

November 23, 1933.

Miss Betty Jeanne Heller,  
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Washburn College,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Betty Jeanne:

Mrs. Allen was up to a luncheon in Topeka recently with Mrs. Florence Allen, the wife of Judge Harry K. Allen, and somehow I feel that you are going to have some better luck. At least, I am hoping so.

You know, I haven't seen either Judge or Mrs. Allen for over a year, although I dropped in the State House to say hello one day last summer when Judge Allen was out. I did talk to Florence over the phone, and she said that she would certainly get the job done if there was any way possible. Let me know if I can help you further, and if you do not get any help let me know anyhow because I will stir something up.

I wanted to write you this letter before Thanksgiving vacation, but in the rush of administrative work and basketball coaching I did not get it done. What I am going to say is of a confidential nature, and if you desire to speak to Ralph about it, it will be all right because I will say nothing to you that I have not said to him. But he might not like it so well.

I have been terribly disappointed in the attitude that Ralph has shown toward his studies. He tells me they have had such a poor season that he could not get his mind on his work. He has not had to do much outside of his football and his studies, which he has neglected, I am sorry to say. I definitely feel that if you had been here on the campus that you would have been a contributing factor for his good. There is nothing particularly wrong with Ralph, only he loaf. He is bright -- too bright to study hard when he can get by.

You remember I talked to him last summer and he told me he was through with fooling around. He says he just gets so disgusted that he goes to bed early, and when he gets home he is sleepy and can't study, so he turns in. Ralph is a fine boy, Betty Jeanne, but unless he finds himself I am very much afraid that he is not going to make of himself the things that he could or should.

For several years now I have had a requirement that the boys shall be doing passing work of a "C" grade when they play in the preliminary game.