

The Dickinson County Community High School

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Dear Dr. Allen:

Congratulations on the fine work the basketball team has been doing. I have been anxious to see K U play at least once this year but it doesn't seem likely that I'll be able to make it. Here's Good Luck to you and I know that you will end up with a very successful season.

Any news about K U, and especially about the P. E. Department has been very interesting to me. Each time I receive a copy of the Sasnak News, I have to sit right down and read it from cover to cover. All of which makes me want to catch the first train back to Lawrence, to see everyone and everything that is going on. Am very much afraid that my next trip back will not be until Play Day and the Kansas Relays.

Now that second semester has arrived, I am really enjoying life. Still working hard but have learned a lot and am more familiar with the work than last semester. My Penmanship and Spelling classes have changed into Junior Business Training and I have a new group of students in Commercial Arithmetic. The two physical education classes are as large as ever, but for next year I have been promised at least three Freshman classes with a classroom for use in teaching health. It makes me feel as if perhaps I had made a step forward in that direction.

I am enjoying this year's work more than I ever imagined that I could--have a grand group of teachers to work with, twenty-one others; the most wonderful gymnasium in this part of the State in any high school; and am free to teach anything I want to in my classes except, of course, dancing--in any form. Other than that, though I have no restrictions from the administrators. According to them, "Dancing is a problem, and one which we don't want in Chapman. One type of dancing brings on the other kinds, so, we won't have any dancing, therefore will not be bothered by the dancing problem." And I might add, dancing is the one thing in which the boys and girls of the school are interested.

Since this school year is going so quickly it brings me to thinking about the coming summer. I am thinking of attending the Camp Session of New York University at Lake Sebago, beginning July 1.