

OFFICE OF SHERIFF

Jetmore, Kansas  
January 27th,  
1943

D. J. Bowie  
Sheriff

Athletic Department  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Gentlemen:

Sometime ago the billfold of William S. Blount, then a student in the university, was stolen from his locker. Just yesterday he received the letter which I am enclosing herewith and also the envelope in which it was enclosed. This letter contained all of the personal papers that were in his billfold at the time it was taken. Among the papers, however, was the letter on the Hotel Houston stationery which he had never seen before and which evidently became mixed up with his papers sometime after the billfold was taken.

He advises me that there had been considerable taking of property taken from the lockers and that you were trying to trace the ones doing this. Feeling that these two letters may give you a lead I am sending them on to you.

Yours very truly,

*D. J. Bowie*



February 12, 1943.

Sheriff D. J. Bowie,  
Jetmore, Kansas.

Dear Sheriff Bowie:

Thank you so much for your kindness in sending me the enclosures belonging to William S. Blount in your letter of January 27th.

We have had difficulty in the loss of money and valuables in our locker room, and I am hoping this will be of some aid to us in apprehending the guilty party.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



## CHAUTAQUA CENTRAL SCHOOL

CHAUTAQUA, NEW YORK

January 19, 1943

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

Dear Doc.

Your letter was a pleasant surprise. I had intended to be the first one to write but you got the jump on me.

Thanks again for the tickets for the game. I went to the game with two of the boys from the FBI. We enjoyed the games very much. The chief of the FBI (Buffalo Office) could not get to the game and he was dissapointed. by the way he has been changed to the Washington office.

Perhaps you read in the paper what Canisius beat LIU last week in Buffalo. It was quite an exciting ball game. Cohen one of Bee's little Jewish boys was put out of the game via the foul route. When he came over to the bench he started to kick the sweat clothes around. The highly excited Bee gave him a cuff and told him to get dressed and to get out of his sight and that he never wanted to see him again. We coaches certainly have our off nights.

The appointment from the FBI has not come through so I have given up hope for it would be through by now if I was going to get an appointment.

Best wishes to you and I hope that you win the remainder of your basketball games.

Cordially yours,

*John Becker*



February 17, 1943.

Mr. Bill Brill,  
1140 Mississippi St.,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I feel that you should know a great many errors have occurred in connection with the grades you turned in last semester for your students in physical conditioning. This has been very embarrassing to us. The fact that you have lost your roll book does not help the situation.

If such mistakes continue to happen we will have to change instructors. While you might not consider it a very serious thing, Dean Lawson and other administrators do. If a student had withdrawn, and a grade was turned in for him, there is evidently carelessness on the part of the instructor.

If you care to discuss this with me I will be glad to talk with you. This is a situation that has caused us some very embarrassing moments with our deans.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



February 27, 1943.

Mr. Walker Battey, Vice President,  
Continental National Bank of Lincoln,  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Walker:

Thank you very much for your very fine letter of the 16th instant. I assure you I appreciate your kind words.

Yes, Max Kissell is a son of J. E. Kissell, the editor of the Portis, Kansas, Independent. I know the old gentleman would be happy to have a line from you concerning Max. He played a nice game here against Nebraska Tuesday night as he did at Lincoln.

We had very little hope of winning the game last night due to the fact that the brass-collar, Col. Briggs, at Omaha, refused to let Charlie Black play basketball although the medical doctors had certified him as being physically able to play. However, Col. Briggs is afraid of public opinion. The only possible conclusion would be that we were in collusion with the medical doctors to preserve him for basketball.

And I thought we had soldiers in the Army - not politicians!

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

February 16, 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
Department of Athletics,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Phog:

When you were in Lincoln last Saturday I had the pleasure of meeting you at the Chamber of Commerce and if you will recall we were discussing George Rohde. Then when I saw the game, and saw you afterwards, I meant to ask you if your boy Kissell was from Portis, Kansas. It runs in my mind he might be some of the Kissells who used to play a lot of basket ball and base ball in that part of Kansas when I was a lad in high school and I have played many a basket ball and base ball game against them. Portis is not far from Cawker City. This Kissell boy looked good while you had him in there Saturday night, and I just thought he might be of the same family.

I want to congratulate you again on the fine Club you have this year and they show you have put a lot of time with the boys, and every time I get a chance to see one of your teams in action I always take advantage of it. You have had many fine years of success at K.U. and I have followed you with interest all during the years. I just want to add my congratulations to you for the fine work you are doing down there.

I was glad to see you again last Saturday and visit with you a short while. I notice you took Iowa State last night quite badly and I was surprised to see Missouri beat Oklahoma. I hope you continue to enjoy good years and I expect to be watching your team play in Lincoln for years to come.

With cordial regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Walker Battey.



December 5, 1942.

An athlete must say "no" a thousand times to temptation before he can say "yes" once to victory and to a championship.

This same boy must say "no" to alcohol every time if he hopes to become a great athlete. All sensible athletes and all sensible coaches taboo it.

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



Miss Ruth Barker

5145 Baltimore

K.C. Mo.

Special Delivery  
~~Miss Barker~~

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June 17, 1942.

Mrs. Olive J. Thomson,  
Assistant to the Director of Personnel,  
American Red Cross, Eastern Area,  
615 No. St. Asaph Street,  
Alexandria, Virginia.

My dear Mrs. Thomson:

I am very happy to write you regarding Miss Ruth W. Baker,  
of Battle Creek, Michigan.

Miss Baker was one of our star students when she took her  
B. S. degree with a major in Physical Education at the University  
of Kansas in 1938. After teaching one or two years she entered  
New York University where she received her Master's degree. *in Education*

In our opinion Miss Baker is an outstanding young woman  
and will render highly valuable service. Her work has not been  
of the experimental type in any degree, but is founded upon exper-  
ience and study. She was a superior student here, taking part in  
many activities with unusual distinction. She abounds in enthus-  
iasm, has poise and dignity yet has the mental capacity as well as  
an unusual personality to stimulate individual and group partici-  
pation.

She has fine poise and I am sure that her attitude toward  
men patients would be friendly yet emotionally stable. She has the  
capacity for loyalty and high type leadership. I would recommend  
her without reservation or evasion. She unquestionably will make  
good in this type of work because she has been a star student and  
teacher of physical education and social work. She is an outstanding  
recreational leader.

*In my opinion* <sup>*In addition*</sup>

Very truly yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.





# AMERICAN RED CROSS

EASTERN AREA

615 NORTH ST. ASAPH STREET  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

June 12, 1942

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

My dear Dr. Allen:

Miss Ruth V. Baker of Battle Creek, Michigan has applied to the Red Cross for a position as recreation worker in our Military and Naval Hospital Service. She gave us your name as a person who can furnish information as to her ability, experience, and character.

For this type of service we seek women with cultural background and training. This work calls for enthusiasm, dignity, ability to stimulate individual and group participation; a friendly yet impersonal attitude toward men patients; racial and religious tolerance; recognition of the need to accept military etiquette and regulations; willingness to accept an irregular schedule of hours; also unquestioned loyalty to the United States.

We would appreciate having your candid opinion of Miss Baker's qualifications for such work. This information will be valuable to the Red Cross and will be held in confidence.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Olive J. Thomson  
Assistant to the  
Director of Personnel

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Burlington, Kansas  
Sept. 14, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Allen,

If you're worn out from writing letters for me, I guess you just as well tear this letter up. Again I call upon you.

I am making application for WAVE Officers training and need my letters of Recommendation once more. I am interested in the WAVES from the standpoint of the rehabilitation program and their Recreation and Welfare work.

If I am accepted, after completion of the 9 weeks basic training, I would do Recreation and Welfare work for a while until their rehabilitation work gets further underway.

A letter of recommendation is to be a character reference and regarding my ability to get along with and supervise groups, both large and small. Leadership I certainly will appreciate anything that you may write. I believe the letter should be written to: WAVE Recruiting



Office, Navy Department, 1009 Baltimore,  
Kansas City, Mo. You can either send  
the letter there by Ems. Letz, or mail  
it to me <sup>and</sup> I will take it along with my  
applications, pictures, etc. to the office.

I still have letters from the Red  
Cross <sup>and</sup> probably would have been  
overseas had it not been for my  
parents health condition.

I have just returned from a trip  
to Michigan <sup>and</sup> New York. There are  
several good Physical Education jobs <sup>and</sup>  
Recreation jobs available but my interest  
at present is with the WAVES even  
though it means less salary <sup>and</sup> a  
military life.

I haven't worked anywhere since  
June 30. In fact, I have been on the  
recuperating list. It has been only  
about two weeks that I would have  
been able to pass a physical due to  
weight. I'm back to normal now <sup>and</sup>  
feel fine. That's why I'm anxious to get  
all my papers together <sup>and</sup> get going as  
soon as possible.

Thanks again to you.

Sincerely

V. Ruth Baker  
Burlington, Kans.  
RFD #4



Burlington, Kc.  
Aug. 6, 44.

Dr. F. C. Allen,  
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Dr. Allen,

I certainly thank you for the interest you have shown <sup>and</sup> the help you have given me in securing positions of interest to me.

I have given you as a reference again. This time to Mr. Pat Rooney, Nat'l. Recreation Ass'n. I had a letter from the home office in July asking me to meet Mr. Rooney in K.C. I told him of my plans with the Red Cross <sup>and</sup> he asked that I stand by for a few weeks <sup>and</sup> give them a chance to place me in a good job. Thus, don't be surprised if you get a letter from them, if you haven't already, asking about me.

I have been just "loafing" since I left my job in K.C. I have gained at least 10 pounds <sup>and</sup> I hope to not go to work again until I gain some more. My work at Pratt <sup>and</sup> Whitney wasn't hard, but it was very



strenuous, as a result, I left K.C. weighing 25 lbs less than when I went there; so it was a good thing for me when the department was discontinued. I had only one regret in leaving & that was the fact that the entire program for Women was cancelled upon my termination after I had worked hard and had it built up to a good program <sup>and</sup> it would have grown under supervision.

I have visited in K.C. a few times since I terminated and have talked with many of the employees at P+W. Many have quit and many more intend to quit now that there's no Rec. program for they know they can get better wages elsewhere & have nothing to stay at P+W for. I'm afraid the Company officials didn't realize the value of the program.

I'll try to get to Lawrence before I go back to work. It has been a long time since I visited the Alma Mater.

Again I thank you for the great help you have given me.

Sincerely yours,  
Ruth Baker,  
Burlington, Ks. RFD #4



R. Baker  
Burlington, Ks.



Dr. F. C. Allen, Dept. of Physical Educ.,  
Kansas University,  
Lawrence,  
Kansas.



September 25, 1944

Wave Recruiting Office  
1009 Baltimore Street  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Ensign Letz:

I am very happy to write you regarding Miss Ruth Baker, a graduate of the University of Kansas.

Miss Baker was one of our star students when she took her B. S. degree with a major in Physical Education at the University of Kansas in 1938. After teaching one or two years she entered New York University where she received her Master's degree in education.

In our opinion Miss Baker is an outstanding young woman and will render highly valuable service. Her work has not been of the experimental type, but is founded upon experience and study. She was a superior student here, taking part in many activities with unusual distinction. She abounds in enthusiasm, has poise and dignity yet has the mental capacity as well as an unusual personality to stimulate individual and group participation.

She has fine poise and I am sure that her attitude toward men would be friendly yet emotionally stable. She has the capacity for loyalty and high type leadership. I would recommend her without reservation or evasion. In my opinion she unquestionably will make good in this type of work because she has been a star student and teacher of physical education and social work. In addition she is an outstanding recreational leader.

Very truly yours,

Director of Physical Education  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



September 25, 1944

Dear Ruth,

Please find enclosed the letter that I promised you. Trust that it is satisfactory.

Good luck and hope that you will like it. Come and see us before you leave.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



August 30, 1943.

Professor L. L. Boughton,  
School of Pharmacy.

Dear Professor Boughton:

We are ordering another 200 pounds of athletic foot powder at \$16.00 per hundred. At this rate it will cost us in the neighborhood of \$200.00 a year.

I remember when you were experimenting with the concoction you remarked how inexpensive it was.

Do you suppose we could have an arrangement with the Craner Chemical Company whereby they would furnish us a year's supply, as needed, at a reduced price? This would be a matter of good business gumption, it seems to me.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



5030 Hawthorne  
Kansas City, Mo.  
August 19, 1943

Dear Mrs. Hulten;

Just a note to let you know that as far as I know, I can be there on the 1<sup>st</sup>. That is if you still need me. I'd appreciate hearing from you because I have loads to do to get ready in two weeks.

I've written to Dean Avente twice but haven't heard from him as yet. I wrote to Mrs. Wright tonight to see if I could get a room there for three weeks. I sure hope I can.

The folks have been in Minnesota for two weeks so haven't gotten a thing done on my correspondence. They come home Tues. night so maybe I can find time to get to work again.

I saw in the paper that one



If your instructor was hurt  
I hope it wasn't serious and that  
he's able to be back on the job.  
How are the new ones working  
out?

Tell Don hello and I'll be  
seeing you all in a couple weeks.  
Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely  
Betty

P.S. Another of the O.E. Majors  
was on N.Y.A. last year  
but since that's out, she doesn't  
know what she's going to do.  
She would like to work in  
the O.E. Dept. Do you  
suppose there'd be part time  
work on our side? Her  
name is Frances Tellman.  
She was over there with me  
several times last year.



August 24, 1943.

Mr. Don Brown,  
Kingsville, Missouri.

Dear Don:

If you have included the health fee and the activity fee in your estimate of \$47.50, I do not believe you will have other fees to pay. For the five weeks term these fees are as follows: Health, \$2.25; activity, \$1.50.

I believe it would be well for you to come September 23, as the psychological and aptitude examinations for new students begin that day. It would be well to have these out of the way as soon as possible.

We will be happy to see you when you come next month.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



Kingsville, Mo  
August 17, 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Lawrence, Kansas  
Dear Dr. Allen

I have been looking over the Catalogue you gave me when I was out there. I was wondering how much it will cost me. I will have the fees to pay which is \$47.50. I was wondering what the books will cost for the first semester in the School of Education. Will there be any other expenses besides books and fees. I was wondering when the best time would be to come out about the 24th of September. I would like to hear from you soon.

yours truly,

Don Brown  
Kingsville, Missouri



August 5, 1943.

Professor L. L. Boughton,  
School of Pharmacy,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Dr. Boughton:

I have written E. A. Thomas, Director of the  
Kansas State High School Activities Association, as  
per the enclosed letter. I am sure that you will agree  
with my sentiments.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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August 4, 1943.

Mr. L. W. Brooks,  
Wichita Public Schools,  
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Brooks:

After uncrating the Push Ball, we took it down town to the Fritz Company and asked them to very carefully inflate it. They did this, and discovered that the bladder had disintegrated so badly that it went to pieces.

We are now trying to get a new bladder. We can get the necessary priorities, I am sure. It will be a great game for our Army and Navy boys if we can get another bladder.

We greatly appreciate your willingness to let us borrow the ball.

Very cordially yours,

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Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



June 1 1943

Dr. F. C. Allen.  
Lawrence, Kans

Dear Dr. Allen:

I had all planned on being at  
summer school when Dad. Mother  
had an attack of liver colic so I  
still undecided now. I sure hoped  
I could of but one never known.

Hoping all can be worked on

Sincerely yours  
Mildred Beecher.



August 3, 1943.

Mrs. Barbara Bogart,  
1134 Louisiana St.,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Bogart:

This morning I got in touch with Mr. Clifford L. Dean, Superintendent of Schools, concerning your qualifications, and I feel sure that he is interested. He suggested that you stop at his office and fill out an application blank.

As you doubtless know, we are operating a very greatly curtailed program of physical education for women students here at the University.

I was very happy to talk to Superintendent Dean about you, and I wish you much success.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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