am playing on the Dept of Interior basketball team. We won the 1st half and have won the 1st 3 games of the second half.

I ~~have~~ am going to try to get into Kelly field and the application requests 3 letters of recommendation to be sent in by me. Could you send me a recommendation.

I hope you come out on top.

The way things are going I'll bet
the university water bill is way up.

Wade.

P.S. I pass the white house every
day but have never seen G. D. R.
How did you find Squat?

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Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Head Basket Ball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have just finished writing a letter to a reliable source in Chicago concerning Daniel E. Talan, Also in this connection the local Northwestern Counselor is furnishing me the data on scholarships which I will forward to you in the near future. The reason for my inquiry is because they have a scholarship for every purpose.

One must be patient at this time in obtaining information by mail since the flu appears to have a foot-hold on the Chicago area.

Sincerely yours

John H. Glenn
JOHN H. GLENN

March 3, 1939

Gamma Phi Beta,
1339 West Campus,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Friends:

The Kansas basketball team and their coach are very appreciative of your thoughtfulness and loyalty in wiring us at Columbia.

Six words describe it best - they couldn't miss, we couldn't hit. But your wire made a hit with the boys, and they appreciated it very much. We are sorry we couldn't have won for you.

Cordially yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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GAMMA PHIS.

February 13, 1939.

Mr. Carl V. Green, Jr.,
Sikeston Public Schools,
Sikeston, Missouri.

Dear Friend Green:

I am glad to get your good letter of the 10th instant and to know that you have intelligently hooked up your initiative with some knowledge that you derived from My Basketball Bible, and further that you have been able to help your boy's knee.

If I were you I wouldn't be a bit afraid to use the boy, but I would tape his knee so that you would re-inforce those ligaments. That taping bandage shown in the Basketball Bible is a good bandage to use. However, I discovered that the description, through some error of mine, was just half done, but the picture on the knee shows the bandage as it should be taped. Some way I left off, or else the printer deleted the fulsome description of the taping. But the picture will give you all that is necessary. Then I would use an Ace bandage (elastic) to wrap around this adhesive bandage. This will further re-inforce it.

I do not know whether you have a metal brace or not for his knee. If you do it wouldn't be a bad idea to use it. Ordinarily all we use is adhesive tape with the correction of the sacro-iliac, and we have good luck. But I am suggesting that you use every available brace and support so that his knee does not go bad. I am sure that you have done him a lot of good.

We play at Columbia on March 2nd and it will be a pleasure for me to look at the boy's knee if you will bring him up.

I have two copies left of my book, "Better Basketball". The book sells for \$4.00 and if you care to mail me a check for the same I will be glad to autograph it and mail it to you. It is just two or three times as good as My Basketball Bible, so you see I think a good deal of it. It is very up to date and has very much more material in it. It is not a re-write, but an entirely new book. I am sending you some descriptive material, and if you desire the book,

if you will mail me a check I will see that you get it by return parcel post, duly autographed.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Dr. F. C. Allen, Head Basket Ball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I imagine by this time you have heard of my coming to Lawrence on Wednesday evening to see Kansas play Oklahoma A. & M. As this will be my first opportunity to watch one of your teams in action, I would appreciate your reserving a seat on the bench for me.

Tonight a few of the boys here in town are driving to Peoria to attend the Bradley-New York City College game. Although the Bradley team play a "country" type of ball, they are plenty tough.

A few weeks ago Dutch had me up for the Minnesota-Northwestern game. Perhaps I will be able to bring the same kind of luck to your team.

Sincerely,

John H. Glenn
JOHN H. GLENN

March 15, 1939.

Mr. C. A. Gruver,
440 Union Street,
Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Gruver:

Your kind letter of January 18 is very much appreciated. I am sorry that the rush of things has kept me from acknowledging it sooner.

I am glad to know that you enjoyed the broadcast of our game with Missouri when we played here in Lawrence. Our last game of the season was against Missouri at Columbia on March 2, which they won by an overwhelming score. Six words describe that game -- they couldn't miss, we couldn't hit.

Missouri and Oklahoma tied for the Big Six championship in basketball this year, and Kansas came in third. However, our boys played well and I am very proud of them.

Your loyalty and interest in K. U. are greatly appreciated, and if you are coming this way any time I should be glad to have you stop in for a chat.

Again thanking you for your letter, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

440 Union St.
Eau Claire, Wis.
Jan. 18, 1939.

Mr. Phog Allen;
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear fellow-Jayhawker:

My son, Kenneth, and I have just heard the Missouri-K-U basket ball game as broadcast by your radio station WREN.

Reception was good with just a little fading, but we were all over our chairs and almost as excited as those blondes were whom we heard cheering. A great game, glad you won. Keep it up.

It has been some years since I've been in Kansas, altho I'm a native Jayhawker. My son has played basket ball in High School against Lawrence of M. U. while both were in High School in Phillips County, Kansas.

Best wishes.
C. A. Grever

Let Me Say a Bit on Sports

In Which "Phog" Allen, Great Basketball Authority, Boosts Mr. John Glenn

The Campus Inn proprietors are particularly proud of a group of pictures displayed on the wall of their establishment. The pictures include those of local basketball, football and track teams of years gone by, as well as numerous pictures of individual stars of the Beardstown high school sports circle.

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Several months ago the Campus Inn boys added a picture of "Phog" Allen, famous basketball authority, to their collection. The picture was obtained as a result of a visit made by Allen to the Campus Inn while on a visit here with John Glenn.

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A few days ago Fred Wedeking, Campus Inn junior partner, received a letter from Allen, and we think the contents of the letter should be of great interest to sports fans of this community.

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Allen is the veteran and very able coach of the University of Kansas, a member of the National Rules committee (chairman), and an author of several books on basketball. His teams at Kansas have stacked up some of the best records in the country and Allen is undeniably one of the greatest basketball authorities in the United States.

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While a student at Northwestern, where he was manager of the Northwestern team, John Glenn had occasion to become acquainted with Allen. This acquaintanceship blossomed into a very ripe friendship which has not waned even though Glenn is now out of school and engaged in business in this city.

Early this month Glenn went to Lawrence, Kansas to see Allen and to see the Kansans play basketball.

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The letter from Allen to Wedeking included a paragraph or two regarding Glenn's visit:

"Mr. Glenn," writes Allen, "is about the best good luck charm that we have had in Lawrence, Kansas for a long time. He wrote me that he had sat on the bench with Coach Lonborg when Northwestern beat Minnesota, and he also informed me that he was going to come to our Oklahoma Aggie-Kansas game to be a good luck charm for us against them. Well, this is exactly what it turned out to be because Mr. Glenn not only lent his enthusiastic support but talked to the team members before the game started and gave them a fine pep talk."

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That the local basketball expert helped a great deal on his trip to Lawrence is the contention of Allen for his writes further:

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"I am sure that Glenn's presence contributed materially to the victory. He is a swell fellow and everybody liked him very much. If ever we go through Beardstown, John Glenn will be number one on the list and the Campus Inn will be the second place we will stop.

"I do not know whether you listen in on station WREN or not, but the other night when they broadcast our game they mentioned that Mr. Glenn was in our midst and gave him quite a build-up. They also announced it over the public address system at the game."

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Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Varsity Basket Ball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Although I have been home a week since my visit to Lawrence I have found it hard to settle down to earth as every time I moved it seemed you were ballyhooing me to the skies. Being just a farmer boy from Beardstown, naturally I wasn't use to it.

Fred Wedeking, Co-Manager of the Campus Inn, certainly enjoyed receiving your letter. In fact, he is having it framed for his collection. In addition, I retold some of your stories at the Inn which brought many a laugh.

In regard to your team, it was a pleasure to be associated with such a fine group of young men. Their spirit was perfect, the entire squad seemed to be taking the game like regulars, and best of all they respect you. These characteristics mentioned above are missing in Big Ten circles from my observations. Incidentally, tell the boys for me at your next practice how proud I felt to be associated with them on the night of February 8th.

You made my trip to the K. U. Campus one to remember. Perhaps sometime Beardstown can have a "Phog" Allen Day.

I am enclosing a clipping which I thought would be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours

John H. Glenn
JOHN H. GLENN

Calling the Tough Ones

Over the Fence Was Out to
Jim Masker in 1910

[This is the first of a series of articles by officials in various sports on the difficult decisions they have had to make during their careers.]

BY JAMES C. MASKER.

[As told to Charles Bartlett.]

[James C. Masker is the dean of Western conference officials. He completed his thirty-fifth year of football officiating last season. A native of Salina, Kas., he is a graduate of Northwestern university, where he played end and half back. He has worked scores of important games all over the country, and in one stretch of four games in 1931 traveled 11,000 miles.]

THE hardest decision I ever had to make—and one of the quickest of them all—was not called in a Western conference game, but in a battle which decided the Missouri Valley championship.

The officials in a present day game have no such difficulty as I encountered that afternoon. At the time of this instance there was no such huge structures as we find enclosing gridirons of today. There was on that day—Nov. 5, 1910—just old McCook field, the home grounds of the University of Kansas eleven at Lawrence, Kas.

The Jayhawkers were meeting the Cornhuskers of the University of Nebraska. Today the feud is one of the oldest in the game, but it wasn't exactly in its infancy then, for the two had begun battling in 1892. And that was the way the game went throughout the first half, which saw Nebraska take a 6 to 0 lead on Owen Frank's touchdown.

One Bound and Over the Fence Into Open Country.

Kansas kicked off at the start of the second half, the ball heading toward Frank. There was nothing remarkable about that, unless you knew the topography of McCook field and the manner in which the ball hit. Close behind the goal posts was a fence running the width of the field. More important, however, was the fact that a creek ran along back of the fence, a stream bordered by jagged rock formation.

There was no provision for ground rules in the football code at that time, and the ball was a free ball until recovered by one side or the other. The kickoff in question struck in front of Frank and then bounced high as he touched it and continued on over the fence. Realizing he had to recover it, the Nebraska back acted quickly and ran straight for the fence.



JAMES MASKER.

being played within the limits of McCook field, not within those of Douglas county. The game eventually ended with Nebraska winning, 6 to 0, by its first half touchdown, but in the minds of Kansas fans who had wagered on the game, it was a 6 to 6 tie. My decision later was upheld by such authorities as Walter Camp and A. A. Stagg, and the following year officials were empowered to make ground rules to fit such situations.

The Whistle Saves the Day and a Back.

He clambered up the side and was at the top when I blew the whistle. I did that the instant I realized that Frank was going to continue on over and might easily injure himself in dropping onto the rocks below. Meanwhile, Tod Woodbury of Kansas had rushed down the field. When he saw Frank's intention, he cut through a gate in the fence and went on over a footbridge which crossed the creek. Eventually he recovered the ball, and bringing it back into the field, set it down behind the Nebraska goal and claimed a touchdown.

I disallowed that claim and ruled the play a touchback on the ground that the ball was dead the instant I blew my whistle. As far as I was concerned the football game was

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Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Varsity Basket Ball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Today I received a letter from my Chicago friend
concerning Daniel E. Talan.

Discounting the fact that Talan has used up some
of his competitive years, my friend states that
he needs too much help.

Although the information I received is brief,
I believe that it will answer your purpose.

Very truly yours

John H. Glenn.
JOHN H. GLENN

February 10, 1939

Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Coach:

I, Daniel E. Talan, desire very much to attend the University of Kansas. This June, I am graduating from Wilson Jr. College, Chicago, and I am attempting to get located for the following years of my college education. I doubt very much whether I could attend your school without the aid of a scholarship or school employment. I do believe, however, that if scholarships or financial aid are given to worthy and needy students, I could prove myself worthy of such aid,---my high school and junior college records will verify this statement.

Perhaps you are wondering why I have chosen to write you. Well, Coach, I am a basketball player, and I thought that this would be of more interest to you than to the school's scholarship committee. At Englewood High School, Chicago, I played 4 years of high school basketball,---captain of the team in my junior and senior years. In 1936, I was awarded Honorable Mention on the Illinois All-State Basketball Team, and I was also chosen on the All-City of Chicago Basketball team during the same year. During this year I led the entire Chicago High School League in individual scoring with an average of 17 points per game. I have done equally as well in college. I have also played on the baseball team in high school.

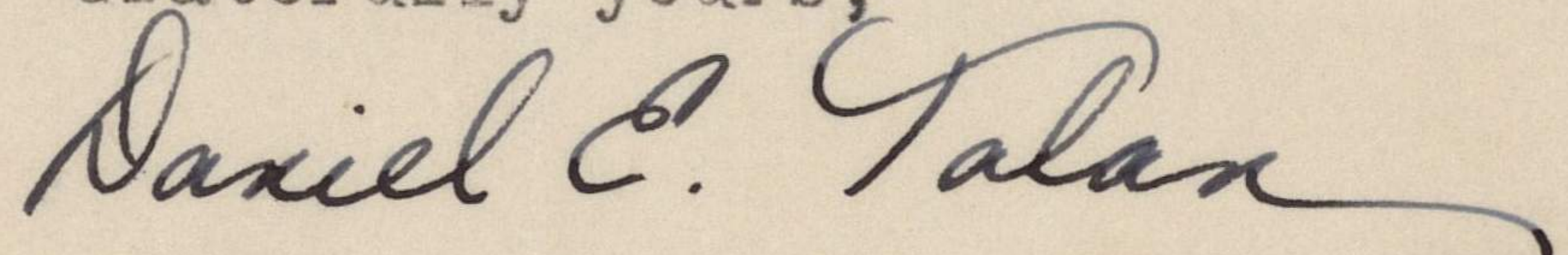
Most important is my scholastic average. In high school, I was the Class Valedictorian (ranking No. 1 in a graduating class of 330 students). In junior college, I have held a better than "B plus" average thus far. I was also Senior Class President, a member of the National Honor and the National Athletic Honor Societies, and voted by the class as "the most likely to succeed!"

Upon graduation, I received scholarships to Northwestern Univ., Evanston, Ill., and to Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin. Last year I was awarded a legislative scholarship to the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis. I was also given an offer by an alumnus of Dartmouth College to attend their school. However, I was unable to take advantage of these offers because of financial conditions at home, but this year I have made it absolutely possible to attend a college away from home.

I would be very proud to be a member of the University of Kansas student body. It is beyond my financial means, but I thought that there would be no harm in finding out whether or not something can be done for one who would do all he could to be a member of the University of Kansas.

If anything can be done for me in the way of scholarship or school employment, I wish that you would inform me as soon as possible, for I am very anxious to make plans for next fall. Hoping that you will do all that you possibly can in this matter, I remain-----

Gratefully yours,



Daniel E. Talan

Address:

Daniel E. Talan
5936 So. Aberdeen Street
Chicago, Illinois

February 13, 1939.

Mr. John H. Glenn,
Beardstown, Illinois.

Dear John:

I am enclosing copy of a letter I received this morning from Daniel E. Talan. I am curious to know if you know anything about this scholarship.

I haven't answered this fellow yet. His letter was written on plain stationary.

I shall be glad to hear from you.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 16, 1939.

Mr. Daniel E. Talan,
5936 So. Aberdeen Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Talan:

Your letter of February 10th, addressed to the
Basketball Coach of the University of Kansas, has been re-
ceived by Dr. Allen.

Dr. Allen is temporarily out of the office, but
upon his return within the next few days I am sure that he
will write you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

April 17, 1939.

Mr. Doral Grose,
Dodge City High School,
Dodge City, Kansas.

Dear Doral:

We are mighty happy that you are coming down with Schwertfeger and Burnett. Be sure to find a ride for that big, long boy because I want to arrange one more ride for him - when he comes to Lawrence next fall. I am really sold on these two boys and you can tell both of them that I will find work for them and I want them to count on coming here next year. I am really serious about this and I want you to sell them the idea one hundred per cent.

I am so happy that you are coming Saturday, and we will have the varsity boys there ready to give the boys a fine entertainment. The convex backboards arrived this morning and we hope to have them up real soon. I know you will be interested in seeing them.

Tell Mrs. Grose it is not necessary for her to make any special arrangement. She is just invited - she and any one that comes with her - tell her to go to the Allen domicile and she will be more than welcome.

With all good wishes, and in expectation of seeing you and the boys, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 16, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of P.E.
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I'm planning to bring five boys to Lawrence for the Kansas Relays this week-end. We really don't have any business entering the relays, but one of the boys happens to be Burnett, and since he has been such a loyal boy to work with in athletics, I would like to take this means of showing my appreciation.

You should have seen both Schwertfeger's and Burnett's eyes bug out when I told them of your plans to have them work out in the gym. I hope you have your varsity there to work out with them. It would give them something to talk about for a long time to come.

As yet, I haven't been able to find a ride for Schwertfeger, but I hope to be able to work out something for him.

Mrs. Grose hasn't decided yet about going to Lawrence with us. She may go as far as Newton, and stop off there to visit with her mother. If she decides to go on to Lawrence, I know she will want to visit with Mrs. Allen.

Will see you this week-end.

Yours truly,

Doral Grose

Doral Grose

May 17, 1939.

Mr. Milford E. Greer,
Genda Springs Public Schools,
Genda Springs, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Greer:

Your letter addressed to the Director of Athletics, who is Mr. Guinn Henry, has been handed to me by Mr. E. W. Hargiss, our track coach.

I assure you that we appreciate very much your kindness in writing us about these boys. I am sending you a copy of the University catalog and also several of our Physical Education bulletins, which I thought might interest the boys. If any of them are definitely interested in attending the University of Kansas we will be very glad to hear from them and to help them any way we can.

Again thanking you, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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