NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE STATE COLLEGE STATION FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 5, 1940

Mr. Forrest C. Allen

University of Kansas

Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you so much for your fine letter relative to John Sabo. I appreciate your kindness.

Yours very truly,

Frank L. Eversull

President

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Parameter 2 December 20, 1940 Commandant Minth Maval District Great Lakes, Illinois Dear Sire The writer has been asked by Mr. William Hartley Shannon, Associate Professor of Economics in the School of Business at the University of Kansas, to write you concerning his fitness to be considered for a commission of Lieutenant in the Supply Corps. I am very happy to recommend without reservation or evasion Professor Shannon. In addition to his academic degrees of A.B. and M.B.A. earned at the University of Michigan, his LL.B. earned at the University of Kensas, he also holds the title of C.P.A. from the State of Kansas. I personally have known Mr. Shannon in his eleven years of teaching effort here at the University of Mansas, and I desire to say that he not only is a capable and an outstanding teacher, but he ranks very high in the community in which he lives. Last year he coached the Varsity Golf Team and he brought a very mediocre group of beys within fighting range of the championship. The boys on the team liked him for his understanding sympathy and thoroughness, yet he had the ability to get the most out of the boys under his command. He is clean, capable, virile and aggressive. I have just had occasion to speak with one of our outstanding seniors in the School of Business. This senior is on my Varsity Basketball Team. I asked him his estimate of Professor Shannon's teaching efficiency. This is what he said, "He is a great teacher. He is very thorough in his methods and he drills, drills the fundamentals into you. He is a hard worker and a great organizer. In my opinion he is a great drillmaster and he stays on the job, hammering it into you until you get it." Sincerely yours. Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach FCA: 1g cc: Wm. Shannon

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U. S. NAVY RECRUITING STATION U. S. COURT HOUSE KANSAS CITY, MO.

9 January 1941

Mr. F. C. Allen Lawrence Kansas

Re: W. H. Shannon

Dear Sir:

The above has applied for appointment as a Connissioned Officer in the United States Naval Reserve and furnished your name as a Sponsor. I have been designated to check with you on the suitability of this candidate for the position applied for.

We wish to verify especially his loyalty and his moral and professional qualifications and to ascertain his previous service or employment and nature of associates, integrity and personal characteristics of the candidate.

Will you please assist us in assembling this data so that the application may be acted on by filing in the enclosed form and adding under comment any of the above which you have knowledge or anything else pertinent to this candidate's qualifications for service in the Naval Reserve.

Solf addressed envelope enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

G. R. BERNER, Jr., Liekt., USN

Jamuary 10, 1941 Mr. J.F. Morrison Asst. Vice-President Liberty Mutuel Insurance Co. 10 Rockefeller Plaza New York, Hew York Dear Mr. Morrison: I am very glad to recommend Mr. Orlando Francis Hesmith to you. I have known Mr. Wesmith since the time he graduated from high school at Belleville, Mansas. He was a sterling athlete and an excellent student. For three years he played on the Kansas Varsity Football Team with great distinction, and his last year he was elected captain. As Director of Athletics and as Head of the Department of Physical Education, I came to know Ole very well. He is clean and capable and very energetic. He not only has a fine body but he has a fine brain. He knows the value of cooperation and I am sure that any responsibility placed on him will be discharged most loyally. He has an excellent personality and he dresses immaculately. He is personable and has an excellent approach. He has had classes under me and I pronounce him an excellent student. I am glad to recommend him to you. Very sincerely yours, Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach FCA:1g



HOME OFFICE: BOSTON

IO ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK, N.Y.

January 7, 1941

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

SUBJECT: Orlando Francis Nesmith

Dear Dr. Allen:

We are considering Mr. Nesmith for a sales position in our Organization and he has given us your name as a personal reference.

Won't you kindly give us your frank opinion of him. You may rest assured that this information will be held in strictest confidence and will be very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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December 21, 1940 Dr. Paul V. West School of Education Washington Square Bast New York, New York Dear Ir. West: I have been away from school much of the time on lecture tours and during that time I have failed to fill out the recommendation for your Committee on Doctorate Candidates in regard to Mr. Harry L. Quass. I trust that my delay in enswering your communication has in no way deterred your Committee in permitting Mr. Quaas to proceed. Sincerely yours, Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach

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Wausau, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

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Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Asa S. Bushnell, Director Collegiate Basketball Officials Bureau Baltimore Hotel New York City

Dear Mr. Bushnell:

Sometime back in the fall I received a short note from Dudley DeGroot, Associate Professor of Physical Education, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, asking that I write you concerning his qualifications as an official.

Each day, week and month I put it off until I finally felt ashamed of myself. Of course, I used the urge of administrative work and coaching as an excuse, but that really was no excuse. When an individual has an opportunity to recommend as personable an individual as Dudley DeGroot, certainly coaches should not procrastinate as the game has too few men officiating as does DeGroot.

Two years 2go I went as one of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Committeemen to Treasure Island, San Francisco, and aided John Bunn in managing the Western N.C.A.A. Basketball Championship. John Bunn had assembled there the finest group of officials that I have seen work. Bunn was supervisor of the officials and his selection of them was only superior to his work of supervision. I told Bunn and the officials in San Francisco at that time that I believed they interpreted and executed the job of basketball officiating better in that tournament than in any tournament I had ever witnessed in the United States. Dudley DeGroot was the outstanding official of that group.

Last year when I conducted the Western and the Final Championships for the N.C.A.A. in the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, one of the first men that I selected to work in the Western Championship was Dudley DeGroot. We brought him here from Rochester, New York (he had left San Jose State Teachers College and gone to Rochester) to represent the eighth district, because he was the outstanding official in that section at the time I knew him. Of course, I called John Bunn, who was the eighth district representative, and it was John Bunn who nominated DeGroot, but even though he was out of the district I was glad to bring him from Rochester because he was well worthy.

The plan that I employed was as follows: When the fifth district and the sixth district met we used officials from the seventh and eighth districts, and it worked perfectly. We never used an official to officiate for his team in his own district.

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My good friend and brother, Henry (Hank) Herper, University of Wisconsin, has written me that he is expecting his son, Henry (Hank) Jr., of Plymouth, Indiana, to enroll in

Henry (Hank) Jr. is an excellent student and a member of the high school basketball team at Flymouth, which is making an exceptional record. I am sure that you will certainly make no mistake by giving this boy your very careful consideration.

The Allens have been very close friends of the Harpers for years, and I know Hank Harper Jr.'s family intimately. They are fine people, and I am happy to recommend this young man without reservation or evasion. He would make an excellent Phi Psi.

with all good wishes, I am,

Yours in the bond,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation FCA:lg:mln Varsity Basketball Coach

February 4, 1941 Miss Elizabeth Meguiar Adviser of Women University of Kansas Dour Miss Meguiar: Sometime ago you asked me for a letter of recommendation regarding Mrs. Ida Foster, 4036 McGee, Kansas City, Missouri. Since I know so many families of Foster's I am trying to check up on Mrs. Ida Foster and be sure I have the right individual in mind. I have written Mrs. Fanita Houts of Warrensburg, Missouri in an effort to place Mrs. Ida Foster; to date I have not heard from Mrs. Houts and we are writing her again. I do not want you to believe that I am as tardy with my correspondence as this incidence may indicate; but I am trying to refresh my memory regarding Mrs. Poster. Sincerely yours, Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach FCA:1g

Mrs. Fanite Houts Warrensburg, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Houts:

Under date of December 21 we wrote you as follows:

"I have an inquiry from our Adviser of Women, Miss Elizabeth Meguiar, regarding Mrs. Ida Foster, 4036 McGee, Kansas City, Missouri. She has applied through the Adviser of Women's office for a position of Housemother in one of the organized groups, and has given my name in her list of references.

"I know so many families of Foster's that I am a little confused regarding Mrs. Ida Foster. I would appreciate your writing me at your convenience, telling me of which family she is a member, and if we were well acquainted with her when we lived in Warrensburg. I am quite sure that we were, but my desire is to render Mrs. Foster the greatest possible good and I must have some additional information before I can do the job satisfactorily."

It may be that the letter never reached you or perhaps it has been misplaced. At any rate, I should appreciate your giving me the information at your earliest convenience since the Adviser of Women is waiting for my recommendation.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach

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Warrensburg, Missouri

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Mrs. Allen, Eleanor, Bobby and I will all leave next Monday afternoon for New York, via Chicago where we visit Jane, who is working in an
art school; then we will go to Ann Arbor for an overnight stop, to Buffalo
and to West Point for a day, and then on into New York on the 26th. We will
be in New York three days and then go to Philadelphia where we play Temple
on the 30th.

While in Philadelphia, Robert Earl will confer with Dean Pepper of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, where he has already been admitted as a student for next fall.

After the Temple game on the 30th we will go to Washington, D.C. on the 31st, where we hope to take the boys through the F.B.I. Building, and on New Year's Eve we start our return trek, playing Loyola of Chicago on January 2. We will get home in time for the opening of school.

Eleanor has a date dance in the Military Academy at West Point with some of her acquaintances, so the Allen family are hoping to have a nice trip. I am not sure that F.C. Allen is going to win any basketball games, but I am sure the boys will have good appetites and the womenfolk will see some good shows.

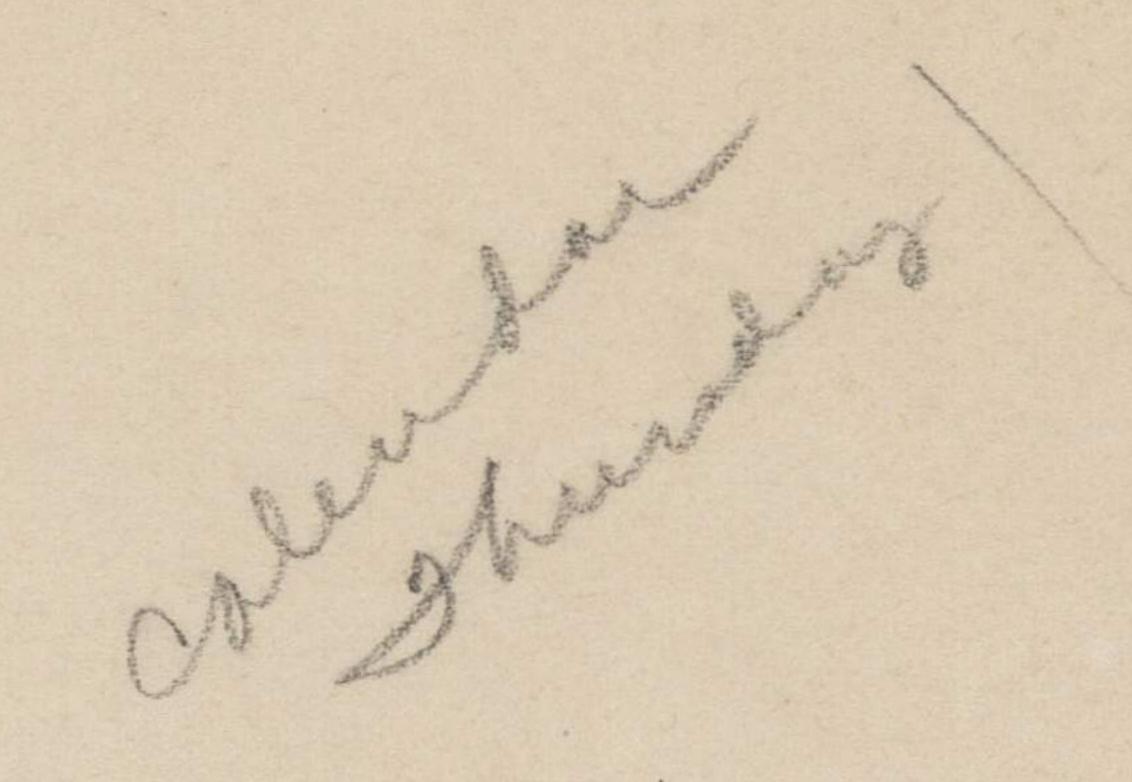
Wishing you all the Blessings of the Yuletide and a Very Happy New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

OFFICE OF ADVISER OF WOMEN
LAWRENCE

November 15, 1940



Dr. F. C. Allen 105 Robinson Gymnasium University of Kansas

My dear Doctor Allen

Mrs. Ida Foster, 4036 McGee, Kansas City, Missouri, has applied through this office for a position as housemother in one of our organized groups. She has given your name in her list of references.

We shall appreciate a letter from you regarding the qualifications of Mrs. Foster for the position she seeks. Such qualities as good moral character, executive ability, pleasing personality, and social poise, as you know, are indispensable requisites for this occupation.

Thank you very much for your kindness in this matter.

Sincerely yours

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Enclosure

Challes hegues Elizabeth Meguiar Adviser of Women

February 10, 1941 Miss Elizabeth Meguiar 220 Frank Strong Hall University of Kansas Dear Miss Meguiar: I have just heard from Mrs. Fanita B. Houts, whom I wrote concerning Mrs. Oda Foster. There were four families of Fosters in Warrensburg, and I could not place Mrs. Oda Foster, but when Mrs. Houts told me to what family she belonged, then I remembered who she was. Mrs. Foster is very striking in appearance. She is cultured, and she has very good manners. She always seemed especially interested in young people, partly due to the fact that she was the mother of two fine boys and one girl. They lost the little girl while we were in Warrensburg. I trust this information has not arrived too late to be of some service. Sincerely yours, Director of Physical Education and Recreation FCA:lg:mln Varsity Basketball Coach

February 8, 1941 Mrs. Fanita B. Houts Dean of Women Central Missouri State Teachers College Warrensburg, Mo. Dear Mrs. Houts: I assure you that your explanation was the most feasible one in the world. I have exactly the same difficulties that you have been undergoing. It is now Saturday afternoon, past two o'clock, but I am about two weeks behind in my correspondence at best. I have Varsity practice at 3:00, and, if I did nothing else but dictate it would take me three or four complete days, so you can see I appreciate your situation. Regarding Mrs. Oda Foster, I remember her very well now. When you said Port Foster then the whole Foster family came back to me, and I remember clearly the time when they lost their little girl. I had explained to Miss Meguiar that I was waiting until I got more information before I wrote her regarding Mrs. Foster. Your letter gave me what I desired. Thank you very much. I will convey your good wishes to the Allen family, and your good wishes are reciprocal. Sincerely yours, Director of Physical Education and Recreation FCA:lg:mln Varsity Basketball Coach



OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF WOMEN

Education for Service CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

WARRENSBURG, Mo.

February 5, 1941

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

My dear Dr. Allen:

I blush for the lateness of this reply. Your good letter under date of December 21 came with many Christmas letters and was put aside with them to be answered. They are not answered yet, which is my reason for not answering your questions about Mrs. Foster. Accept my apologies and give to the Allen Tamily my kindest greetings.

Tell Mrs. Allen I would love to know about the holiday trip, especially Chicago and West Point and the girls.

Mrs. Ida Foster is Mrs. Oda Foster: I am sure because I too had a letter from Miss Meguiar. Mrs. Foster is the mother of Jack and Bob, two of our fine graduates. When you lived in Warrensburg their home was on Grover Street near the hotel. There a little Foster girl died. I think she was one of Mary's friends. Mrs. Foster's husband was Port Foster.

She is a very handsome woman, with good manners and a great interest in young people. She has had students in her home for years and for about three years managed the Phi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity house most satisfactorily.

In my letter to Miss Meguiar, I gave Mrs. Foster my unqualified recommendation. This is with all of my good wishes to you and your family.

Very truly yours,

Fanita B. Houts

Mrs. O. L. Houts

Dean of Women

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February 8, 1941

Mr. A.J. Stout Superintendent of Schools Topeka Public Schools 415 West Mighth St. Topeka, Kansas

Dear Supt. Stout:

I am very happy to fill out the appraisment blank of Gordon Gray and Ernest Vanek. Both of these boys are exceptional chaps and both have served as my coach of freshman basketball.

Ernest Vanek was my freshman coach four years ago and Gordon Gray is serving as freshman coach at the present time. Both are very clean, capable and personable. Neither use tobacco or alcoholic beverages in any way, and both set fine examples before the young men with whom they work. Both boys have played on championship teams here at the University and are very populat with the student body.

Gordon is now working on his Master's Degree here at the University and that is the reason he is assisting me with coaching. It serves as an opportunity for him to continue his school work. Gordon went to Harlingen. Texas immediately after his graduation here, and I believe he has been down there four years.

Ernest Vanek coached at Herrington, Mansas and made an exceptional record with a young team there. Both boys are well versed in the theory and practice of physical education. Neither of them are of the so-called athletic type who believe only in competitive athletics. Each knows the place of athletics in the integral scheme of education and both boys have a fine sense of value and fully realize the value of intramurals in school life.

I would not hesitate the slightest in recommending either boy as the top basketball coach or as an excellent man to head a physical education department.

Ernest Vanek is married and has been for the last three years. Gordon is unmarried but is a fine, clean, personable young man. If there are other questions you would like to ask concerning either one. I should be glad to answer them the best I can. I would recommend both boys without reservation or evasion. I put my stamp of approval on both.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach

TOPEKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS A. J. STOUT, SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL OFFICES: ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

TOPEKA, KANSAS

415 WEST EIGHTH AVENUE

February 5, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have applications from Gordon Gray and Ernest Vanek for work in physical education and basketball.

I should like to have you give me an opinion regarding the merits of each of these two men, especially in physical education classes. I assume, since both of them have worked with you as assistants in freshman coaching, that they are trained in basketball. However, we want to do something in physical education as well and I want to know what these men can do to help us.

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Stout Superintendent of Schools

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach

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