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July 1, 1939.

Mr. Mansfield Hyatt,  
931 $\frac{1}{2}$  Clarissa St.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mansfield:

I have your good letter of the 27th ultimo which just arrived this morning. I was happy to hear from you. I am quite sure that I met you when you were with your brother, Chuck.

I am very glad that you have been so frank and told me the whole story, some of which I agree with you is nothing to boast about. I had a young kid brother who had just about such an academic record as you have had up to date. Many boys cannot see the connection between the value of getting credits above "C" and being able to visualize the connection between that and being a business or professional success. Of course, they expect to make good eventually, but such things as academic credits do not bother them unduly until, like you, they are out in the world and find there are certain things that we must do before we arrive.

You know the value of fundamentals and you know how long an individual works on fundamentals in basketball before he is a finished player, and even further before he plays on a championship team. Well, Mansfield, you have just got to work and consider good academic results as necessary fundamentals in order to make good in the future. People do pay much attention to the record that a man makes academically. I will agree with you that some of these studies that a fellow takes are not worth as much as his contact with his fellows over the same period of time, but the administrators will not allow a fellow to stay in school nor will the teachers give him a grade unless he acquits himself well.

I would like to sit and talk with you for about two hours. I am sure that a conference would be profitable on both sides. But that not being the case, I chose to write you a few lines this morning in answer to your very frank and fulsome letter.

I will be very glad to help you help yourself. Weighing your activities since you left Schanley High School in Pittsburgh it appears that you are a very poor risk academically. Many schools would not accept you on account of the record you made at Pitt and George Washington, and I am not sure that I could influence our dean in the School of Education to accept you in our school.

Perhaps you know that when any transfer from an institution moves to another institution and his grades are below a "C" average, that student is put on probation and he must make "C" or better to stay in school the first semester. So it looks as if you have a good deal of studying out out for you.



I am saying these very frank things to you because I think someone should tell you. It will not be easy for you to make your grades because of the fact that you have failed in most of your assignments academically since you left high school. I am curious to see your high school transcript. I am afraid that you perhaps just got by in high school feeling that that was all that was necessary. With your high school record, if it is poor academically, and with these college casualties, the ordinary educator would say perhaps that you might be one of the boys that should not go to college. Knowing your brother Chuck and knowing you, I feel that you have a fine, strong personality, but have perhaps been counting on some of that personality to get you by. Feeling that perhaps you may or may not enter K. U., I as your friend want to say these things to you. Wherever you enroll you owe it to the person who takes you to make good grades because, as I said, you would be considered a bad risk academically. And unless an individual wanted to do something for you, he would not want to take that risk. It would be up to you not to let that individual down.

Chuck perhaps has told you that the institutions in this part of the country do not run their athletics as do institutions further East, - that is, offer a fellow board, room, tuition, and so forth. Personally, I have never made a proposition to any student that has ever played under me, nor will I. It would be necessary for you to have your tuition money and money for your books. It is a very difficult assignment to get a man a job even for his room and board in this part of the country. The football boys, some of them, are able to get the so-called better jobs around here, but there are no sinecures such as winding the electric clock, and so forth. I have never asked that for my basketball men, and men like John Bum, Dean of Men at Stanford, Arthur Lomborg at Northwestern, Adolph Rupp at the University of Kentucky, Frosty Cox at the University of Colorado, Louis Menze at Iowa State, and a dozen others that I might mention, are fellows that have had to work their way through school, but they actually worked.

While Mike Getto is a member of the student loan committee here, the others are all academic professors and a fellow has to make a mighty good record to get a student loan his second semester.

Now, as concerns a job for your spending money, I am afraid you would have to be very frugal because when a boy can get his room and board for real, legitimate work, I have never been able to find any of the boys here that earned enough money aside from that for spending money. You say, "Of course until I had proven my worth as a scholar to secure a student loan I would need a job to take care of everything." Well, Mansfield, you would have to have money to take care of everything until you proved your worth as a student. Can you not see that is the thing that perhaps has caused you to fail? I do not know what Pitt did for you while you were a freshman, but I do have rather a vague idea of what George Washington promises in the way of athletic help.



I want you to understand, Mansfield, I am not against people helping boys help themselves, but I have seen so many boys who have sold their academic birthright for a mess of pottage, and then when their athletic days are over they are so disillusioned that they cry that the whole matter of living is a hoax or a gyp because they tried to get the pay-off first rather than to have perfected themselves in their fundamentals. It is very difficult to find men who will give young men money after they get out of college. I emphasize the fact that it is the boy seeking the education that is getting the benefit. And for that reason I fail to see why young men should be surfeited just because that individual boy gets a great deal of pleasure out of playing a game in which he has adaptable and exceptional skills.

I would be very happy to have your reaction.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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July 1, 1939.

Mr. Charles Hyatt,  
Basketball Coach, Phillips "66",  
Phillips Petroleum Company,  
Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Dear Chuck:

I have written your brother, Mansfield, a pretty frank and much to the point letter. He may think that I am a little hard on him, but I assure you that I am not. I had a kid brother who had just about the same situation that Mansfield has, and I talked to him as frankly as I have to your brother. He did not like it at first, but he found out later that I was a better friend than many people who sympathized with him but failed to tell him the truth.

You know the schools in this section, and as for what I promise boys - I would like for you to talk to Schmitt, to Ebling, and to Pralle. There is not a man that I have ever coached that I have made it so soft for him that in later years he felt I had failed to point him the real meaning of struggling for an existence first, and then for a way of better living second.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Mansfield Hyatt  
931 1/2 Clarissa St.  
Pittsburgh, Penna  
June 27, 1939

Mr. Forrest C. Allen  
Athletic Director,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Have just received a letter from Chuck telling me about your offer to enter Kansas University. Sounds interesting to the extent that I will be practically putting myself through on your plan at K. U.

Chuck suggested that I write to you giving as many facts about myself as I can. Here they are.

Am six feet tall, weigh one hundred and seventy pounds, and am twenty two years of age. Graduated from Schenley High School of Pittsburgh in 1935. Entered University of Pittsburgh Sept. of that year and dropped out after having gone to classes for three months and because I remained in school for three fourths of the term, I received AT the end of the term a transcript with grades on it, all flunks or incompletes. Well I argued and argued but to no avail to have them change their minds. Maintained a " B " --- Ave. in high school.

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Worked from the time I left Pitt until I entered George Washington University in Sept. 1937. What a beautifully painted picture I received of the school only to go there and find out what a place it really was. But decided to stick it out for my Freshman year, which I did. Played on and undefeated Freshman ~~✓~~ basketball team, winning sixteen and losing none. And that after we had lost three regulars and two subs, filling in with Freshman football men. It was about the only real thing I enjoyed my whole year down there. Decided to drop out this year and try to get lined up for this coming year as it is my main idea to finish school and get my degree. Because I can see that without a College education it is hard to get anywhere in this old world. My grades at G. W. were one "F" in Psychology--second semester, "D"--first semester. "D"--first semester in English, "C"--second semester. B, B, B, B, and C, C, in Physical Education for the two semesters.

Have been to K. U. and know what it is like, and as I have heard so much about Yourself, Mr. Allen, I feel that I wouldn't be doing anything that I didn't know about if I happend to enter K. U.

Would feel it quite an honor to be able to participate under your guidance, and to attend K. U. Therefore I hope that things may



be worked out satisfactorily for both parties.

Chuck said to explain to you just what I would need to go to school, so here it is. As I can't expect any help from outside, and don't want to have any, I will practically need everything. Meaning just this, As the student loan would take care of my tuition and books after the first semester I would need a job to take care of my room and board and spending money. Of course until I had proven my worth as a scholar to secure a student loan I would need a job to take care of everything. Like the student loan idea very much because, it gives a fellow a chance to pay his own way through school.

Have tried to place everything before you as I see it and to be frank and to the point.

Have a temporary job probably lasting until the 15th of July and then I will be on my own again. Will be free until school starts again as I am definitely going back again, and would like very much, if it can be arranged, to enter K. U. As I am told you all have and A-1 Physical Education school.

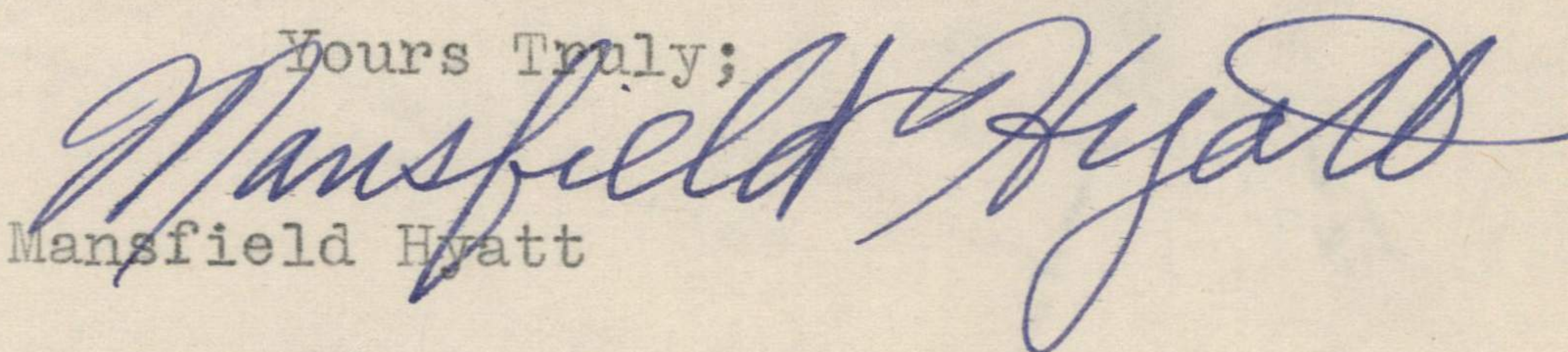
Want to Major in Physical Ed. and minor in Economics.

Mr. Allen I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know what I can expect in regards to my chances of entering K. U. as soon as it is convenient, as I would like to know what to plan for in the way of attending school this fall.

Thanking you for your kindness;

Yours Truly;

Mansfield Hyatt

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mansfield Hyatt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".



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July 10, 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Harris,  
The Johnson Hospital,  
320 No. Garfield Street,  
Chanute, Kansas.

Dear Fred and Jo:

Dean Nesmith just returned from Chanute with the most alluring bedside seat ticket to Dr. Stork's theatre, and described the play, "It Happened One Night." I know it must have been a great attraction, and I want to compliment Mr. and Mrs. George M. Cohan on this colossal, stupendous and personable young red head.

Confidentially, I'll tell you what he said, but I do not want you to let it go any further because the gossipers might not understand. Dean said, "Doc, there is something wrong with that little baby. I couldn't tell exactly what it was, but as near as I can describe it the child was affected with a temporary erythema and a calorific effulgence of the physiognomy etiologized by one's perceptiveness of the sensorium when in a predicament of shame (not much of this!), anger (not so sure!), or other causes (certain of this!), the vasomotor filaments were divested of their elasticity and thereby suffused with a radiance emanating from an intimated precordia.

Now what do you think of a guy that would bring a report back like this on a Harris eight-pounder, Frederick Milo The Third? I told Dean, "Just wait until that kid grows up and you will find out what the temporary erythema is caused from.

Jo, I want to compliment you and Fred on the arrival of this little youngster. When those little fellows arrive it does something to the man that is indescribable. The father thought he was a man before and thought that he had about the right slant on life, but after this happens the metamorphosis is so sudden that the dad really wonders why he never thought of the more durable things of life before. Now, Jo, don't misunderstand me. Don't think that I haven't known of the Golgotha Road the mother has traveled all this time. The mother of necessity has dreamed of every minute and every hour and every day of the things that were to come to pass, but it bursts upon a man with the suddenness of a meteor. It's a great life, isn't it?



Congratulations to both of you, and my hope is that your continued happiness and prosperity will always endure, and as for the little red head that has come into your home - our hope is that he will further cement and unite your genuine happiness.

With all good wishes from the entire Allen family,

I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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P. S. Mitt, you know, has a red head. In a few months I would like to see this pair together and see what the young men of Phi Kappa Psi are coming to.

F.C.A.



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August 13, 1939.

Mr. Richard Harp,  
3824 Rainbow,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Dick:

I am mighty sorry that I missed you, but I am glad indeed to have your letter dated August 12. I am leaving for Atlanta tonight, going via St. Louis, and by my leaving at this time it will be impossible for me to see you for a personal conference.

Dick, it is mighty fine of you to be interested in John Buescher. John is a fine boy and all the people at Beardstown think he is wonderful. He is much smitten with Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and of course wants much to be a member, and I think he would be a dandy. John Glenn is a Phi Delta at Northwestern, and it is John Glenn who is boosting John Buescher for K. U. However, he will not try to influence the fraternity that he would go.

Some way John Buescher had a notion that he could get a job for room and board. That, of course, is impossible, but that was what was in his cranium. However, Dick, I believe by putting all the cards on the table with John that we will get him here at K. U. and we do not want him to expect too much when he comes. I would rather that he expected a little less, than be even slightly disappointed. I would like to see him go Sig Alph because you and Don treated him so wonderfully, and he is so happy with your group. If I were you I would just write him at 301 West 7th Street, Beardstown, Illinois, and tell him that you will help him all you can but it is difficult to get all expenses. Then we will give him a job here, but of course we may not be able to help him as much as he hopes. If I were you I would explain the fact that if he works over at the house and here and gets his studies it will be quite a chore.

I am glad to know that you have hired a tutor for your freshmen. This will help, but somehow I believe that John is a bright boy and the type of German boy that will be honest in working for his grades. I am very sure that he has the ability to make the Kansas varsity. You should also tell John about the tutor.



I trust that you have had a fine summer, and of course I find it necessary to qualify that because you have been here in summer school. I should say that I trust you have had a satisfactory summer, and I hope that you will have a great year next year, Dick, both on the basketball court and in your all-around contacts here at the University.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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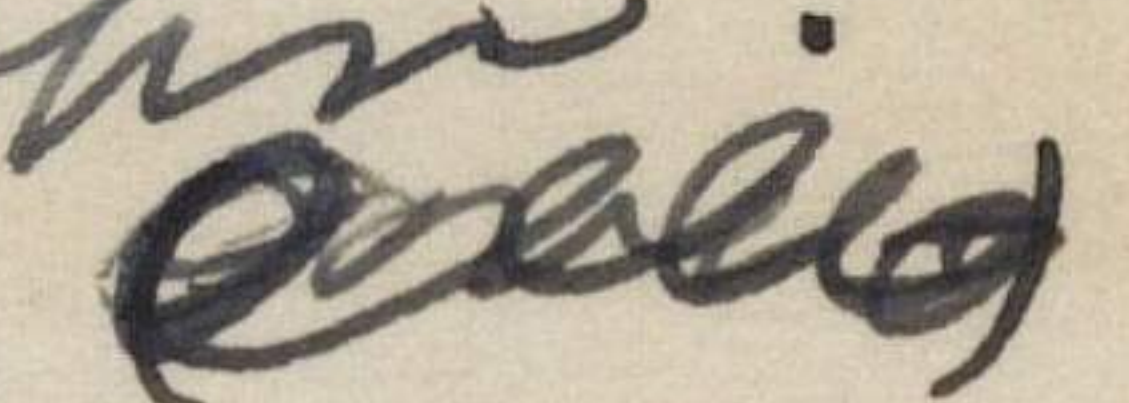
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Aug. 12, 1939

Dear Dr. Allen:

As I was unable to be here this morning I thought that I may as well leave you this note. I would wait, but I have an engagement in the city this evening, and must hurry home.

Concerning John, Doc. The boys at the house are very interested. I can assure you that I he would be accepted. Of course there would be the matter of money. We could give him a job amounting to at least ten dollars. I think possibly more. In fact, I am sure we could make it more than ten, but I would be hesitate to guarantee this. With this help, the help of the school, ~~and~~ and what money he has saved, I believe he could make it.

I might mention one thing of importance concerning our fraternity. We have hired for this year a tutor for our freshmen. Thus I can guarantee you a good scholastic start for ~~John~~ John. 



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Now, if you would please drop me John's address before you leave for the South I would appreciate it. I could correspond with John, and definitely settle the monetary situation. He inquired about the matter when he was at the house, and I promised I would write him <sup>the</sup> full details. I have ~~not~~ ~~lost~~ lost his address though, and have as yet been unable to write him.

I am sure the boy would be worth ~~with~~ the effort. Don and I spent some time with him and we both liked him very well. It would be best for him if he could join a fraternity, and I am sure he wishes such.

Thanking you for calling my attention to the matter I remain,

Sincerely,

Richard Harp

P.S. I hope you beat them down South.

My address is:

3824 Rainbow, K.C.K.

P.S. I missed the first grade writing course.



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July 31, 1939.

Dr. H. B. Hungerford,  
Michigan Biological Station,  
Sheboygan, Michigan.

Dear Herb:

Last summer, on June 29, 1938, I wrote you regarding use of the bee-house for storage of archery equipment, and since I did not hear from you I am writing again to make a request for at least a part of this building.

The archery equipment, as you know, is rather cumbersome to carry up and down the hill each time it is used, and if you would permit us to have a partition put through the bee-house so that nothing on your side of it would be disturbed, it would be a great accommodation to our archery instructors. The area south of the gymnasium seems to be the safest location for the archery range.

This summer we have built a golf driving range on the slope south of the gymnasium, and in the fall expect to build more tees and keep the driving range open for the students. It would be a great convenience if we could keep our clubs, buckets of balls, and other equipment for the driving range in this building.

If you would consider letting us use a part of the bee-house I would assure you that we would relinquish it to you at an instant's notice, should you desire the space. We would in no way consider it our property.

I shall be very glad to hear from you regarding this matter, as we are in urgent need for a place to keep this equipment. Your cooperation will be deeply appreciated by the whole department.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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August 15, 1939.

Dr. H. B. Hungerford,  
Michigan Biological Station,  
Cheboygan, Michigan.

Dear Herb:

Thank you for your good letter of the 5th instant. I am just leaving for Atlanta to conduct a coaching clinic down in the Georgia metropolis.

You are right - we will have no need of the space any more this summer, but we did hope to use it in the early fall. Maybe I am wrong, but I had understood that you had not been using the bee house for a couple of years. In the case that you feel you must have considerably more storage space we could put a partition in there at our own expense and use a part of, say the north end, and definitely agree with you that any time you had any need for it we would move out at once.

I do not want you to feel that we are chiseling it away from you, but the bee house is in such a strategic position for the storing of archery equipment and so forth that we use every day down there that it would be a decided accommodation to us if we could use it. We would definitely guarantee that we would protect you in any loss to any of your property should anything be taken. My idea was to put a tight partition across it and have it entirely separated from your storage space.

I will appreciate it very much if you can give your consideration to this when you return. I will call you when it is convenient and I would like to drop down to the bee house with you and see what arrangement we can make.

With every good wish for your health and happiness, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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MARTHA A. CAMERON

Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 1939.

Mich. Biol. Sta  
Cherrygan Mich.

Dear Phog;

Yours inquiring about Bee house here yesterday -  
I'll have to take up this matter when I come home -  
You won't need space any more this summer so  
you won't mind waiting I hope -

We just must have considerable more storage  
than we now have and it's probable that our  
stuff will have to be put in the bee house if we  
find we can so arrange things that we can still  
have space to assign for student work in the  
bee house -

In any case will give your request my best  
consideration when I return -

Sincerely yours -

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February 23, 1939.

Mr. William E. Hodges, Principal,  
Miller Rural High School,  
Miller, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Hodges:

Your letter of the 21st instant just arrived this morning, and I immediately took it in to Mr. Earl Falkenstien, financial secretary of the Athletic Association, to see what he could do about seats for your squad.

The first floor is entirely sold out. General admission to seats in the second balcony is 25¢; seats in the first balcony are 75¢. Mr. Falkenstien is laying aside 20 seats for you in the second balcony, but if you desire the 75¢ seats in the first balcony I suggest you wire him and he will take care of your reservation at once.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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MILLER, KANSAS.

Feb. 21, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Congratulations on the game last night. Keep up the good work.  
I surely enjoyed the radio report.

I came to Lawrence Saturday to see you but could not locate you. Our basket ball season is drawing to a close and as a special treat to the members of my squad, I want to bring them to Lawrence to see the game Saturday night against the Sooners. There will be about 20 boys who will make the trip and I wondered if you gave special rates to visiting teams? Please advise me.

Sincerely,

*William E. Hodges*

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February 23, 1939.

Mr. Lee Hodgins,  
Commerce Trust Co.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Lee:

I have your note requesting six tickets for the Oklahoma game Saturday night, and immediately took it in to Mr. Falkenstien, at the Athletic Office. All seats on the first floor, with the exception of a few behind the posts on the fourth row from the back, have been sold. None of these are as good as those in the balcony.

Mr. Falkenstien has laid aside six for you in the first balcony, the only thing left at the present time. I am sure he picked out the best seats available. They will be held in your name.

It is going to be a tough game, of course, and we will be lucky if we stay in the running. It will be a pleasure to see you after the game.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Dear Forest & Bess

Did not make it last Tuesday, started get stalled in the snow, but sure want 6 on front seat for Saturday night, Faneas has got to take them that's all, think the boys are doing fine, sure want them to win, things here are about as per usual hope all your family are the same, well all I got to say is just like I have always said, Forest can take & make them when no one else can think Bob has the making of one the best that Faneas has ever had, Thanks again, and would love to visit with you some time boy, how I would love to referee some of those Big Six games.

Sincerely

Lee Hodgins

Leave them as per usual,

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February 21, 1939.

Mr. W. H. Harrison,  
Downs, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I want to assure you again that it will be a great pleasure for me to see you and the boys Saturday morning. Drop in any time; I will be here and will be happy to see you.

You may rest assured that we will do what we can to help Vance Hall with a job. Jim Arnold came here and got help. You can talk to Jim and I know he will tell you that any promises we make will be made good.

I desire the boys to come here first to get an education. Their athletics are secondary, but the main thing is to get an education. We don't want to load the boys up with so much work that they have no time left for their studies, but we do help them help themselves. So you may be sure that we will do what we can for Vance.

This boy certainly must be a great player. I was interested in what you told me about his scoring in the tournament.

I'll be looking for you and the boys Saturday morning.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 20, 1939.

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

Dear "Phog." :-

I rode to the County Tournament in Osborne Friday night with Vance Hall and he came in Saturday to talk about K U with me. Vance informs me that he will have to have some help while in School at least part of the time as his father can't afford to bear the whole brunt of the expenses. I just thought I would mention this to you before calling on you this coming week-end so you could bring up the question to him as he is for all of the glory being bestowed on him, quite a bashful and retiring sort of a chap. If you can assure him that efforts will be made in his behalf to secure part time work it will help him a lot.

Downs defeated Osborne (Class A) 25-19 in the first game of the Tournament, Hall made 19 points. Saturday night Downs beat Alton 40-24 and Hall scored 25 points for Downs. This gives him about an even average of 22 points per game for the season, and he played the first few with his wrist and hand bandaged from an Armistice Day Football break. Vance has scored more points than the opposing team four games this season and has tied the opponents totals in four other games. In every game he has had the whole opposing team trying to stop him and has been subjected to some mighty close and rough guarding. He just seems to run the other boys down and then pour it on them. I believe in the last five games which have been against strong teams he has secured the rebound from both backstops at least 50% of the time in the whole of each game. He is also in almost half of the jumps for held balls. In other words he goes out and gets the ball from the opponents and then either shoots over them or dribbles through or around them and scores. He makes his own opportunities and it isn't a case of the other boys feeding him all the time. He feeds the others a lot and is a team player and not a glory hound. It just so happens this year Downs has a squad with about 7 guards and one forward.

We will see you Saturday the 25th. and in the meantime lots of good luck to you and your boys.

Sincerely,

*W. H. Harrison*



February 20, 1939.

Mr. W. H. Harrison,  
State Bank of Downs,  
Downs, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I have made arrangements with Mr. Earl Falkenstien, financial secretary of the Athletic Association, for your three tickets for our game with Oklahoma on the 25th.

I will be in my office all morning on Saturday and it will be a pleasure to see you and the two boys who are coming with you, Vance Hall and Allen Verhage.

With best wishes, I am

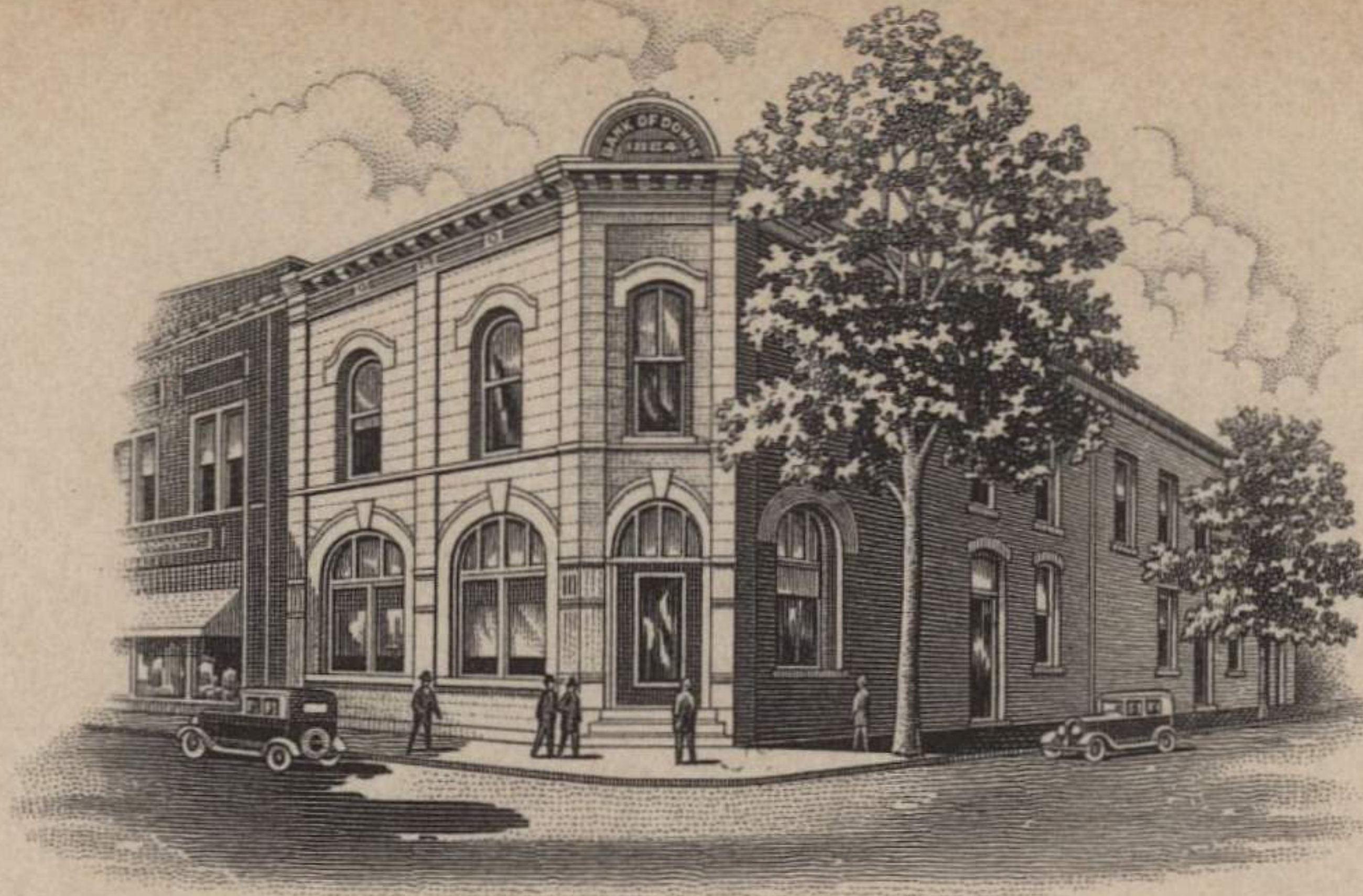
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DOWNS, KANSAS

February 17, 1939.

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

Dear "Phog" :-

I don't wish to bother you as have some faint idea as to how busy you must be at this time.

Our Local High School Superintendent has arranged to set up a game from Friday Night to Thursday night next week so it will be possible for me to bring Vance Hall and Allen Verhage to Lawrence for the K U - Oklahoma game next Saturday, the 25th. My wife has to take our oldest boy to Kansas City for dental work and has an appointment for 9 A.M. Saturday so it is necessary that we leave here Friday P.M.

I am anxious for you to meet Vance Hall and wonder if you will be in your Office or at home at any time Saturday morning. We will need three tickets as "Bing" Smith has tickets for my wife and son who will attend the game with the Smiths.

Just one more short paragraph to let you know that Hall is still going strong. Has averaged 22 points per game in 14 games this Season. Against a big, fast Beloit Team that averaged 6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " last Friday night he scored 22 points in a game won by Downs 32-26.

With kindest regards and best wishes for the balance of the Season, I am,

Sincerely Yours,

W. H. Harrison,



## COURT CHATTER

By HLR

Since we did not make the journey to Downs last evening, we missed what was undoubtedly a most interesting battle. From Jim Beardmore, we learn the individual shooting figures as follows: Quick shot 10 field goals to make two while counting one free throw in one chance; White attempted 5 field goals to score one and had no charity chances; Conn shot ten field goals and counted three as well as 5 of his 6 free shots; Olson made one counter out of 6 field shots and failed on both free shots; Wray didn't shoot from the court but tallied 5 of his 6 charity chances, and Maynard missed both field attempts but made one of his 2 gift shots.

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For further notes on the game of last night, we have the following written by Ranold Plott who witnessed the game:

The second team game last night at Downs generated intense excitement to make a fitting atmosphere for the fine first team game that followed. Early in the game the Downs reserves showed considerable mastery over the Trojan seconds, but in the third quarter the Trojans warmed up and burned the hoop net with a fusillade of successful shots to bring the score to an even balance. From that point until the end of the game the lead shifted back and forth with rapid succession, and although Beloit was two points behind just before the gun Frank sunk a shot that tied the game. In the overtime period, Downs monopolized the ball giving them the chance to score before hardly a half minute was up.

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If the Trojan first string had kept up its fast-breaking pace it started last night, another story might have been told. The Trojans started off against the Dragons with hot-shots and quick-break playing unprecedented for the Trojans in first-quarter work. A comfortable lead was claimed by the locals at the end of the first quarter but the second quarter the Dragons revealed their real stuff and held the Trojans scoreless while they themselves piled up a nice pointage during that quarter. The second half found both teams battling their hearts out, with Downs maintaining a slight advantage throughout.



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With only three minutes left to play the score stood 26-24 in Downs' favor and at that point in the game Vance Hall, the Dragon hoop whiz, went to the bench on fouls. Of the 26 points for the Dragons, Hall had made 22, and with him out of the game both Downs and Trojan sidelines figured the game was in the bag for Beloit. But not so. It was apparent in the last few minutes of play that the Dragons could score in a pinch without Hall, and after a substitute was sent into the game the Downs boys went to town and scored six points to Beloit four, the game ending 32-26.

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In spite of Beloit's excellent guarding, Hall maintained his reported average of 22 points a game this season by piling up just that many last night. Hall is a center-shot artist and as a result is difficult to handle without drawing out his opponent guards too far from the basket for the opponent's good. As a result he can shoot almost at will with uncanny accuracy.

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That Downs is headed for high honors in the state in Class B can hardly be argued, Hall's maintenance of his present record being the only qualification for such a statement. Downs undoubtedly has a one-man scoring machine which is sufficient to win most of the games, but whether the Dragons can withstand any long period of play without Hall might be questioned.

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Very little of criticism can be said of Beloit's playing last night. The entire battle was one of heads-up basketball, with the exception perhaps of the second quarter previously described. One criticism, however, might be offered in that under the strain of excitement and confusion in last minute play when the score is



close the Trojans have a tendency to lose their equilibrium and give way to wild ball-throwing instead of cool deliberate playing. This was displayed noticeably last evening in the last minute of the game.

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Quite opposite to the scoring record of the Dragons which showed Hall, of course, with the bulk of the load, the Trojans shared quite evenly with the scoring throughout the game. In our opinion, under average playing conditions this situation is far safer and will constitute more consistent scoring than if one man does all the work. It is merely a mat-

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## **COURT CHATTER**

(By HLR)

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ter of not putting—"all your eggs in one basket."

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In spite of the icy roads quite a large group of Beloit rooters made the trip, and although the Trojan cheering section was small, considerable noise originated from that part of the gym.

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March 1, 1939.

Mr. W. H. Harrison,  
State Bank of Downs,  
Downs, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I was very happy to have your letter of the 27th ultimo and to know that you and the boys enjoyed the trip. I assure you it was a pleasure for us to have you.

I also want to acknowledge receipt of the Portis Independent. I was glad to see the fine play that they gave Vance Hall. I am also writing Mr. J. E. Kissell congratulating him on the fact that his son also made the County Tourney All-Star Team. I know Mr. Kissell very well and he often writes me, so I will have opportunity to congratulate him on this fine record.

Will you please extend my congratulations to Vance Hall on his making this County Tourney All-Star Team? I am very sure that he will make every all-tourney or all-state team that he plays in. I am glad that both Vance and Allen are counting on coming to K. U. I am very sure that they will not be disappointed.

I would also be very happy if you would send me the dope on the district and regional tournament play.

We are leaving for Columbia this afternoon and I know that we are in for a tough time, but we will give them everything we have got.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 27, 1939.

Dear "Phog." :-

Just a note to thank you for the very good seats you secured for us for the K U - Oklahoma game Saturday night. We all enjoyed our visit while in Lawrence and the boys thought everyone they met about the friendliest people they ever came in contact with.

Their general treatment and the basketball game just naturally settled things as far as where they will attend School next Fall. They both said they had the most pleasant week-end they had ever spent. Your talk to the boys wherein you stressed the fact that K U was not a snap in any respect helped sell them a lot. Hall said he believed you told the truth in everything you said whereas so many Coaches and students try to convince him that their Schools are "pie" for a chap like him. Hall likes the plain facts and hates to be made over and the treatment of everyone down there was just one perfect week-end to him.

I am enclosing a Portis Paper ( or rather mailing one under separate cover) to show what J.E.Kissell, Editor and one of the oldest and keenest basketball fans in this whole territory thinks of Hall as a player. If you wish I will send you the dope on his play in the District and Regional Tournaments.

Again thanking you for your courtesies, and with best wishes for the Missouri finale, I am,

Sincerely Yours,

*W.H. Harrison.*