



May 16, 1942

Dr. Forrest Allen
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Perhaps you will remember me from our meeting on several occasions. The last occasion being when I drove your car for your wife and daughter from Kansas City to Lawrence this spring.

As I mentioned to you at that time the Newton High School Basket Ball star, Johnny Dewell, is graduating this spring and that I would like to see you contact him, trying to get him to go to K.U. He looks to me like he will make some University a good athlete. In fact according to his older brothers ability and the start that this boy has he might be a three letterman, Basketball, Football and Baseball. I have talked to him and also his brother Bill, who is a graduate of S.M.U. and as you perhaps know not only made a good record there, but last fall played with the Chicago Cardinals Pro-Football team and he also played with the Muskogee Western Assc. Baseball Club. (is a pitcher)

As near as I can figure Johnny's folks will let him decide which school to attend, but his brother Bill encourages S.M.U. which Johnny seems to consider quite strong. He is also considering Okla. Aggies.

I believe you have contacted Johnny, but as near as I can get it he has not as yet made up his mind, only is not considering K.U. very strong. However I can tip you off to this that he seemed to speak quite highly of one of your Asst. Football Coaches, I believe a Mr. Hurd, a former S.M.U. Coach. Perhaps if you and Mr. Hurd could contact him you could still get him lined up with K.U. or either one of you separately might be able to land him. I would suggest that you either phone him or write him at once making an appointment with him.

You perhaps understand the Newton set up which is as I'm sorry to say not favorable to send High School grads to K.U. As Hesston is only 8 miles from Newton I would be very glad to discuss with you men a few details before you see this boy, but I do not say I could do any