

January 5, 1942.

Mr. Robert Hunt,  
Overbrook Rural High School,  
Overbrook, Kansas.

Dear Bob:

Congratulations on your excellent coaching  
record!

I will try to get out to Haskell to see you  
and your team Friday night if I am in town. There is  
a possibility that I might go up to Ames, Iowa, to see  
Iowa State and Missouri play, and I may have to leave  
by train rather early Friday. I think the train goes  
about 9 o'clock, and I shall try at least to see the  
first game.

With best wishes for your continued success,  
I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



# OVERBROOK RURAL HIGH SCHOOL

T. ELVIS PRATHER, PRINCIPAL  
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E. B. INGLE

Dear Dr. Allen,

I'm just now getting around to writing you something about my second year in the coaching game.

Not having played football I was a bit dubious about coaching it, but I studied

the game carefully, built my plays around my limited material, and after winning second in the Osage County last year, was

able to win the championship this season scoring 120 points to our opponents 0. I used the same fundamentals in football as I had learned in much of my basketball and even went so far as to use your "revolving triangle" as a ball handling drill. It was this drill that I believe enabled my backfield to execute reverses, double reverses, and spinners with a minimum of fumbles. I had an end who



scored 58 points at his position. I certainly appreciate the help you gave me and your encouragement for the position I now hold.

I even took over the leadership of the band this year along with my coaching duties and teaching four subjects. I was raised from \$110 to \$138 this year and only wish I might try for a better school next year but the chances are the government may step in, although I have no word as yet. (3A classification)

My basketball team has won four out of five thus far and are improving every game. I have three boys over the 6 foot mark. We play at Haskell next Friday night at 7:30. (1st + 2nd team games) This <sup>football</sup> end I was telling you about is a straight A student, 6 ft. 2½ in wt. 175, is averaging 14 points per game in basketball, and runs the high hurdles in track. He's a coach's dream and I would like for you to meet him some time.

I know you're busy and I trust I haven't been too lengthy in this letter. My regards to Bobby and Mrs. Allen.

Good luck against Oklahoma!  
That was the only Big Six game I ever started. It was a real thrill.

Sincerely,  
Bob Hunt



January 8, 1942.

Mr. George Hedriok, Secretary,  
Lawrence Community Chest, Inc.,  
W R E N Building,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear George:

I will be very happy to serve on the nominating committee to recommend the names of the four directors.

Of course, I have basketball practice in the afternoons and it will be impossible for me to meet any time after 2:30 in the afternoon. But I could meet in the morning or in the evening. I will go right along and accept the guidance of the committee, however, if it is impossible for me to be present.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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January 7, 1942...

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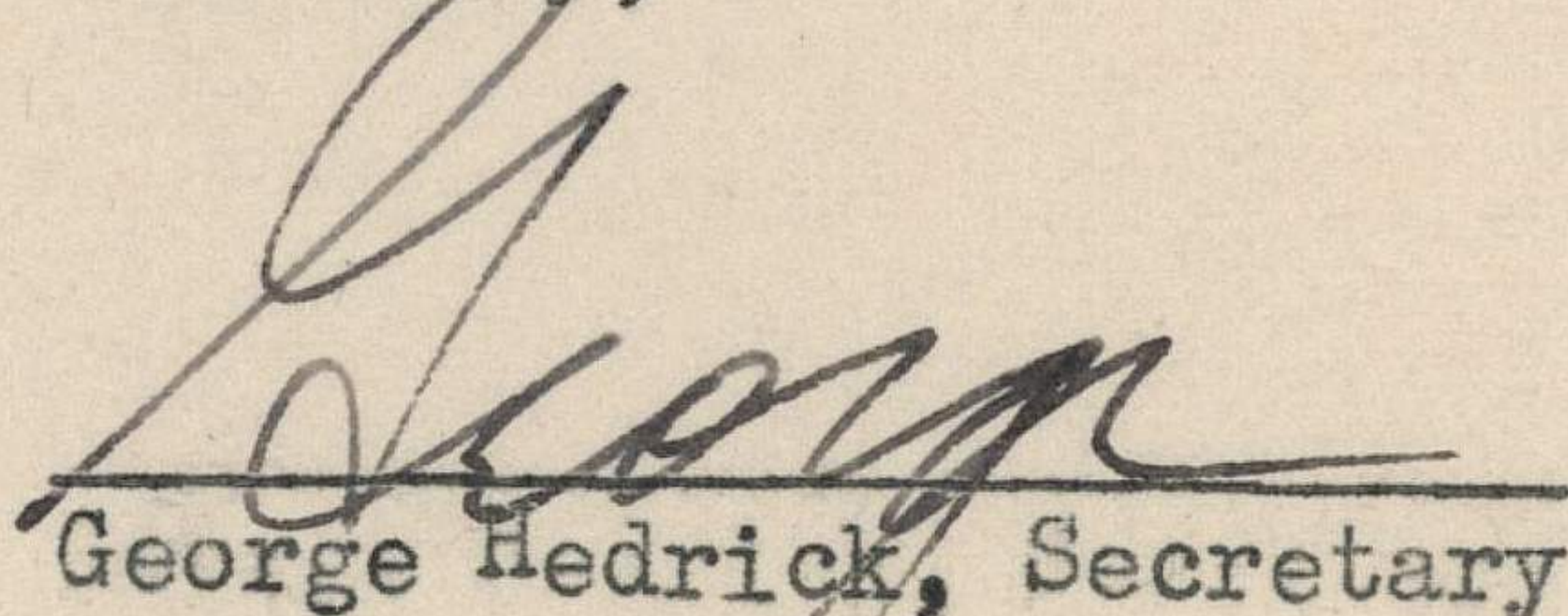
Dr. F. C. Allen,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear "Phog":

Mr. J. J. Lavery, Chairman of the Lawrence Community Chest, is asking that you please serve as a member of the nominating committee to recommend the name of four directors to be presented at the annual meeting of the organization.

Mr. Armin Woestemeyer, who will serve as chairman of the committee, will call you together within the next few days. The Committee personnel is listed below. I hope it will be possible for you to serve.

Sincerely,



George Hedrick, Secretary

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January 10, 1942.

Mr. Kenneth M. Hamilton,  
811 So. Broadway St.,  
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Your letter addressed to Dr. Allen has been received during his absence. He will return to the office on Monday, and your letter will be brought to his attention.

I am enclosing some copies of the basketball schedule, and hope that you will find it possible to attend some of the home games.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen.



HOTTEL



IBESSIE

JACOB JAEGER  
PRES., GEN. MGR.

PITTSBURG, KANSAS

Dear "Phog":

January 8, 1942

I want to see that bunch of kids play; right soon.

Please send me a schedule of home games so that I can arrange my week-ends.

I would certainly like to see these boys you have work out two or three times each week, and watch them develop.

Best of luck,

Sincerely,

Kenneth Hamilton

Kenneth M. Hamilton  
811 So. Broadway St.,  
Pittsburg, Kansas



January 13, 1942.

Mr. Jack E. Hewitt,  
Department of Physical Education,  
Oregon State College,  
Corvallis, Oregon.

Dear Professor Hewitt:

We have gone over very carefully your analysis of our graduate major, and are returning it herewith. It has been checked to the best of our ability.

I trust that you will receive very profitable returns from this study that you are making.

Very sincerely yours,

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



OREGON STATE COLLEGE  
CORVALLIS, OREGON

DEPARTMENT OF  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR MEN

January 8, 1942

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

Dear Doctor Allen:

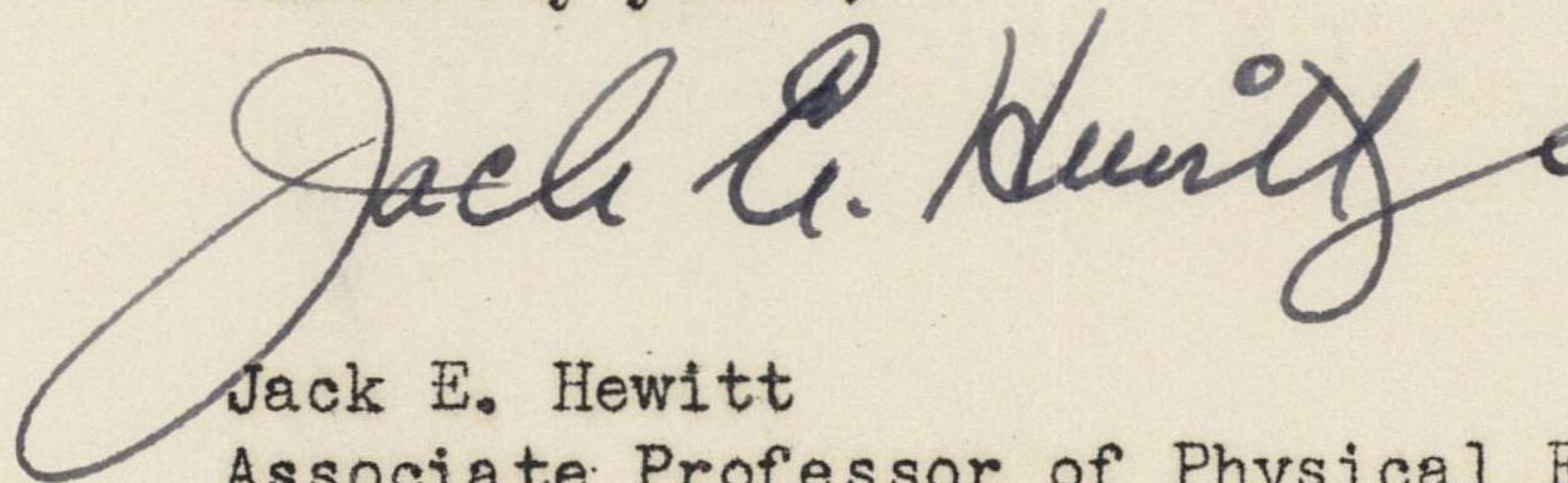
About a month ago I mailed you for verification a catalogue analysis of your graduate major in physical education and as yet it has not been returned. I know that at this time of the year you have been extremely busy with the press of duties and have overlooked this matter.

My findings on graduate practices in physical education will be published shortly and your institution will be listed. It is vitally important that your institution be correctly portrayed and I know you will welcome the opportunity of being able to check over the analysis I have already made of your school from your catalogue.

If for any reason you need another analysis blank, please let me know immediately and one will be sent you. If possible, I would like the blanks that I sent you returned to me not later than January 20th.

Thanking you in advance for cooperating in this matter, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Jack E. Hewitt  
Associate Professor of Physical Education

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OREGON STATE COLLEGE

CORVALLIS, OREGON

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Division of Physical Education and Recreation  
The University of Kansas

Dear Sir:

This is a definite attempt to get detailed information concerning graduate work in physical education from all of the institutions of the United States offering graduate degrees on the master's and doctor's levels. This graduate work must be done in physical education or in physical education combined with either health or recreation. The institutions offering this work must grant a master's or doctor's degree. This study does not concern itself with those institutions which offer graduate work only and no high degree.

An effort has been made to get all the information possible from the printed literature, catalogs, etc., without troubling anyone for help in the collection of this information. Those catalogs which will be in force for the fall of 1941 have been carefully analyzed for the information they contain. However, many vital matters of utmost importance are not always obtainable from printed literature and for this reason it has been necessary to leave some pertinent questions in the enclosed questionnaire blank to be filled in by the recipient.

It is important that each institution have an opportunity to go over the interpretation made for that institution, and either correct or add important points not adequately treated. The writer guarantees to furnish each institution helping with the survey a mimeographed summary of his findings. If a report is desired, check the line, "I would like summary of this report," on the first page of the questionnaire.

The purposes of this study in brief are:

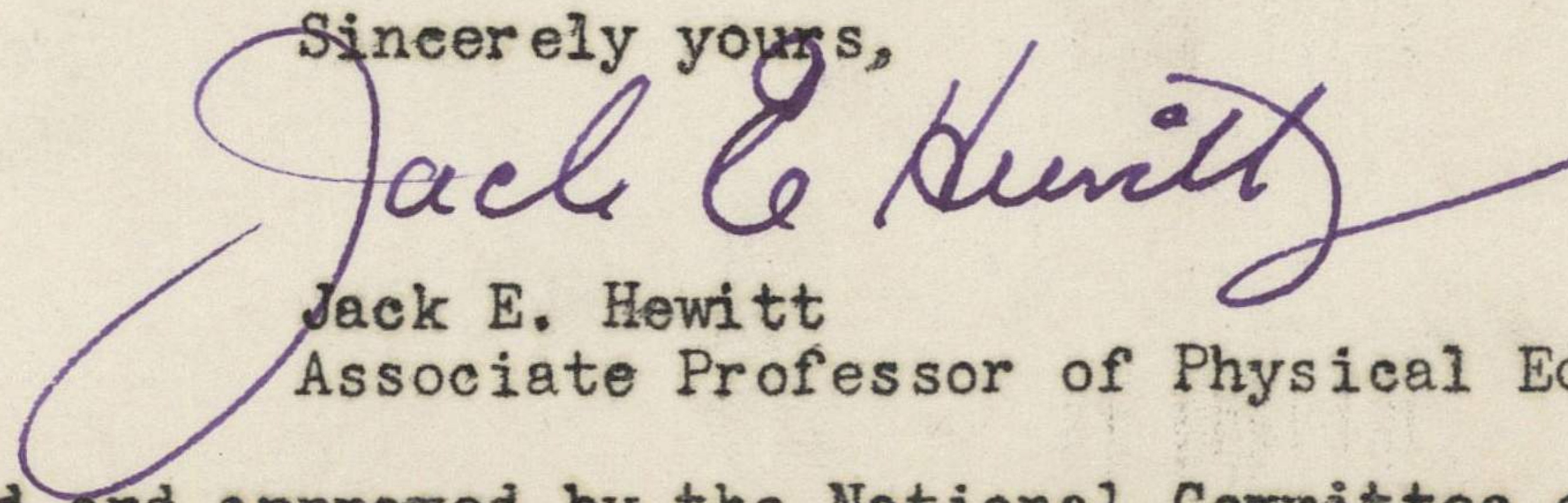
To determine what degrees are offered on the graduate level in physical education, titles of the graduate major, controlling agencies, basic purposes of graduate work, and the evaluation of the importances of these purposes; training and experience of staff, teaching load, etc.

To ascertain departmental and institutional requirements for various higher degrees with physical education specialization, e.g. residence, units, grades, thesis and examination requirements, etc.; to determine the availability of graduate facilities, e.g. library and laboratory, etc.

I believe such a study at this time will have considerable importance in clarifying the general understanding of practices and purposes in graduate work in physical education. I believe that it is much needed. Please feel free to add any comments you wish on the last page of the analysis.

Enclose the contents in the self-addressed stamped envelope and, if possible, I would appreciate having this material returned not later than December 1, 1941. Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Jack E. Hewitt  
Associate Professor of Physical Education

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P.S. This study has been endorsed and approved by the National Committee on Teacher Education 1938-40 for the American Assn. of Health, Physical Education & Recreation.



January 15, 1942.

Mr. T. V. Smith,  
Smith College Station,  
845 Indiana St.,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am enclosing my check for \$8.74 in payment  
of Wilson Houts' account with you.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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





# Broadway Hardware Co.

311-313 Westport Road  
Kansas City, Missouri

Saturday

Dear Mr. Allen-

I guess I spoke too soon the last time I wrote you because Wilson failed to show up at our party and when he came to meeting the following Friday night, he was pretty well puffed. I told him at the time that he was his own boss and could do as he pleased - that if he didn't care to accept our help it made no particular difference to us but that we would do all within our power to aid him if he wanted sincerely to line himself out. He insisted that he wanted to go to the foundry & see Mr. Westwood but I convinced him that to do so in his condition would hurt his chance,



for any job there, would put you on  
the spot, so to speak, with your friends,  
He would certainly not help the  
reputation of the "A.A.'s" who had been  
trying to help him. I also told him  
that since he'd been to one meeting<sup>9</sup> &  
understood our program as well as any  
of the rest of us, we would no longer  
welcome him while drunk. I also gave  
him to understand that he was not to  
call me or any of the others until he really  
was ready to quit. Last Wednesday he  
called me & said he again wanted to  
go out to the laundry - but when he  
said that he'd been drunk the day  
before I told him the same thing I  
had before & he decided not to go.  
I also told him that he had no  
money coming from K.U. so that the





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sooner he straightened out the more regularly he could eat <sup>445</sup> that by so doing he just might be able to pay some of his debts as well. He called me again today & said he felt fine, had taken his last drink on Wednesday, <sup>445</sup> was going out Monday to see about the job. If he doesn't get drunk over the week-end, he might do all right but I rather doubt that he can survive the week-end. He doesn't seem to want to quit nearly so much as we thought at first — in fact, he would have to be dried out for about three months before he could even tell himself — he's pretty foggy now.



I thought you might want to know  
that he's going to see Mr. Westwood —

I naturally am a bit silly of him  
because we've had fellows before who've  
obtained positions on the strength of  
their membership in A.A., only to have  
them explode right in the boss's face.

Of course, that doesn't help our work or  
organization any. He'll undoubtedly  
tell Mr. Westwood that you sent him  
so perhaps you'd like to get in touch  
with him. Then again, he may get  
drunk <sup>945</sup> not even be able to go see  
him so there you have it

I'll still do all I can <sup>945</sup>  
will drop in on you the next time  
I'm home to see Mother —

Sincerely,  
Pat  
H. Cleary



January 3, 1942.

Mr. Joe Holloway,  
Broadway Hardware Co.,  
311-313 Westport Road,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Joe:

I want you to know how very much I appreciate your letter of last Tuesday, and I am sorry indeed that Mrs. Allen and I could not get over for the New Year's party. Milton and his wife had a dance at the Country Club and they asked us to keep their little three-year-old tot. We spent the evening at home.

I am glad that you have received the letters concerning Wilson Houts. As I told you in my previous letter, I had Wilson work here at the University so that I could recommend him for a better job if he straightens up. Wilson has one other regrettable fault in addition to his drinking, and that is his desire for gambling. He told one of the fellows here that he could make more money gambling in Kansas City than he could by working. This might have been said in the way of a jest, but I am trying to present all of his weaknesses to you so that you can be in a better position to help him.

I note what you said concerning him upon his return from Warrensburg. It was down at Warrensburg where he got his worst start in the drinking habit when he was a youngster. His father was a highly respected and wealthy lawyer, but he was an imbibor. His half-brother, Hale Houts, is a practicing attorney in Kansas City, and I am sorry to say that he has the same weakness. So you see there is an hereditary strain.

Then when he went to Kansas City and lived at the Troost Arms Apartment he was surrounded with a group the environment of which was terrible. After his return from St. Joseph I asked him not to go back to the Troost Arms as he would fall into evil ways, but he could not switch his hitching post, so he started on the same path.

I talked to Harley Davis, a boyhood friend of mine, who is Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the Kansas City Power and Light Company. Harley said he would help him, and then he told me about Joe Westwood, another boyhood friend of mine, who is the proprietor of the Blue Valley Foundry. Joe told me that if Wilson would come out and let Joe's son, who is manager of the foundry, look him over he would endeavor to give him a job, but in that type of work a man had to have a pretty good physique, and of course he



would have to straighten up. I gave Wilson this work so it would strengthen him and so he would be in a position to do a really first class job. But just as soon as I would get him pretty well on his way he would go back to Kansas City and get in with that gang that kept him on the downhill road.

He owes me \$29.00 in cash and I paid a few of his bills here. He has some money coming but the check will not cover his indebtedness by quite a bit. So I agree with you that I would help him out very little in a financial way because he would spend it for booze.

I would like very much to have driven in to the Plaza Bowl and seen him and to have given him as much encouragement as I can. And too, I would very much liked to have said hello to you and to congratulate you on the wonderful work you are doing. The fact that you know the weaknesses of the other fellow renders you an especially safe and valuable man to deal with fellows like Wilson. Won't you write me again real soon and let me know if there is anything that I can do that will definitely help Wilson?

I thought the lines in your letter - "that these fellows can't realize that the work we do is a service for ourselves as well as for others" - is a wonderful statement. I certainly agree with you that if they try it a few times they understand the reason. Again, congratulations for your understanding knowledge of what real service means.

With kindest personal regards and admiration for your stand,  
I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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





## Broadway Hardware Co.

311-313 Westport Road  
Kansas City, Missouri

Tuesday

Dear Dr. Allen —

The letters which you and Mrs. Allen wrote to our "A.A." group concerning Wilson Houts were turned over to me for a follow-up as I told Mrs. Allen when I was in Lawrence last week. Wilson called me last Friday morning after he returned from Waverushung and came to our regular meeting at the Picknitch that night. He was in bad shape because he ran into too many of his drinking pals down there, so one of the other members and myself "took charge" of him and he's straightening up pretty well. He wanted to go see the man about whom you spoke in your letter but he won't be really able to intelligently talk to anyone until the first of next week. However, he does need a job, and badly.





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Kansas City, Missouri

Any assistance you can give him in that respect will be greatly appreciated and he is flat broke so he should go to work as soon as possible. One of the other boys and I have helped him out financially a little but we can't afford to go very far. Too much cash might be a bad thing for him right now anyway. He'll be taken care of New Year's Eve because we're having a party at the Plaza Bowl and I know David will be won't drink if he's with us. Incidentally, if you and Mr. Allen would like to look in on us at the party tomorrow night you'll be more than welcome. We don't sanction curiosity seekers but you certainly don't come under that heading.





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Kansas City, Missouri

The party will begin about eight and go until the wee small hours I imagine.

I really think Wilson wants to quit but he seems to have a great deal of stubbornness stored inside himself - I think he's perhaps expecting us to send him a bill for services rendered, but then a great many people do that. They can't realize that the work we do is a service for ourselves as well as for others. After they try it a few times they understand though.

Please consider us ready to cooperate with you on anything you may plan with Wilson - I think he's ready to stay dry so let's work from there!

Sincerely,  
Dag Hallaway



December 16, 1941.

Alcoholics, Anonymous,  
Postoffice Box 2311,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Mrs. Allen wrote you yesterday regarding Wilson Houts, of 3126 Forrest Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

On November 13, 1941, I wrote my good friend, Joe Westwood, the proprietor of the Blue Valley Foundry, of Kansas City, Missouri. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to him. I mention Harley Davis in this letter. Harley Davis is assistant auditor of the Kansas City Power and Light Company. He is a very good friend of mine and has offered to help me help Wilson to find himself.

This morning I called Joe Westwood and he stated that he was not sure whether he could put Wilson to work, but if he would come in some morning soon for an interview he would endeavor to help him. He is not sure of that, however, but will do his best.

I am passing this information along to you hoping that it will be of some service in helping Wilson. However, I do not know to what limits you go and I feel rather embarrassed in even feeling that you have this extended responsibility in helping Wilson Houts.

My admiration is unbounded for an organization such as yours. I do not know how you work or whether you correspond with anyone, but if there is any possible way that I can work with your organization in the extent of coming in to Kansas City and taking Wilson over to Joe Westwood's for a conference I will do that.

Mrs. Allen told you, I believe, that Wilson Houts is living with his wife at 3126 Forrest Avenue.

May I hear from you?

Very sincerely yours,

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

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November 13, 1941

Mr. Joe Westwood  
Proprietor Blue Valley Foundry  
1711 East 12th St.  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Joe,

I have been working with my good friend, Harley (Mud) Davis, who has been helping a young man named Wilson Houts find employment. Wilson is the son of the Dean of Women at the Central Missouri State Teachers College, Warrensburg, Mo. The son that we lost in 1925, Forrest, Jr., and Wilson were boy-hood friends when I was coaching at Warrensburg from 1912-1919. This young man has had an unfortunate experience as an alcoholic. I took him to St. Joseph to the state hospital there right after labor day and he got out about two weeks ago. He is now not drinking and I have given him work here at the University endeavoring to build his morale and increase his physical as well as his mental stamina.

Harley Davis suggests that if I would write you you might be able to give him an opportunity for work if and when he is able to do the job for you. I would appreciate it, Joe, if such a thing could be possible. Will you write me and let me know as to the possibility of the future?

With all good wishes to you and remembering most kindly the days of our early association.

Sincerely,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach



October 16, 1941

Mrs. Wilson Houts  
3126 Forest Avenue  
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mrs. Houts,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 12th instant and I'm very happy to know that Wilson is improving and making definite progress. If at any time I may be of some service in rehabilitating Wilson, even in getting a position for him, I assure you it will be a pleasure for me to do so. Please feel free to call upon me for I remember Wilson as a small boy and a fine chap. He has so much potential good in him that it is up to all of us to help him find his way back.

Sincerely yours,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach



Kansas City, Missouri  
3126 Farber  
October 12, 1941

My dear Dr. Allen;

May I tell you how grateful I am to you for your wonderful friendship for Wilson?

He is improving, we think, for he is eating and gaining weight. I think he is very glad to be having treatment and getting better.

We thank you, Dr. Allen, for getting Wilson started on the way back.

Very truly yours,  
Mrs. Wilson Hauts



October 13, 1941

Mrs. Fanita B. Houts  
Central Missouri State Teachers' College  
Warrensburg, Mo.

Dear Mrs. Houts,

I was so genuinely pleased to get your fine letter last week. Nothing has made me feel so good as Wilson's fine showing.

Having lived with boys for a great many years, I realize that the fight is not won yet but we are on our way. I am writing Wilson today telling him that I definitely have in mind my promise to him of getting him a job when he is able to handle it, and I know how pleased you must be now to have that awful worry lifted that you underwent for so long.

If at any time there is an opportunity for me to render any additional service, it will always be a pleasure to do so. Please feel free in calling upon me in any such emergency. I trust that you are well. Mrs. Allen and I are lonely in the big house, but we enjoy life knowing that the youngsters must try out their own wings.

Please give our friends in Warrensburg our best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA/pg



Sept. 30, 1941

Mrs. Fanita Houts  
Dean of Women  
Central Missouri State Teachers College  
Warrensburg, Mo.

Dear Mrs. Houts,

I have been wondering and wanting to write you to find out how you found things at St. Joseph.

I fear that they were devastating to your spirit.

Mrs. Allen and I have often talked about it and we are anxious for you to drop us a note and let us know, for the truth is never too bitter for dear friends to know.

Very sincerely,

FCA/pe

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach



October 13, 1941

Mr. Wilson Houts  
Missouri Hospital #2  
St. Joseph, Mo.

My dear Wilson,

I got your good letter and was happy indeed to hear from you and to know that you were making such wonderful improvement. I have definitely kept in mind the promise that I made to you to get you a job. I am so anxious to see you succeed and get back to work in the fine way that you succeeded a few years back. You will find me your friend and I do not want you to disappoint me in any way.

Of course there will be times when you will be discouraged and when you will wonder if you can make it, but I want to tell you here and now that you can count on me helping you at every turn of the road. Nothing would give me more genuine pleasure than to see you come out of it and resume your normal place in society.

I want you to write me often and tell me of your desires and of your problems. Your mother wrote me and told me that your wife and your mother have been over to see you and that you took a fine ride and enjoyed yourself very much. Do everything that your physicians and your helpers over there tell you to do. They're working for your benefit. They're just as friendly to you and want to be as helpful to you as I. I want to see you have success and after all success in life brings the only durable happiness.

With best wishes I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach