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Dr. F. C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

When we last saw you there week ago, I told you I might get hold of something in regard to Gerald Tucker and whether he considers KU at all. So far I have not been able to do it, as he has been away from home some, but I think that I may get something soon; that is whether, or not, he will consider the University. If I get anything of interest, I will get in touch with you. I have heard, indirectly, that Tucker will go to Oklahoma U. but that he is as yet not fully decided. By the way, I have letter from Bruce Drake about Max. He had heard we might be interested in Petroleum Engineering and so wrote. His letter, tho, is very nice and not at all out-of-place and he wants Max to come down and see him. He said in letter he had assumed Max would stay in Kansas, but that he would be welcome at OU.

Before I forget, I wanted to say a word about some boys that you might be interested in. At least I promised them or some of their folks that I would. Don Dougherty who has been at Washburn two years, is I hear transferring to KU. He has a year of eligibility and is a nice ball player; I do not know what happened at Washburn. Then a friend of mine, Wint Smith of Topeka, asked me to mention his nephew, Max Smith, of Randall who likely wants to go to KU but needs help. He is a good basketball player and Max and he have played against each other the past two years. Both made the all-Regional team at Concordia. Smith is a lean, lanky boy and of good character. Another boy from same territory is Ernest Nelson of Kackley. He is a corking scorer and a two-hand shot something like John Cooper of Missouri used to be. He scored heavily last season. Nice boy but I think has no money at all; also good student and fine on track and I believe now has the state pole vault record and he runs the half mile not too slow. Now these boys may lack stamina to stay with it but I mention them because I had promised to do so.

I wish you would tell me this, Allen. About what can any boy, such as Max or any other, realize there from his labors in the course of a year if he makes grades and is good enough to help the team he is on? That may be a direct question, but it is one that confronts me as I must be making some definite plans for Max before long.

I told you about some of the "big" offers Max had from some Kansas coaches and I was going to write you about one or two from out of state but will instead send the enclosed letter which you can look over. Now I do not "take for granted" all those offers, but some of them are okay I am sure, provided Max makes grades and is a gentleman and can help the team. Santa Clara had a man here to see Max play and there is a sportsman who offers to take care of his expense. But he will not take it, I am sure, since it is a long ways off and besides is a Catholic

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