

January 20, 1939.

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

Dear Bill:

Thank you very much for your very nice letter of the 18th instant. I appreciate the interest that you have taken in Vance Hall, and I assure you that I will do everything in my power to make his stay both pleasant and profitable should he enter the University of Kansas.

I am writing him a letter today, and am sending you a carbon copy of the letter. Certainly there is nothing unethical in a coach writing a boy who evinces a desire to come to the University of Kansas. Of course, I am convinced that if it had not been for you the boy would doubtless have decided to go elsewhere.

"Bing" Smith told me that you were here with a couple of boys during the Relays while I was at Atlanta, Georgia, attending the National Health and Physical Education meeting there.

You can bet your life that I appreciate the interest that you take in these boys, and I want you to know that I will take an added personal interest in this boy on your account as well as on account of his genuine worth. "Bing" Smith says that Vance is a fine boy and he would bet on him making good. You see, Bill, I am not just trying to pick up basketball players. In fact, I perhaps do the best of that of any coach in the country, but when you say that he is a good student and a clean, all-around fine chap, I know that he will have no difficulty in making his letter at the University of Kansas. This is the kind of boy that I like and I work with them knowing that they will be eligible and that they want to play ball. That is a perfectly natural desire that every young chap should have. Your recommendation is good enough, and you tell Vance that I am counting on him one hundred per cent.

Fortunately we do have a game on a Saturday night - February 25, with Oklahoma. It is the last home game that we have, and I trust that you and Vance can come down to the game. We will have some tickets for you with our compliments.