

May 15, 1940.

Chancellor Deane W. Malott,
Chancellor's Office,
University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Malott:

Ever since our game in Kansas City I have been carrying around in my portfolio your wire sent from New York, hoping to get an opportunity to acknowledge it much sooner. Your thoughtfulness and kindness in wiring us prior to the N.C.A.A. playoffs is very greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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SORRY MY ROOTING LIMITED TO ABSENT TREATMENT TONIGHT. BEST OF LUCK
 TO THE TEAM.

DEANE W MALOTT.

May 15, 1940.

Mr. Peter Mehringer,
5471 Fernwood Ave.,
Hollywood, California.

Dear Pete:

On March 11th my secretary, Mrs. Alberta Hulteen, wrote you stating that I had been out of town much on basketball trips and that I would write you after our tournament in Kansas City was over. I find, Pete, that I have been very negligent in answering your correspondence after those incidents, but I declare to you that I have been terribly busy.

I have been following you through your professional football and wrestling for quite some time. You would be surprised how many times I meet people who say they have met you and have had some contact with you.

I am glad that you are getting along nicely, and I would be happy to be remembered to Mrs. Mehringer and your family. I am sure by now that the offspring can talk as well as Dad can.

I am glad to know that you are interested in getting your degree. Now, that is the rub, Pete; it is a very difficult job to obtain any campus employment. They do not have wrestling here, and the football staff is, - well, I would say staffed up to the top at the present. It is pretty difficult when a man gets out of college football to get back into it because there is a new crop coming on.

If there is any boost that I can give you to any school in Kansas or Missouri I would be delighted to help you, but at the present time I believe most of the small college jobs are well taken care of. Write me a longer letter, Pete, and let me know whether you have saved any money or not. It seems to me that you could play football in the fall and then come in on the second semester and summer school and make your grades. In that way you would form contacts around here, so that perhaps you could get a job the like of which you speak. At any rate, I assure you I want to help you if there is any possible way. The latchstring is always out, and it will be a pleasure to help you.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Dear Dr. Allen:

I have put off writing this letter for the past three years. I realize more each year the necessity for having a degree.

I have played professional football for the past six years and have absorbed a lot of the game.

I have been football trainer for the past five years and have taken care of individuals, also.

I am happy to say I have enjoyed a great deal of success thanks to the fine training

I had in your Physical Therapy
classes.

My paramount idea now is to
get a degree. I would like very
much to come back to K.U. if
I could find employment there.
If that is not possible I
would like to get a job as
football or wrestling coach or
trainer at some smaller school
in Kansas or Missouri.

I can think of no one better
able to give me advice on this
matter than you.

I hope your basket ball
team had a successful
season.

Sincerely,

Peter Mehlinger
5471 Fernwood Ave.
Hollywood, Calif.

March 11, 1940.

Mr. Peter Mehringer,
5471 Fernwood Ave.,
Hollywood, California.

Dear Mr. Mehringer:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 23 to Dr. Allen. Dr. Allen has been out of town much of late on basketball trips, and at the present he is engrossed in details of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament in Kansas City on March 22, 23 and 30.

I am sure that you may expect to hear from Dr. Allen within a short time.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen. •

May 17, 1940.

Mrs. H. Leigh MacCurdy,
25 Parkview Avenue,
Bronxville, New York.

Dear Elizabeth:

I have been out of town most of the time on speaking engagements since receiving your kind letter regarding your interview with Miss Ide. I greatly appreciate the time you have given to this matter, and I am even more interested in Miss Ide since you have written as you did.

The one handicap, of course, is the item of salary.

I wonder if you would be kind enough to give me your confidential opinion of Ruth Pyle. Do you think her physical condition is such that she could handle the work? Of course, here again the matter of salary enters into the picture. I understand that this year she has been getting \$1570.00, and I do not believe our position here would pay more than \$1200 or \$1300.

I hope that the Goal-HE has arrived by this time, and that the children on the playground are enjoying it.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 29, 1940

Dear Dr. Allen: —

Today arrived your recent letter and the Graduate Magazine; both of which I thoroughly enjoyed. Got a kick out of reading the resume of the basketball season in the Graduate and chuckled to myself at the "jony express" idea. If Billy Rose ever runs out of things to do I'm going to suggest you to him for a "thinker" upper!

To date the Goal-Kit has not arrived but I'm no doubt it will be here shortly, so another warm thanks will be in our hearts again.

By the way we were all so pleased with the results of Leight's experiments in photography at Christmas that I took you and the gang around the gymnasium might enjoy this snap! It represents all the MacCurdy

family with Papa as an unseemly
member because he was doing the
taking - Howard and I are concentrating
on the then mouth old kitten which
is only a black blotch. It's too bad we
couldn't have got it in color for the
living room looked really pretty in
its holiday decorations.

Now to the real purpose of this letter:-
to wit Miss Ide.

She came out to see me last Thursday
and we had a very pleasant visit
together. I'll give you general reactions
first and then details. I distinctly have
an impression of liking her. She is
young, and not at all the sophisticated
"city gal"; I feel quite sure she is
genuine, hardworking, intelligent
and sincere. She meets people easily,
is socially at ease expresses herself
well and has ideas. I talked with
her quite frankly about the misfit
easterner we had but this girl was
born in Illinois & now lives in Connecticut.
She is used to small towns and I
feel quite sure loves simply even when

she is in the city. So as a person²
I believe she would fit in well. As to
looks I shouldn't say they were startling
one way or the other. She is nice enough
looking but uses no make up. I think
she could be very good looking if she did.
Probably a little contact with the fashion
plate ~~boards~~ at N. U. might give her
ideas along that line. ~~She~~ She has
enthusiasm etc and you definitely
feel a vitality when you talk with her.

Now about her training. She majored
in dance & dramatic art but has always
liked all phy. ed. activities and has
done the sports end too. This summer
she ~~has~~ a camp job. Her great love
is dancing and she realizes that to
teach it in college she must have a
physical education degree. Hence her
desire to work towards that while
gaining some experience and help in
funds -

However her dance experience has
been practically confined to dance as
an art. She has studied modern and
ballet. She has had virtually no tap,

and knows social dancing just as
any youngster does who dances. She
could be invaluable in folk dancing
& recreative work tho. Her father
belongs to the folk dance society and
she says she knows a lot of the English
and American country dances and has
often lead or taught them to groups.
I feel sure she would not be as well
round in all departments of the dance
as Jane has been, but she has no
feeling that tap & social are too
trivial to bother with & I'm sure she
would get busy & work on them if she
knew she was to use them.

She isn't "the dance" type and I
believe she would cooperate in anything
she could do.

Since she hadn't seen a Kansas
catalogue I'm not sure whether she could
get the courses she needs for advanced
study, but if what they have answers her
need, I believe she wouldn't be a mistake.
When I say that, I'm assuming that
the department is still unable to pay
a salary that would attract a dance

person who has both qualifications³
and experience. There's no doubt the
dancing will suffer as long as the
person handling it stays for only a
year or two, & you know, as well as
I, that you can't expect results from
people who come in under these
circumstances that you can expect
from a teacher of standing. But I
& both know that to find a girl
capable of handling all forms of the
dance as I did is very difficult. Jane
Byrn filled that bill & for that reason
I feel we were lucky to get her. We
have had other majors who could do it
but they'd never be willing to accept
such a position as the dance job is now.
Jane was in unusual circumstances. This
girl I honestly feel would be weak in
stap & social but I believe she would
be strong in modern & folk - moreover
I believe she'd be willing to work, and
she could also do work in other activities.
I do hope Kansas can soon afford a
third full time member for the women.

so the dance work can go to someone who is good, and who will have some incentive for staying with it.

Thus far I've had no opportunity to contact Mary O'Donnell (Whis I do did have work with her) but if you continue to consider the girl I'll get some of her teachers' recommendations - Dr. Brownell wanted me to interview some of this year's Columbia graduates, but they'll all be masters degrees and probably wouldn't be interested in so small a paying job. However if you'd like me to do it I'll be glad to.

Do tell Mrs. Allen that if she and Mary have any time wed love to see them. I realize most people who come to do the town have little time to go out in the country, but wed adore having them for lunch or dinner if they could make fit. Our phone is Brookville 5039 in case they want to use it.

I'll hope this doesn't seem a quibble to you. If there are other questions or more I can do, don't hesitate to call on me. My best to you and the department.
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April 12, 1940.

Miss Elfrid Ide,
144 West 16th St.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Miss Ide:

Since writing you on February 26th, there seems a possibility that something might develop here in the near future.

I am asking Mrs. H. Leigh MacCurdy, of 25 Parkview Avenue, Bronxville, N.Y., to make your acquaintance, and if you will get in touch with Mrs. MacCurdy we would like to have you confer with her. Mrs. MacCurdy has her master's degree from Columbia University, and was formerly the teacher of dance in our department here at the University of Kansas.

I shall appreciate hearing from you after you have seen Mrs. MacCurdy.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 26, 1940.

Miss Elfrid Ide,
144 West 16th St.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Miss Ide:

I have received your letter of the 15th instant, and regret to inform you that we have no teaching fellowships in our Department of Physical Education. At the present time we do not anticipate any vacancy in our staff, and due to budgetary limitations I do not believe there will be any assistantships available. However, if something should open up here in the dance field we shall be glad to correspond with you further.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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144 West 16th Street
New York City

February 15th, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Allen,

Having majored in dance-drama and received a B.S. in education from New College, Columbia University in the autumn of 1939, and having devoted the winter to professional training in modern dance at the Humphrey-Weidman studio, I am now anxious to pursue studies leading to a M.A. in the field of physical education.

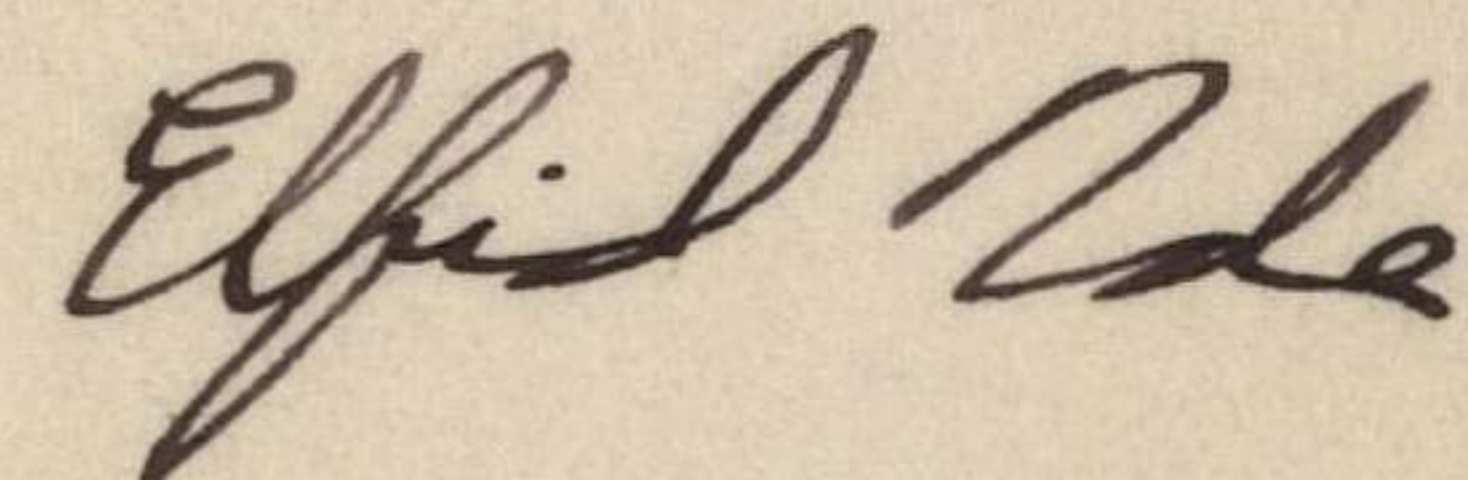
However, I am also eager to continue with my primary interest, that of teaching dance in college. As a member of the senior class at New College, I became one of the leaders of the dance group and, in working with this group, I learned that dance need not be an 'ivory-tower' subject; it can be a real expression of individuals in their society. I wish to see college dancing emphasize the creative approach. Working as a group promotes democratic living and putting group ideas into an art form can help clarify social concepts.

My background in dance is varied. I have studied rhythmic dancing with Alys Bentley for years; I know English folk-dancing well, and can lead American square-dancing. I attended the Bennington School of the Dance in 1934, and have continued modern dancing throughout college. I feel that this makes me eligible to teach dancing and that I have had enough physical education to allow me to assist in the department.

I am therefore writing you to inquire if you have an assistantship or teaching fellowship open in your department for the coming year. Would you be good enough to let me know if there is anything further I can do toward filing my application for such a position?

My full references are on file at the Teachers College Placement Bureau, Teachers College, Columbia University. They will be sent to you upon request.

Sincerely yours,



Elfrid Ide

April 12, 1940.

Mrs. H. Leigh MacCurdy,
25 Parkview Avenue,
Bronxville, New York.

Dear Elizabeth:

I am enclosing copies of some correspondence I have had with Miss Elfrid Ide, of 144 West 16th Street, New York City. Since Jane Byrn is getting married, we will need to make some inquiries for someone to take her place.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would interview Miss Ide, because you know what kind of a personality we want here. Let me know what you think of her. I want someone with personality, good looks and ability, because a dancing teacher must have that.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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May 24, 1940.

Mr. George Mack, Jr.,
The Advocate-Democrat,
Marysville, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Mack:

I want to thank you very much for sending me the two issues of your paper for Thursday, the 16th, and Thursday, the 23rd. It was very considerate of you to do this and I appreciate very much the kind words that you had to say in both issues.

It was a pleasure to see you again. I had forgotten the little incident regarding the automobile fender, but when you reminded me of it I remembered it very distinctly.

It was a pleasure to come to Marysville and see so many fine people. I enjoyed every minute of it, and again I assure you it was a pleasure to renew our former acquaintance.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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May 20, 1940.

Mr. George Mack, Jr.,
The Advocate-Democrat,
Marysville, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Mack:

I am not speaking from manuscript, as I think
it takes away from the spontaneity - if a fellow has
it.

I will be glad to get in touch with you on
Wednesday.

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

THE ADVOCATE-DEMOCRAT

MARSHALL COUNTY'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

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MARYSVILLE, KANSAS

May 18, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

If you plan to speak from manuscript when you give the commencement address here on May 22, I would appreciate greatly receiving an advance copy at your earliest convenience.

If you do not plan to speak from manuscript, I would appreciate having a chance to talk with you some time Wednesday before your address. You may reach me by telephoning 100.

With best regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

George Mack, Jr.
George Mack, Jr.
Managing Editor

CITY SCHOOLS

D. E. WOLGAST, SUPERINTENDENT

MARYSVILLE, KANSAS

April 9, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen

University of Kansas

Lawrence, Kansas

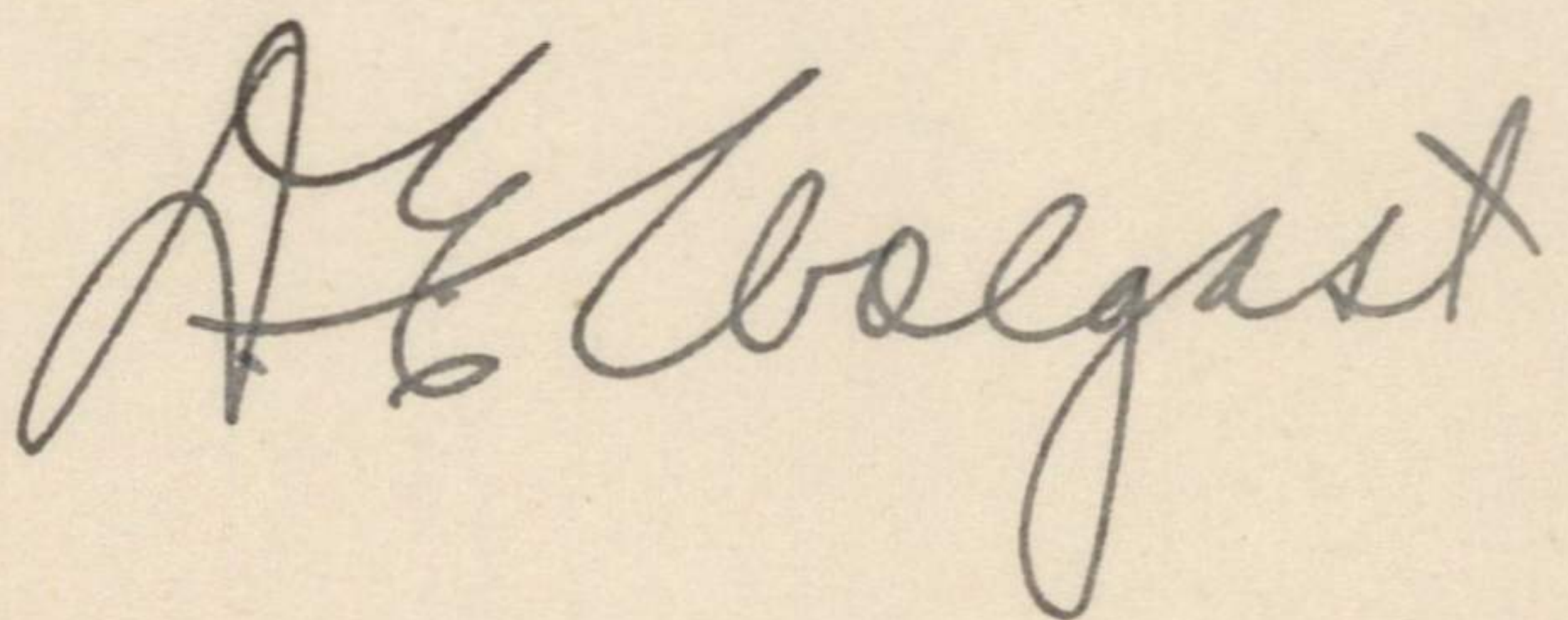
Dear Dr. Allen:

I wish to thank you for your letter of March 28, stating that you would deliver our Commencement address on Wednesday evening, May 22. We were very much pleased to receive your acceptance and are looking forward to a very pleasant and profitable Commencement program.

I will send you a program sometime during the week preceding our Commencement and would appreciate your advising me as to the subject of your address as soon as it has been selected.

Very sincerely yours,

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March 28, 1940.

Mr. D. E. Wolgast,
Superintendent of Schools,
Marysville, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Wolgast:

Thank you for your kind invitation to deliver the high school commencement address at Marysville on Wednesday evening, May 22. It is a great pleasure for me to accept. The fee which you mention, namely \$25.00, is quite satisfactory.

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

CITY SCHOOLS

D. E. WOLGAST, SUPERINTENDENT

MARYSVILLE, KANSAS

March 27, 1940.

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have been waiting for your basket ball season to be over before writing you but since it has been extended so many times I thought it best not to wait any longer. Before telling you my purpose in writing I want to congratulate you on the fine showing your team is making and to wish you every success in your game with Indiana on Saturday night.

I want to invite you to deliver the commencement address before our Senior Class on Wednesday, May 22nd. We will graduate a class of one hundred ten seniors and we expect an audience of more than one thousand persons. Our exercises start at eight o'clock and will be held in the auditorium of our new high school building.

Please let me hear from you at once. I sincerely hope you will be able to be with us. We have usually paid a fee of twenty five dollars but will want to make this satisfactory with you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

D. E. Wolgast

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June 10, 1940.

Mr. C. W. Martin,
218 E. Excelsior St.,
Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Dear Coach Martin:

Answering your communication of recent date, I beg to state that if you have never been enrolled at the University of Kansas it will be necessary for you to pay a matriculation fee of \$20.00, as a non-resident. For residents of Kansas the fee is \$10.00.

I note that you have your B. S. degree from Central College where you studied under our mutual friend, C. A. Clingenpeel.

Your fee for enrollment in the Graduate School will be \$50.00 for the eight weeks session. It is \$20.00 for residents of Kansas. The difference in these two figures is to approximate somewhat the cost of a fee-supported institution. The taxpayers of Kansas, and other states as well, feel that they are obliged to contribute to the education of their own residents, but out of state students are expected to bear part of the burden of the cost of education.

We will be mighty happy to have you here at the University. We are offering the following courses in Physical Education, all of which give graduate credit: Principles of Community Recreation, 3 hours credit; Advanced Basketball, 3 hours; Administration of Physical Education, 3 hours; Seminar in Physical Education, 2 to 4 hours.

It will be necessary for you to have your official transcript sent to the Graduate Office here at the University, and for you to make application for admission. Our registration and enrollment for the summer session take place on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, with classes starting on Thursday, the 13th. I trust that you will find it possible to attend our school this summer.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Forest C. Allen,
athletic Director,
Kansas University
Lawrence,
Kans.

June 10
Excelsior Spg.
218 E. Excelsior St.

Dear Coach:

Please send me
the app. cost of
going to Kansas
this summer to
work on my Master
in P.E. How many
hours might I take
and cost. Received
my P.S. at Central
under your friend
C.A. Chynge's name.
Thank.
C.W. "Ducker" Martin

June 15, 1940.

Mr. Ralph Miller,
507 Horne,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Cappy:

I think it would be a nice thing if you would drop over some time at your convenience and see Max Kissell while you are in Topeka. He is working in Topeka and living with his sister at 1409 Eden Court.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

July 5, 1940.

Mrs. H. Leigh MacCurdy,
25 Parkview Avenue,
Bronxville, New York.

Dear Elizabeth:

Ever since I had a conference with Catherine upon her visit to the campus I have been intending to write you and tell you that my conference with her recalled the days, years ago, when I went to Arkansas City for a conference with you. I could see in Catherine the same keen anticipation of possible success in a larger position that I saw in you.

I have just written her today telling her that the chancellor has returned and that I would endeavor to make an appointment with him early next week. I did not endeavor to make an appointment just prior to the Fourth, thinking that I might call her up for today or tomorrow and that might interfere with her Fourth of July plans. I had no great plans, except to entertain some of our guests yesterday and play golf.

I am on the job this morning clearing up some back work. Mrs. Hulteen and I are here in the office and we have arrangements made with Mrs. Webster and the telephone girl to sidetrack any of the eager visitors at the office who come in on off days and discuss things that could have easily been discussed in the regular routine of daily work. For that reason we are closing the office and getting down to brass-headed tacks. Catherine's was the first letter, and yours the second.

I want you to know that I appreciate your calling attention to Catherine's ability. When I called Miss Hoover at the University of Iowa, where she is doing some special work, she said, "You know, I hadn't thought of Catherine, either." I was a little afraid for Catherine's health, but after I saw her she had gained so much in robustness that I am sure with your constant questioning of her not to overdo she will make a fine member of our department.

There are so many things that I could write that would be of interest to you and Leigh, and had I the time I could write a couple of pages. But since this is the day of work I will terminate this epistle, and wish for you and yours continued health, happiness and success.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation.

FCA:AH

June 5th 1948

Dear Dr. Allen: -

By this time, I realize, my advice concerning Quitt Pyle is very much out of date. Only yesterday I received a letter from her saying she had to discontinue any thoughts of the H. Y. job after consultation with her doctor. ~~And I~~ admit freely that I wrote her almost a month ago advising against making the change after she sought my opinion. And my advice was given solely from the point of view her doctor pointed out. If Quitt were a person who could save herself the usual might be different - but she can never do that. And I know from my own experience that going back into a department where you've been active as an undergraduate details re-assuming many of the activities you were in earlier and when that is put on top of a full time job life can get very strenuous. I must confess I've always felt a little guilty about our

responsibility towards Ruth when she was a student - she was so strong and so willing that we let her overdo many times. When I saw her losing weight and becoming tense during her last year I knew we should have made her slow down instead of encouraging her to take on more - And you know her case makes me more aware than ever of the necessity for yearly medical check-ups on our majors. She had a history of scarlet fever during her last year in high school & I am confident her heart condition was beginning to show before she finished college - At any rate she was in such shape three years ago that she couldn't get insurance and that's not a very pretty picture for a girl 23. My head aches for her because she would have loved coming back and she would have given herself unstintingly.

I must confess as I think over the graduates I remember I can't think of a one who could handle all the dancing and who might consider the job unless it would be sister Catherine - of course she's young, and perhaps too young yet in experience. But she can do all

the dancing, and about equally well. I²
really don't know why I mention her tho
I must confess at the same time I
suggest her I wonder whether I'd
want her to tackle it. Aha! of course
she's not advanced so far in salary yet
as Ruth had - so the item of salary
might not be so important to her. Whether
she has any intention of starting on a
higher degree I've no idea either. In fact
I supposed that's a step she won't consider
before a couple more years of teaching.

In case you find no one and you
want to sound out Catherine our Zephra
address is 308 Kendall St - Zephra -
she plans to attend the Red Cross Aquatic
School at Rockaway & then most of her
summer will be spent with visiting.
Mail will be provided for Zephra tho.

I'm wondering if you've had further
correspondence with Miss Ide. She really
impressed me as a nice sincere person -
not class-y in looks - but certainly not
displeasing. I realize her lack of experience
in social & tap are not recommended
for the N. U. job - but I chuckle to myself
so I think back on the courses I studied -

took with no previous experience too. Ah!

Well enough for the job. The Gaults arrived quite promptly and I had prepaid the freight, so they have become good fairies too. I wrote them saying we expected to pay the charges but they've not mentioned it. Leigh is awfully pleased and has been experimenting with it both indoors and out. He says the youngsters enjoy it a lot - Before school is out he plans to get a city paper photographer over to get a shot of his group playing the new game. Whenever that appears in the paper I'll send you a clipping.

I find myself a little curious about the department. Did Herb leave or did he stripify the place with personality and capacity? How has Luff's successor acquitted himself in giving academic prestige to the department and at the same time keeping his own head up - Is Ruth going to Boulder again, & when is Jane being married? I realize I should be addressing all this gossip to a female departmental member but correspondence is so hard to get at now I make the letter do the job of four. I'll be eager to hear of the new summer plans too - My best always, Elizabeth