

August 26, 1942.

Mr. Floyd Millet,  
Basketball Coach,  
Brigham Young University,  
Provo, Utah.

Dear Coach Millet:

My delay in replying to your favor of the 10th instant has been due to the fact that my secretary has been on vacation.

I regret to advise you that our allotted number of games has been scheduled and it will be impossible to play you on your eastern trip. We would enjoy meeting you had we the opportunity.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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# BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

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August 10, 1942

University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Attention: Forest Allen, Basketball Coach

Dear Phog:

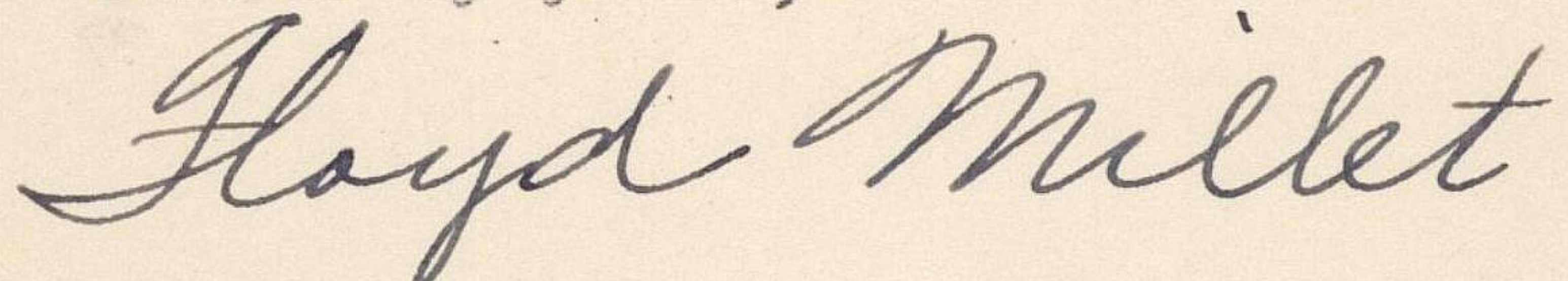
Brigham Young University basketball team is planning an Eastern trip which will carry them into Madison Square Garden in the month of December.

On our return trip we are playing a game with Loyola University of Chicago on December 18.

I am anxious to complete our pre-season schedule and would like to play University of Kansas on December 21.

Will you kindly advise me if you can do so, and what financial arrangement you will be able to make.

Sincerely yours,



Floyd Millet  
Basketball Coach

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PLEASE ENROLL ME IF POSSIBLE. AM COMING ON TRAIN FRIDAY.

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JOHN BUESTHER BOX 253 GREENMOUNTAINFALLS.

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March 4, 1942.

Mr. John Buescher,  
1240 Tennessee St.,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear John:

I have just talked with Miss Rich about your lassitude. And if you don't know what lassitude means, it means "Condition of body or mind when its voluntary functions are performed with difficulty, and only by strong exertion of will; debility; weariness." Debility means a devitalized physique as well as a devitalized mind.

You have taken enough vitamins to vitalize both your mind and your body. Now, John, down to brass tacks. You have failed Zoology twice and that in itself is rather a reproach on the team and on yourself. Miss Betty Ann Wilkinson is giving a tutorial class in Room 16 Fraser at 9:30 on Tuesday and Thursday. You went sound asleep in the last class that you attended.

Dean Smith is no little exercised about the lack of progress that you are making in the School of Education. He has talked to me about it twice, and wondered if it wouldn't be better for you to withdraw from school because you are not making progress toward graduation.

I know what you say. "I have taken that stuff twice and I know all about it." But you don't know all about it, else you would not have flunked so ingloriously under Mrs. McNair. Don't you realize that you owe the team more than you are giving them? Merely being on the border line and playing under such a questionable status doesn't make anybody happy about it. Your parents send you money to get this education that you are supposed to get. If I would write your parents and John Glenn regarding the things that go on between the Dean and Miss Rich and me, I am sure you would get a severe reprimand from your parents. They struggle to make this money and it does not come easy. Then why wouldn't it be sporting for you to attend those classes, keep



awake and make an "A" in Zoology rather than one of your usual "D's". I am saying this candidly and fervently. I am exercised about you because the School of Education is exercised about you and they reflect no happy concern. They think you are here just to play basketball and not to get an education.

Now don't make it tougher on me and the rest of the team than you already have. May I count on you not missing any of these make-ups?

I am getting in touch with Miss Wilkinson, and it is my idea to see if you can't make an "A" out of this course.

With a sincere wish that you make an "A" out of at least this course that you have taken three times, I am

Sincerely yours,

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



March 25, 1942.

Mr. John Buescher,  
1240 Tennessee St.,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear John:

I am enclosing a copy of the poem,  
"Opportunity", by John J. Ingalls. I want you to  
tack this up on a door in your room, John, so that  
it will be a constant reminder of the opportunities  
that come to you.

Sincerely yours,

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



June 22, 1942.

Mr. John Buescher,  
1241 Tennessee St.,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear John:

I am sending you the information about your course in Geography by correspondence, and when you are ready to start on it you may call or drop in the office and we will get the books for you.

The Correspondence Study Bureau will accept your enrollment when you have paid the fee of \$9.00. It is also necessary for you to make a deposit of \$3.00 for the use of reference books.

Rowlands Book Store has the texts you will need - secondhand copies, as follows:

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Geography and Introduction to Human Ecology - | \$2.95 |
| The Geographic Factor -                       | 1.65   |

I am glad you got the call to Eudora, and hope that you are working by this time. Let us know when you feel you can begin studying.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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1241 Tenn

Phone 1065

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comes down Ecuador - we will  
call him from one of these addresses.



MEMO - concerning John Buescher's enrollment in  
a correspondence course:

When his fee of \$9.00 has been paid he will be  
accepted for enrollment in the 3 hour Geography  
course.

There is also a deposit of \$3.00 necessary for  
use of reference books.

He will need two texts - Geography and Intro-  
duction to Human Ecology . . . . . \$2.95

The Geographic Factor . . . . . 1.65

For books . . . . . \$4.60

(Rowlands have these books, used copies)



July 8, 1942.

Mr. John Buescher,  
1240 Tennessee St.,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear John:

Doubtless you have been working long enough now to have a little money accumulated, and I want to urge you to start on your Correspondence Study.

You will recall that each time before you have been taking examinations after school started in the fall. Don't wait so long this summer to get started in your course.

If you are unable to get your materials because of your working hours, let me know and I will get them for you. Give me a ring here at the office or at my home and let me know when you are ready to begin.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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August 8, 1942.

Mr. John Buescher,  
Box 253,  
Green Mountain Falls,  
Colorado.

Dear John:

I talked to Mrs. Perkins this morning to see if you had received any call from your draft board at Beardstown. She stated that only a yellow card had come to you stating that you were placed in I-A.

I am sending you a copy of an article that was in Friday's Journal-World. If you are placed in I-A you can get into either the Army or Navy if you can pass your physical, and still attend the University of Kansas next year. Of course you would have to enroll at the University before your call for induction takes place from your draft board. It is possible now to enlist, as the paper states any time from now until school begins the middle of September, but of course if your draft board calls you then it will doubtless be too late to get into this.

Not knowing of this, I took Charlie Black to the Wyandotte County Court House in Kansas City, Kansas, this past Wednesday and Thursday, and he passed his mental in the Aviation Cadet service; 84 was passing and he made a grade of 108, which is considered excellent. On Tuesday morning at 8:15 a.m. I am to take him to Leavenworth, Kansas, for his physical. I am quite sure that he will pass, and then so long as he makes his grades he will be enabled to stay in the University. If he fails of course he will be in the aviation service.

I am wondering if you do not want to do something about your case. Merely saying that you are going to be drafted doesn't offer you anything except to be drafted. But if you want to return to Lawrence and enlist in one of these branches before the draft gets you, that is possible. And if you should be rejected, then you could still go to school but it would be necessary for you, of course, to enroll in that correspondence course so that you would be eligible.

John, I have done about everything possible to help you. Don't you think it is about time that you activate yourself regarding your own welfare? Trusting that you are enjoying the cool, zestful, restful, panoramic Colorado, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach



August 3, 1942.

Dear John:

I talked to Mr. Neal Wherry, a member of the Douglas County draft board. These are the things that I learned from him. When a selectee takes his first screening test he will have ten days or two weeks to report for his examination before induction. This examination, for the convenience of the selectee, can be taken at the most convenient place. In your case it could be taken at Denver, or Leavenworth, or near your home town, which I imagine is Peoria.

After this examination at any of these places if the selectee so desires he can ask for a leave which is two weeks, to get ready for his final induction. Now, this is the thing I am saying to you, John. If you should get notice to report for your examination you could come to Lawrence and then go to Leavenworth, and if you passed you would have two weeks to go to Beardstown to visit before your final induction.

Personally, I do not believe that you will be drafted on account of the defect in your lungs which occurred in your early childhoods. If you would present to the examining officers at Leavenworth the letters that you received from the hospital I am sure they would have a very definite result in your case.

I talked to Mr. Wherry yesterday afternoon and he gave me this information, which is general information for any selectee. If you care to act upon this I am very happy to help you. You can understand doubtless why I was greatly surprised at your going to Colorado for a vacation, especially when the demands upon the workers is so great to complete the government industry. And too, I imagine that you are not overburdened with a bank account.

I have been trying to advise you as a parent would advise his own child. If you do not pass the physical there is still an opportunity for you to enroll in the correspondence course and to become eligible for basketball this winter, if you seize upon the opportunity immediately after your rejection. As I told you, I am



pretty sure that you will not pass. But of course I could easily be mistaken, so I am not endeavoring to build up any false hopes in your behalf. But I am endeavoring to help you take advantage of all your possibilities. So many boys come to me, after all the things that they might have done have been exhausted.

If this information is helpful to you, I am happy.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Mr. John Bueseher,  
Box 253,  
Green Mountain Falls, Colo.



August 11, 1942

Dear Dr. Allen,

I received your good letter telling of the K. U. Quota of the Army Reserve Corps. I am very much interested in trying to enlist in such a deal.

Doc, you seemed perturbed at me for not trying to do something for myself. The reason was that my parents did not want me to enlist in any kind of the service. My father stated that if I enlisted I would be in the army over a period of years after the war. Doc, I have always obeyed my parents all of my life and that was the reason I was going to take it on the nose in the draft.

I understood that you were against my going on a vacation. I gave everything I had on the basketball court for K. U. and I have never been on any kind



of a vacation in my life I  
sincerely think I was justified  
in making this trip. I don't think  
any individual should be  
of a vacation when he knows not  
what the future has in store for him.

I am leaving here Thursday  
and will be in Lawrence, Friday.  
I am willing on my own to do  
whatever you want me to.

Sincerely,

John Buescher

If it is at all possible please  
ask Henry Shenk if he has figured  
out a schedule for me.

Thank you.



March 6, 1942.

Mr. Bob Busby,  
Lawrence Journal World,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Bob:

Last night I read in your story something about the possibility that if Missouri beat Kansas tonight it would be comparable to what happened three years ago when Missouri laced Kansas by a decisive score to give the championship to Missouri and Oklahoma.

The facts of the score are doubtless correct, but that was not three years ago - that was four years ago; and the game was not played at Lawrence - it was played at Columbia, Missouri.

This statement recalls to my mind the story of a fellow who was telling his companion that he knew a business man in Baltimore who had made \$100,000 the past year from a shirtwaist factory in Baltimore. To confirm this he turned to a friend and said, "Isn't that right, Bill?" He said, "Yes, substantially correct. Instead of a shirtwaist factory it was an overall factory, and instead of Baltimore it was Kansas City, Missouri, and instead of making \$100,000, he lost \$100,000."

It is rather difficult to see why a sport writer recalling that sort of thing would not state where the game was played and be more accurate in his writings. You will remember that I jogged your memory regarding the offensive-defensive ratio of playing when Iowa State was awarded the championship last year over Kansas. You had made some statement regarding a play-off being necessary. And you did not say, of course, that Missouri had a veteran team and Kansas had a team entirely of sophomores who had had a terrific time of winning their games by the sheerest margin and on that team was ailing, hobbling, crippled Ralph Miller who was playing only on one leg. And with everything against them Kansas faced one of the hottest shooting teams that Missouri ever had. It was much after the manner of the Oklahoma game February 27 at Norman.

Of course, the fact that Oklahoma scored 63 points against Kansas would be a high offensive score, but the fact that we scored 51 points against them makes only a spread of 12 points, and we scored 22 points more than they did here. In other words, Kansas scored 105 points against Oklahoma in two games for an average of 52.5 points a game. Our offensive ratio against all teams is less than 51 points, so we scored against Oklahoma a higher average than the common offensive record against all Big Six teams.



I have never seen this side stressed at all, yet this is the thing that the champion is decided upon when there is a tie between two Big Six teams. A basketball game is six to eight minutes longer now, due to the elimination of the center jump, so after all, this high score doesn't mean anything as compared to past years because you are actually playing a greater number of minutes now than heretofore.

And one other point. The newspapers have been playing Gerald Tucker up for a near 20 point average in five games. Last year Howard Engleman had a near 20 point average in eight games, but he slipped in one game and that cut his scoring average down. By what right should Gerald Tucker be even considered for average high scorer when by his own act he migrated against the rules and estopped himself from playing the ten-game schedule that he could have played had he remained in the college where he first matriculated? After all, apparently it is the fellow who beats the rules and splurges that the public pays some attention to.

Although our publicity department erred in making a misstatement regarding the Kansas debacle at Columbia, yet a sports editor who is cognizant of athletic happenings should not let such a discrepancy get by. Since Horace Mason's going many such errors are bound to happen. When a fellow prints news naturally it should be authentic.

I am writing this letter to you in a personal manner to merely say to you that in all the time you were in school and while you were at your paper in Lawrence I endeavored to be utterly fair and at times I went out of my way to give you some hot tips that I thought would be appreciated by newspaper men. And perhaps they were. But through most of the years that you were writing I was not able to detect many of those things. Doubtless the dissatisfied boys and some of the unsuccessful ones who got your ear pictured the other side. If they did, all is well and good, but I only want to make this statement to you. That you will find when you get out of town that the picture won't be nearly what you have painted it through your years. I have never alibied nor have I appealed through pity or some other weakness, as others have, why they should be built up. The thing that deserves to live will live. And if a fellow makes a showing consistently it is because he makes his success by hard work and not by asking someone to alibi for him.

Wishing you continued success, I am

Sincerely yours,

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



# The Jayha



## SPORTS BUZZ

by  
**Bob  
Busby**

Regardless of what Dr. F. C. Allen thinks about the "money-grabbers" of the N.C.A.A., probably to the man Kansas basketball followers hope that the Jayhawker team and the athletic board vote affirmatively to play in the western tourney if the invitation is forthcoming.

The western tournament at Kansas City March 20 and 21 will consist of the following quintets:

District 5—Kansas, Oklahoma, Oklahoma Aggies or Creighton.

District 6—Rice.

District 7—Colorado.

District 8—Stanford or Oregon State.

Link Lyman, former Nebraska line coach, has accepted a job with an insurance company and will work the western part of the state of Nebraska. . . . Milt Piepul was turned down by the army because of defective vision and will help coach the backs at his alma mater, Notre Dame, during spring practice.

Forest Evashevski, the former Michigan star who has been head grid coach at Hamilton college, will join the Pitt staff as back-field assistant with Charley Bowser. . . . Dr. Arnold Greene and Harold Stebbins, both former associates of Jock Sutherland, have resigned.

The 63 points which Oklahoma rang up against Kansas the other night is the largest number recorded by a K.U. opponent since the beginning of the sport here in 1899, according to records.

The previous high mark was held by Indiana. The Hoosiers tripped K.U., 60 to 42, in the N.C.A.A. finals in 1940 at Kansas City. Prior to that Nebraska Wesleyan's 52 points, scored against Kansas in 1905, was the high.

Highest score ever made by a K.U. team against a foe was the 68 to 8 lick dealt Washington U. in 1913.



March 16, 1942.

Mr. Herman Beringer, Coach,  
Chetopa, Kansas.

Dear Coach Beringer:

I am very sorry for the delay in replying to your letter of March 2nd.

I will be happy to look at the boy's knee some time if you can bring him to Lawrence. It would cost in the neighborhood of \$150.00 for an operation similar to the one Ralph Miller had. This was done by Dr. Francisco.

If you will let me know when you can bring the boy to Lawrence, I will be happy to examine him.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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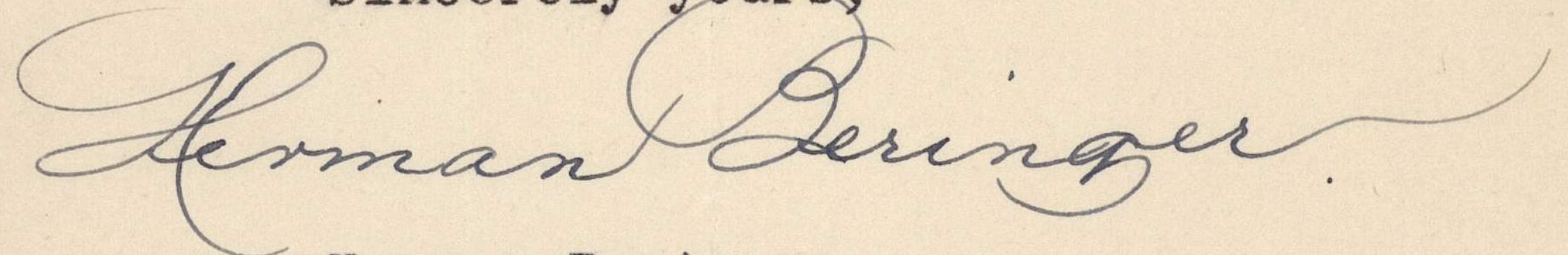
Phogg Allen  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

We have a football man with a bad knee similar to Ralph Miller's of Chanute.

To what extent was Mr. Miller's operation successful and how much was the cost involved. If necessary we can bring the boy to see you for examination.

Sincerely yours,



Herman Beringer  
Coach

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