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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

April 19, 1939

Dr. F. C. Allen
University of Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

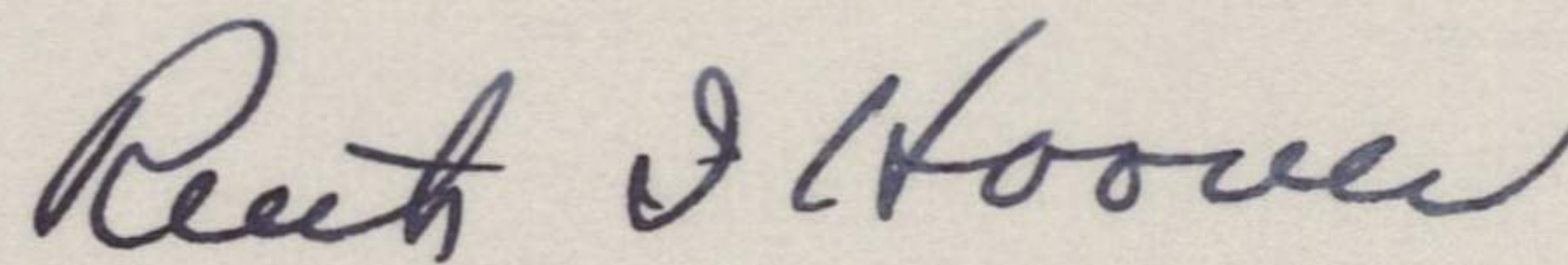
In reply to our discussion of the advisability of recommending that the physical education department offer horseback riding courses for credit, I am most anxious that such courses be recommended.

After talking with Mr. Mott and studying over the outline of his courses, I am sure that excellent work can be given the students, both the elementary and the advanced rider.

I am enclosing a recommendation from Miss McCollough of the Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia where Mr. Mott has previously given instruction.

I am most enthusiastic about the courses, and I feel they will meet the needs of many students.

Sincerely,



Ruth Hoover

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KANSAS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
OF EMPORIA

THOS. W. BUTCHER, PRESIDENT

DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR WOMEN

EMPORIA, KANSAS

April 14, 1939

Miss Ruth Hoover,
Director of Physical Education for Women,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

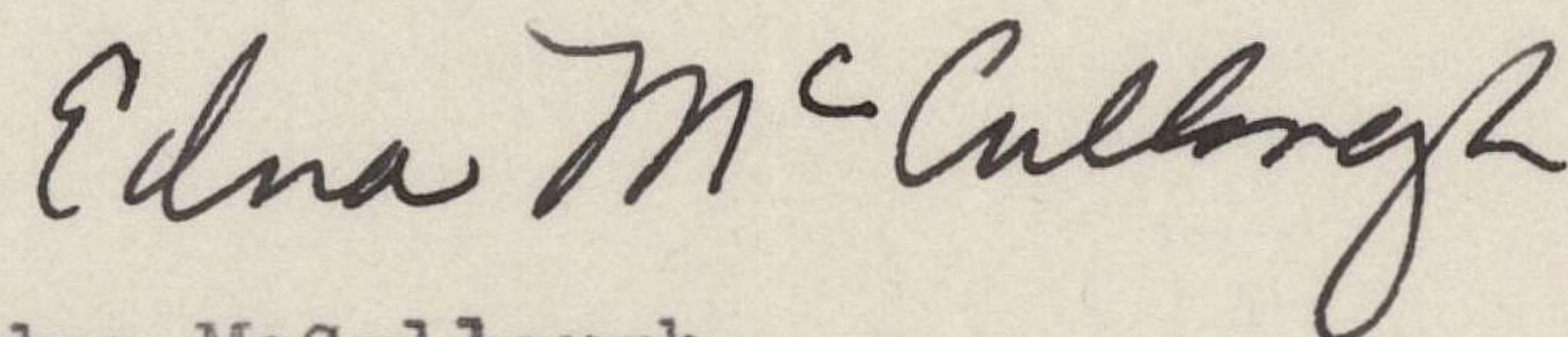
Dear Miss Hoover:

Mr. Gayle Mott has asked me to write you concerning his qualifications as an instructor in riding.

Mr. Mott has a good personality, is pleasant and agreeable. In my estimation he is a good instructor of beginners. He inspires confidence and courage in his students.

You doubtless know that he did not complete a college education, and has not had much instruction in methods and theory of teaching. I do not consider him from the point of view of a college graduate at all, but as a person who can teach people to ride, and one who knows how to manage horses.

Sincerely,



Edna McCullough,
Director of Physical Education
for Women.

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HORSEBACK RIDING
FOR
PHYSICAL EDUCATION CREDIT

Both English and Western styles of riding taught.

50¢ an hour per student-----no extra fees for instruction

Gayle Mott-----Instructor

Each rider must get a permit from home which gives parents' consent, thus relieving school and instructor of undue responsibility.

Plan

A. Ride twice a week

1. Total of 32 rides per semester ----16 rides per quarter.
2. Excused absences must be made up by the end of each six weeks.
To be excused must notify instructor before class time .
3. Class meets for study when weather won't permit riding.
With privelege of hour of riding on nice day for each study class.

B. Three groups of classes

1. Beginners-----learn to feel at ease on horse
Three-gaiting
road and ring work
Simple drills
Tag and games- -(in trot)
English and western style of riding
and understand differences.
Saddle and bridle horse, and mount
unassisted
Have correct posture on horse
2. Intermediate
Master three-gaited riding
Bareback-----three-gaiting
Advanced drills--i.e. square dances etc
Low hurdles
Cross country riding--hills, timber, etc
Relays and fast moving games
3. Advanced
Show ring riding
Five-gaiting
Jumping
Simple trick riding
Judging fine points of horses and
horsemanship
Understand proper ways of breaking
and training horses in contrast
with rougher methods in practice
Driving

Those desiring it may form a class for

instruction word as required in summer camps

If they are competent and ^{able to} meet instructor's requirements.

C. Grading

1. Advancement
2. Interest and class attitude
3. Passing requirements for each group
4. Test----final, based on subject matter covered
5. Ability

No textbook will be required but many outstanding magazines, pamphlets, and books on horsemanship and horses will be used as references.

Subject matter will take up different styles of riding and riding equipment; breeds of horses and characteristics of each breed; judging horses; care and feeding of horses; training and high-schooling horses; common illnesses and treatment.

June 24, 1938.

Mrs. Gayle Mott,
1015 Prairie Avenue,
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Mott:

I am very happy to have your good letter of the 11th instant. I assure you that I was not disappointed in your last letter to me because it made everything very clear for Miss Dunkel.

When Mr. Mott called Miss Dunkel up and made an appointment and then did not follow up, Miss Dunkel did not know whether you were able to find her place or not. She waited for you and Mr. Mott for quite some time. Miss Dunkel was not clear but what we might have let you and Mr. Mott to misunderstand some of our statements, desires and intentions. However, your good letter cleared the matter fully for her, and I thank you for it. Of course, I conversed only with Mr. Mott in our home, and visited with you and Mr. Mott in your car.

I am just as enthusiastic as I have ever been regarding horseback riding for the University students. As I told Mr. Mott, both Mrs. Allen and our son, Robert, would regularly engage mounts for riding because they are both very enthusiastic about horseback riding. I have talked to a great many people on the campus and they are equally enthusiastic. I could not understand the attitude of the committee who turned down horseback riding for recreative credit. However, it is not a complete turn-down and it is contingent upon my producing information from other universities of like standing to show that credit is given in our contemporary departments in other schools.

I am still hopeful and trust that you and Mr. Mott have not become discouraged but will look forward to some time in the very near future settling in Lawrence. Only this morning I was over talking to a department head in another division here at the University, and I told him about the horseback riding venture and using the cinder paths and using the R.O.T.C. field for a riding range. He is one of the big men in the University, and although past middle age he said, "That is one of the finest things that I have heard. I hope you can put it across." So you see we do have many enthusiastic supporters.

We will win out on this program and I want you and Mr. Mott to take heart and believe that while I wrote you a very frank letter, nevertheless I want you to feel that I am sold on the proposition as much now, or even more, than when I first saw you people.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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1015 Prairie Ave.
Emporia, Kansas
June 11, 1938

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

Your stand on the matter of establishing riding at Kansas University was understood as you stated in your letter. My letter was perhaps mis-understood.

Our intention was not to use university grounds for the academy — only the ring and paths which were available only to students.

However, I feel now that, as things stand, we will not rush into a hurried arrangement. Perhaps we can have a definite understanding at a later date.

I regret that my letter to Miss Dunkel was not clearly enough stated to be understandable. When you have occasion to

be in Emporia we should welcome
the opportunity to exhibit our
stables, horses, and riders.

yours truly,

Mapine Mott
(Mrs. Gayle Mott)

June 9, 1938.

Mrs. Maxine Mott,
1015 Prairie Ave.,
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Mott:

Miss Elizabeth Dunkel conferred with me this morning regarding the possibility of you and your husband moving to Lawrence and establishing riding stables here. I want to make myself perfectly plain so there will be no misunderstanding.

I am very enthusiastic about horseback riding for both men and women at the University of Kansas, and I assure you that I will use every available means at my command toward having the credit accepted here. However, I feel that I should say to you that I do not want you to make your moving to Lawrence predicated upon this being put into effect.

The way your letter read Miss Dunkel seemed to think that I perhaps had assured you that this ultimately would go into effect. I hope so, but of course I cannot offer you any more assurances than I gave your husband the Sunday we talked. Of course, you were not present during our conversation, but when I came out to the car to meet you we did discuss only the friendship of Miss Dunkel and Miss Ruth Pyle. I told you that I knew Miss Hoover and Miss Dunkel were both enthusiastic regarding horseback riding, and I also told you that Mrs. Allen and our son, Bob, were very enthusiastic, and that you could count on the Allens for patronage.

Now, regarding bridle paths through the campus. You know I told you that I hoped to get permission to have bridle paths and mentioned the cinder roads that wound through the campus and expressed the opinion that I saw no reason why the horses should not use these.

What I am endeavoring to say to you is that you can count on my one hundred per cent support, but I would not want you to think that I would be obligated to the point of making these things come to pass on account of your coming. I do hope you will come and I will help you and Mr. Mott all that I can.

Miss Dunkel felt rather hesitant in advising you because she did not feel that she knew enough about it to warrant her encouraging you and then having you feel that she had gotten

behind it to the point that she would be called upon to do any more than a woman in physical education would do on such a project. I thought I was pretty emphatic in talking to Mr. Mott regarding this, and pretty thorough in my discussion, and at no time did I over-emphasize the benefits which might accrue to him through the patronage of our student body.

Mr. Mott will remember that I discussed with him the necessity of again getting in touch with Jack Townsend. It was through him that you had your first contact regarding the possibility of moving here.

I trust that you will understand my letter, because I am enthusiastic about it, but not committed to the point of desiring to subsidize it or to encourage you unduly. It would be your and Mr. Mott's venture.

Now, one other thing. I know that the University would not permit the horses to remain on University property. The thing that I said to Mr. Mott was that the riding ring, which we would install, could be on University property because it would be one of the University activities. But that riding ring would be for student instruction, and not open to all the public, necessarily. Perhaps the University authorities would not object to that being done at times, but I am very sure that they would not sign any contract or be willing to permit the horses to be kept there.

Trusting that I have made myself plain and that there is no misunderstanding, I am

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

May 17, 1938.

Mr. G. D. Mott,
1015 Prairie,
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Mott:

I have made a request to the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Kansas that they consider seriously the granting of college credit for horseback riding as a part of the curriculum of Physical Education.

My son, Robert Allen, spent three years at Culver Military Academy as an officer in the Black Horse Troop. I assure you that we are very much sold on this activity, -- an activity that brings much pleasure and much benefit to the participants thereof.

I feel that we could enroll a very sizeable group here at the University in horseback riding.

I do not believe that it will be possible to get down to your place for the demonstration on June 3rd. However, I would be glad if you should stop by the University on your way through Lawrence some time so that I can have a talk with you.

You mentioned prices of 50¢ and 75¢. Will you explain the difference between the two prices, or what an individual gets for the 50¢ price and for the 75¢ price?

I am sure that you have very fine offerings at Emporia. I am acquainted with Miss McCullough.

I will be happy to hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Mott Stables
1015 Prairie
Emporia, Kansas

Miss Ruth I Hoover
Kansas University
Department of Physical Education

Dear Miss Hoover:

I understand that the students of Kansas University are interested in a riding academy. Several ^{of the} students visited our academy recently and explained that there had been a survey made and the students were anxious to have horseback riding as a part of the curriculum. They requested that I investigate if interested.

I have had a riding academy in Emporia for five years. I instruct classes at the Kansas State Teachers College and the College of Emporia. The girls receive university accepted physical education credit as in other gym work. I also have classes in the High Schools and of small children.

Last fall I showed some of my horses and riders at the American Royal. I have received several invitations to show at the spring horse show at Kansas City but find it impossible to enter because of preparation for my annual exhibition here.

If you would like an idea of the type of work I do, there is to be a showing of my horses and riders at the College of Emporia athletic field the evening of June third. Your attendance will be welcomed.

My horses are young, well-bred, and all broke and trained by me. I have three and five-gaited horses and one "High School" horse.

I teach both English and Western style riding. I use road work as well as the riding ring. I instruct in trick riding, jumping,

back riding, and driving. I also have instruction classes in horsemanship, care of horses, types and strains of horses, and proper equipment, using approved reference books, pamphlets, and magazines.

I attended the Kansas State Teachers College here in Emporia from '28 to '32.

If a satisfactory number of riders could be guaranteed, I could promise prices of fifty and seventy-five cents with no further compensation for lessons in classes.

I refer you to Miss Edna McCullough and Miss Daisy Simpson of the Physical Education Department of the Kansas State Teachers College; Miss Katherine Mumbull of the Physical Education Department and President John Bailey Kelly of the College of Emporia.

If this is not within your

department or jurisdiction, I should appreciate having it referred to the proper persons.

yours truly,
G. D. Matt

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May 17, 1938.

Dean Paul B. Lawson,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dean Lawson:

The Department of Physical Education requests consideration of the College Faculty on the possibility of adding horseback riding to the physical activity skill courses for credit.

I am enclosing copy of a letter received from Mr. G. D. Mott, of Emporia, Kansas, who has conducted a riding academy at Emporia for five years.

We shall be glad to have your consideration of the addition of this new course in the physical education curriculum.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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

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