August 14, 1941.

Mr. N. D. Morgan, Superintendent,
Campbell County High School,
Gillette, Wyoming.

Dear Superintendent Morgan:

Pardon the slight delay in answering your communication of the 30th ultimo.

I have known Mr. James E. Hammers as a student and as a member of the varsity football team here, and I remember him very well. Mr. Hammers was a hard-working and persevering chap who won the plaudits of his many friends by the sacrifices and the effort put forth.

It is my opinion that he is an excellent teacher and would make a fine coach. To my knowledge he had no bad habits such as narcotics or alcoholics. I am happy to testify to Mr. Hammers ability and character.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Campbell County High School

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Gillette, Wyoming

July 30, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Department of Athletics
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Mr. James E. Hammers of Treece, Kansas has applied for position as coach in Campbell County High School. I would very much appreciate hearing from you in regard to Mr. Hammers.

Yours truly,

N. D. Morgan
S.P.

N. D. Morgan, Superintendent
Campbell County High School

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August 14, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
and Recreation
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 13. I am very glad indeed that you enjoyed your visit with us but it is we who are indebted to you for your appearance and your fine and inspiring talk which was enjoyed so much by everyone present.

Next year we are going to try to have a dinner of this kind with all the Legion Posts and their teams participating and I trust that we may look forward to having the pleasure of your speaking to us again at that time.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Thornton J. Manry,
Commander

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THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

OFFICE OF ADVISER OF WOMEN
LAWRENCE

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April 16, 1941.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Miss Helen Narramore, 1201 Kentucky, is interested in a full time secretarial position at the University of Kansas. At the end of this semester she will have completed her degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts in the Department of Design, save six hours of work which may be completed at night. Her scholarship is as follows: 21 A, 46 B, 38 C, 8 D, 2 incomplete.

Miss Narramore has been employed this semester in the School of Education office, University of Kansas, as a stenographer. Her previous experience has been in the office of the Lawrence High School and in the office of the City's Board of Education.

In talking with Miss Narramore, I did not mention the vacancy in your office, but if you are interested in her application, I am sure she would like to come for a personal interview.

Very sincerely yours,

Marie Miller

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August 25, 1941.

Mr. Arthur Morse,
10 South LaSalle St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Arthur:

Thank you for your kind letter of the 13th instant. I am not writing to Paul Mattei, who is taking the place of Captain Haggerty, but I shall await a letter from him. I will be glad to have his list of recommendations.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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August 13, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

The Acting Athletic Director of De Paul University during the absence of Captain Tom Haggerty, who is now serving Uncle Sam, is Paul Mattei, a very fine chap and incidentally quite an admirer of "Phog" Allen.

Paul is carrying on Captain Haggerty's practice with reference to referees, that is, he wants the opponent to be satisfied.

I am having Paul send a list of referees to you. I am sure that "Ike" Craig is most satisfactory. You will hear from Paul within the next few days.

Thanking you for all of your courtesies, and with best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Morse

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August 26, 1941.

Mr. Harry W. Mons,
Hill-Clarke Machinery Co.,
649 Washington Blvd.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Mons:

It is not necessary at all for me to reply to your good letter of August 11th, except to say that I am anxiously awaiting the time when you will come down to Lawrence and we will have that golf game. Perhaps we will play two or three times if the opportunity presents itself.

Please do not feel that you have to be an expert in golf for me to enjoy the game. If such were the case I am afraid that I would run a very poor second. I play golf for the sheer fun of the companionship and the pleasure of exercising over this beautiful Country Club course. The vistas on our Lawrence course are wonderful. Many people think of Kansas as a very flat country, but on the other hand Lawrence is endowed with hills, and I believe that you will agree with me that there may be many better courses in the country than Lawrence boasts of, but no more wonderful views. The Wakarusa valley and the Kaw valley are inspiring viewed from the top of these Country Club hills.

So we will be looking forward to your and Mrs. Mons arrival with pleasure.

Sincerely yours,

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

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August 11, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Department of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am just in receipt of your kind letter of August 8 and very much appreciate being your golf guest on Friday, September 5. They say that fools run where angels fear to tread, and that is my case so far as golf is concerned, but I am in the same position as the Scotchman, who upon being asked if he played golf, replied in the negative, but said he couldn't let the game alone.

Getting back to more important things, I want to tell you how much Mrs. Mons and I enjoyed meeting Mrs. Allen, and if her husband is half as good as she is, we have nothing to be worried about regarding our about to be acquired new daughter.

As Mrs. Mons has written Mrs. Allen, we are planning on arriving in Lawrence some time before 9:00 Friday morning; will let you know later definitely regarding this.

I, again wish to thank you for your nice letter, and am looking forward to meeting you.

Most cordially,

Harry W. Mons.

HWM*O

August 26, 1941.

Mr. Bob Meredith,
429 Elm Street,
Washington, Mo.

Dear Bob:

Your very good letter of the 24th instant just arrived at my desk this morning upon my return from a week at the Iowa High School Coaches Association coaching school where Clark Shaughnessy of Stanford, Bernie Bierman of Minnesota, Henry Iba and I were on the teaching faculty.

It pleases me to know that you have made such definite progress toward a fine career for the future. It is a great pleasure to work with a young man of your ability and vision. I told Mrs. Hulteen this morning that it gave me more pleasure to have contacts with a fine young man such as you are than the contacts that I often make with some of my athletes who feel that they need just a little more wet-nursing.

As I told you last spring, you earned your money and you were very dependable. It is a pleasure to have people like you around our organization. We certainly shall try to have a position for you when you return the second semester. The work that you are doing is a fine experience for you and when you return to school you will even do better than you have done in the past. And I recognize that your past work has been a source of pride to you and, I am sure, a pleasure to your instructors.

With all good wishes for your continued success and happiness, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

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429 Elm Street
Washington, Mo.
August 24, 1941

Dr. F.C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen,

I hope the past summer has been an enjoyable one for you. There is no doubt that it has been a busy one, and that it passed very rapidly. I know that is true in my case.

Since July 28th I have been employed as temporary inspector with the U. S. Engineering Corps at $1800 per annum. The work lasts until late fall and affords a good chance to save some money besides the engineering experience that can be gained. I have decided to stay out of school this Fall and work until the beginning of the spring semester.

Last spring you pleased me when you told me that you would employ me in the towel room for the coming year. I wish to thank you for this consideration and the other favors you have done for me in the past. I am aware of the fact that you gave me one of the best jobs on the hill, and I certainly appreciate it.

If you have any employment to offer in February and if you see fit to do so, I will appreciate any consideration that you give me. In the meantime I'll keep in close touch with K.U., and may I wish you good luck?

Yours very truly,

Bob Meredith

August 30, 1941.

Mrs. H. Leigh MacCurdy,
244 Bronxville Road,
Bronxville, N.Y.

Dear Elizabeth:

In clearing up some of my files which have been listed for attention weeks and even months ago, I find your letter of May 12th. You asked about Gordon Gray. Gordon was married to Ruth Christianson, who is a daughter of a Congregational minister. Her father passed away about a year ago, and Ruth was secretary to Riling and Riling, lawyers.

When Mrs. Hulteen left me last August I spent quite some time choosing her successor. Her name was Miss Lauretta Gerstenberger. I impressed upon Miss Gerstenberger the thought that I wanted to engage some one who would stay with me quite some time. Miss Gerstenberger had worked for John Stutz, and had three years work in the University in domestic science. She was one of the Eudora Gerstenbergers. I told her that unless the young lady agreed to stay at least two years I would not want to engage her. I told her that I believed in the institution of marriage, but for the work here I wanted someone that I could count on for an extended period. She assured me that she had no thought of getting married. She was married May 1st. That made eight months for her.

I went through the same routine, and Miss Christianson was the next selectee. I told her the same story. She certainly had no thought of getting married, so she told me. And she lasted three months. Gordon got a job as director of athletics at Kelly Field, at Brady, Texas, at $2600 a year. He was in the draft, A-1 classification, and was expecting to be called, so when he got this job he took it, of course, and with it changed the decisions of the young lady.

In fairness to Miss Gerstenberger I might say that her young gentleman friend was also in the draft but he went to Annapolis on the short course and got an ensign's job out of it, so that changed her ideas. This defense program really is working wonders!

Now Mrs. Hulteen is with us at the present time and she is writing this letter, but it is only for thirty days, although I wish it were for as many years. Mrs. Hulteen is breaking in Polly Gowans, who just graduated from the University with Phi Beta Kappa honors. She is the daughter of "Buck" Gowans, the principal of

Ottawa High School, and I believe she will make a very capable secretary. My strategy in choosing a younger girl is that I believe it will take them at least two years to get lined up. These other girls were older. I wouldn't say on the anxious margin, but at the same time these younger ones have more years to go.

You mention Ruth Pyle. Did I tell you that I offered her the dance job and I talked to her physician and found out that her heart was not affected nearly as much as represented. One of my good friends on the faculty at Rosedale talked to this doctor and he stated it would have been a good thing for her to have taken this job. So I believe that you have been wasting some sympathy over the fact that we injured her here. The doctor who had been caring for her said that this was something that came to her long before her school days at the University. I felt much better after having that information, especially after what you had told me previously.

Now, regarding Maxyne. She was going splendidly at Wyandotte and Miss Barnett was her leading guide and counsel. She dated with Miss Barnett regularly, then something happened. Whether Miss Barnett got jealous of her, or whether Maxyne slipped a cog, I do not know. But Maxyne came to see me and asked my help. I went to Superintendent Schlagle and to Principal Wellemeyer and had the cooperation of Tom Van Cleave, Sr., who is a member of the board. They told me that she was just impossible and that they would have to demote her which they did some time after Christmas, and then they let her out in June. I remember your telling me how good she was one day and how poor the next. Well, that caught up with her and it happened in such a way that I could not help her. I do not know what she is doing at the present time, but it would be hazardous, I am afraid, to recommend her for another trial. She had been in a small school and then had catapulted to Wyandotte. She had the opportunity of her career, but she didn't see it.

You asked about Mrs. Hulteen and I must tell you that she has two fine children and she is only helping me out because things were in such a mess after two nervous pre-brides got through shuffling the correspondence that a sleight of hand dealer could not have worked things out. So we called on Mrs. Hulteen. George is a postal clerk and doing splendidly, but the fact that Sam Moyer, the supervisor of mails, was called into the National Guard, upset things considerably down there at the postoffice. Moyer's substitute is endeavoring to do on less help and in that way has cut down on the hours for all. This naturally works a hardship on all the boys, but since he is the boss I guess they will just have to wait until Sam returns or this fellow gets sick.

The young lady in the Hulteen family is nine months old today, and she is a dandy. I saw her a number of times during our eight weeks recreation course, and she is just as spry and chipper as

a jenny wren. Bobby is getting to be quite a young man. He comes up to the office and we still feed him mints, horehound, or peppermints, whatever we have on hand. He has grown so much that you would hardly know him.

Miss Hoover taught in Chicago this summer and then went to Colorado Springs for this cowboy dance course. She and Miss Stapleton enrolled last year and she went back for more this year. She is back now playing golf with Mrs. Hutson.

Miss Geraldine Ulm, who took Catherine's place, got married this summer and moved to California, but I understand she is in ill health and is returning home. Her father told me this much.

We have engaged a young lady from the University of Illinois, Miss Melba Schilling, to take the dance classes. They say she is very excellent, according to Miss Freer, the head of the department there.

Joie Stapleton is up in a northern camp and has been all summer.

I think I told you that Burt DeGroot, the Stanford man, made a great hit here. He has gone to California to supervise physical education in three aviation fields. He was the most promising man that we have had here for quite some time. He got a $1400 increase over what we were paying him, and we were happy to see him make the grade.

Jim Raport went to a combination job at Alabama Poly - physical education and aviation, at a $1200 increase. He is to get $2600 at Alabama.

We have brought in Henry Shenk who had made a great record at Junction City, and who in my opinion is quite outstanding.

We used a graduate student from the University of Illinois to do our tumbling and he was excellent. He was working on his master's degree, and only the other day he was selected down at Alabama Poly at $2600. So all these young physical education students are really going places in the defense set-up.

The Army is using its own officers, but the Navy, Marines and Aviation are using civilian athletic instructors. This opens a fine field for these young men. I am bringing in some graduate students from Nebraska who will work on their masters' degrees and do part-time teaching.

Dr. Elbel and I are the only two men left here. Mr. Earl Falkenstien is carrying on in his usual cordial and highly efficient capacity. Doubtless you knew about Mr. Allphin leaving.

He went down to Fort Worth as athletic director of the Fort Worth Athletic Club. He had been put on half salary by our budget committee and rather than to accept that he left without notifying us last fall. He had accepted the half salary to all good intents and purposes, and was expected back by about September 1st. But he came and moved his furniture to Fort Worth, then after school had started he wired us from there saying that he would want to begin the first of February his half time tenure. After a conference with the Chancellor we wired him that he would either report within a week or else not expect to return.

The football coaching set-up is Mr. Gwinn Henry, Vic Hurt, Harry Lansing, and Wayne Replogle. Bill Hargiss is out on crutches after a very bad fracture of the left thigh just above the knee. The fracture extended into the joint and I believe it will be a year before Bill will be well again. But by the time his track work starts this spring he should be able to carry on. The football prospects this fall are the best they have ever been and they are hoping for splendid things although Nebraska, Oklahoma and Missouri are powerful, and Kansas is not rated at the present time with them. Track naturally will suffer due to Bill's injury, but it has been almost as low as it could get for the past three years.

Our basketball team lost Howard Engleman, John Kline, Bobby Allen, Ed Hall, Norman Sanneman, and Jim Arnold. These boys will be hard to replace but I believe that we will have a fairly good team. They will be youngsters and sophomores are still sophomores, but we are counting on making a scrap for it.

Jane is getting married September 6th to Mr. Elwood Mons, who prepped at Exeter and graduated from Princeton. They will live in Chicago. Bobby was admitted to the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania and will leave September 14 or 15. Eleanor, who has finished her sophomore work here at the University, wanted to get away from home so she will enter Pennsylvania along with Bob. Perhaps it will be a good thing for these youngsters to get away from home and learn what life is like away from every parental service and care.

Milton is on his last year of Law School and he will finish next summer. He has been with the Standard Oil for three years but got a leave of absence after he was promoted to the personnel job at Ellinwood, Kansas. He is making a fine academic record in the Law School. They have a three and a half year old red-head named Judy and she is dynamite. Mrs. Allen bought the McColloch residence at 831 Louisiana Street. That is where Lefty Sproull and his family lived for several years when they were in Lawrence. So while Milton is going to Law School they are living there.

I am glad to know about Howard's opportunity for admission to Dartmouth. Give him my kindest regards and best wishes. I will be interested in learning that he makes his grades at Dartmouth and that he makes the hockey team.

Give my kindest regards to Leigh. I know it must have pained you people that you could not accept the compensation that comes so handily, but I can understand how the economy of the thing would be questioned when you have to provide tenancy for the offspring at home. Doubtless you people will be freer when Howard gets settled in college.

We have had resort weather here for two weeks. You would never know it was Kansas. It has been wonderfully ideal. The nights are as cool as Colorado nights, and the days as pleasant as anyone would want.

By the way, I forgot to tell you about Gordon Gray's father. They diagnosed it cancer, cut into his abdomen, took a look and sewed it up. Said he would never make it. Well, he did get well and it wasn't cancer at all - it was stomach trouble. He is well and happy on his job as engineer for the Santa Fe at Newton. That has been two or three years ago, and he eats everything and goes every place. You can imagine he is not saying very nice things about diagnosticians who guess and don't hit. I am sure he will be a fit subject for enrollment in the school of Christian Science. The other members of the family are not so hot. I am not speaking of the women folks, I am speaking of the men. Max was here in school last fall, and I believe that he made pretty good grades, but he tried out for the basketball team and his coordination was not anything to compare with Gordon. He didn't make the squad. It seemed as if Gordon had more stuff than the rest of them.

With all good wishes to the MacCurdy family, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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

244 Bronxville Rd.
Bronxville N.Y.
May 12, '41

Dear Dr. Allen:

It occurs to me it has been far too long since I paid my respects to the K.U. department and exchanged gossip with them.

In fact the past week has been my occasion for correcting the neglect I've shown for practically all my correspondents during the last two months. The immediate cause of said neglect being my initial effort at community service around these parts.

The P.T.A. at Leigh's school solicited my aid along in January for a show they wanted to put on late in April. Having always been a sucker for a show I said "yes" and that was the beginning of quite an experience. I found out how spoiled I had been in being able to have not only talented but capable people to work with at school.

The P.T.A. women, bless their souls, were supercharged with good intentions - but woefully short on knowledge of a special sort or even the ability for simple general organization. Consequently I found myself having to do many things I had dreamed anybody was born knowing how to do. However the whole affair finally came off in creditable shape and I did get a kick out of working,

with the parents and teachers who participated in the three numbers I worked up for the show. Despite rusty joints overweight here and there, and a general tendency to the hamstring they were so willing to work, and so blooming in earnest about doing their best that they put on an exhibition that made the high school youngsters in the audience sit up and take notice. However I've been quite content to lapse into the routine of housewifery again and think it will be quite some time before I make promises for such a venture again.

Here everybody has been rapturous about the gorgeous spring N. Y. is enjoying. The trees and grass have been in full leaf for practically a month and weather in general has been ideal. I find myself siezed with alternate moods of unquenchable energy, and quiescent languor that just wants to sit in the sunlight is already brown as an Indian from baseball practice.

By the way didn't I read somewhere that you are doing baseball at Kansas this year? That makes everything on the roster that you coached at some time down it. Here's wishing you and the team good luck.

Leigh hoped he might see you in Atlantic City at the national convention. He himself was there only two days. F. R. Rogers had asked him to talk on the Yonkers administration of the P. F. I tests. So Leigh accommodated them since the meeting was so close. But

he says he's never going to another convention until I can go along because every other person he meets asks where his wife is. Aha!

Leigh's hockey team won the county championship again and he was particularly glad because a lot of soreheads had predicted there would be no team when they lost Howard.

Howard has been working in N. Y. since the first of February and seems to be very happy in his work - A couple of weeks ago he got his notice of admission to Dartmouth - which is the first hurdle cleared. The next one will be to see whether we can stretch the MacCurdy salary next year to take care of both Uncle Sam's defense bills and Roosevelt's education bills. I get very indignant about this education set up here in the east. First of all it's as bad as crashing a sorority or fraternity to even get in, and then you've got to count on at least a thousand a year to pay the bills. Dormitory rooms don't even have a mattress on the bed. Fifteen - twenty dollars a month rent for four walls and a roof over your head. Verily it doth irritate the crusader's spirit within me.

Leigh was offered both summer terms at Denton but wouldn't consider it because their first term started June 4th and he's not out here until June 26th. Then, much to our surprise Denton suggested that I teach the first term & Leigh take over the second. We really gave that proposition some serious thot - but finally decided against it. Simply provoked too many

problems and inconveniences for what we could realize from it. My leaving them for a month is bad enough, for they live twice as expensively when I'm not here to manage — but worst problem of all is what to do with Howard while both of us are gone. We're determined we won't leave him with a whole apartment at his disposal again — & of course he can't for the life of him understand such a notion on our part. So, all in all, it seemed simpler for both of us to stay home.

Had a newsy letter from Ruth Pyle last week. Her wedding date is set for June 14th, and she seems to be preserving her equilibrium under plans far it much better than Catherine did.

One item in her letter distressed me, and that was the news about Maxyne Woody and her failure at Wyandotte. Last year I heard quite regularly from Maxyne, — but haven't had a line this year — so I know nothing about her attitude or her reasons for losing all desire to make a creditable record. It reminds me of her student days. I always said she could do an A job one day and worse than flunk the next. I wonder what it is fundamentally that makes her so erratic.

Before I finish I must ask about all the Old Guard in the department. Give that often of Mrs. Bullem. How are she and the baby, and does she plan to come back to your office.

And to you all our good wishes, and don't forget when the Mac's line when you get back. Yours,

Elizabeth M. Gee

P.S.: Just remembered that I might as well ask you whether Gordon Gray is at K.U. this year - Catherine wrote me early in the fall that he was there - as I understood taking work for his M.A. and helping with basketball -

Sometime during the winter I dropped him a line, but haven't heard nothing, and wondered whether he was not there - or just hadn't got around to answering.

It was several years ago I heard from him last. He wrote then that his father was very ill, and that he was having to meet many

obligations at home - I knew that his family had depended on him and that he was always more than willing to see that all of them had the things he wanted them to have -

So I've wondered several times since whether his father lived what Max was doing and how events had shaped up for him in general.

If he is around you might mention to him that I asked about him and would appreciate a line about his plans —

Thanks a lot —

Elizabeth

M.

Winchester City School

GORDON W. SANDERS, B.S. PRINCIPAL

Winchester, Tennessee

12/5/41

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir,

at present im trying to coach Goal-Hi and find e need help. I've purchased your equipment + have the Goal-Hi rule book. but e am asking for and will appreciate it very much if you will send me a syllabus of the Goal-Hi game.

Hope to receive all information at once as e need it so badly.

Thanks. Very much.

Very Truly Yours,

(Mrs.) Ela Mae Moore.