

April 10, 1939.

Mr. Gerald Travis, Principal,
Community High School,
Wentz, Kansas.

Dear Principal Travis:

I have been asked by Mr. H. E. Chandler to write you concerning the ability of Floyd Hanson to efficiently coach the major sports, especially football.

Floyd Hanson is one of our physical education majors who has three years experience on the varsity football team and has made a fine record in his major work in physical education. I have had him in a number of classes, including Coaching of Basketball and the Theory and Practice of Athletic Training. I have found Floyd a very splendid student with a fine personality, and one who possesses high qualities of a teacher.

Hanson is married. His young wife is one who understands the value of cooperation, and in my opinion she would make a very valuable member of society in community work.

In addition to Hanson's knowledge of the teaching of athletic sports, he possesses fine qualifications that would make him a very safe and valuable young man to deal with young people. He is clean, capable and courageous, and in my opinion will make good in a decided way. I am happy to recommend Floyd Hanson to you without reservation.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 11, 1939.

Mr. J. B. Ferris,
Garnett, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Ferris:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter that Paul
Masoner has sent to Mr. Charles Cox, with copies to
each member of the School Board. I hope this gets the
job done.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Lawrence, Kansas

April 11, 1939.

Mr. Charles Cox,
Secretary, Board of Education,
Garnett, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Cox:

I desire to make application in your high school for the position of coach of athletics and teacher of history.

May I present my experience and credentials. I graduated in the spring of 1935 from Northeast High School in Kansas City, Missouri. I was president of my junior class and vice president of my senior class. For three years I participated actively in interscholastic football, basketball and track. In my senior year at Northeast High School I was a member of the teams that won the city championship in football, the state championship in basketball, and the state championship in track. My coach was Reeves Peters, who is prominently known as a coach and also as Commissioner of the Big Six Conference, of which the University of Kansas is a member.

I matriculated at the University of Kansas in the fall of 1935. For three years now I have been actively identified with varsity football, varsity basketball and varsity track. It is needless for me to go into the details of these sports, as you are perhaps well acquainted with the progress that your University has made in these sports.

I am at present holder of the championship record in the low hurdles in the Big Six. I also had the good fortune to run the low hurdles in the Butler Relays within one-tenth of a second of the world's record time, 6.8.

As to my habits, I am happy to state that I am a non-user of alcoholic beverages and narcotics. In my high school I was a member of the M-Y, and at the University a member of the Y.M.C.A. group.

Being a major in Physical Education I am qualified to treat the common athletic injuries that so frequently happen to our athletes. I recognize the importance of medical assistance when necessary, and am also conscious of my responsibility in ascertaining from the boy his choice of family physician should any injury arise outside of my coaching sphere.

May I add that I am qualified to teach history should you find occasion to combine the athletic and teaching positions.

For my qualifications, may I refer you to Mr. Gwinn Henry, Athletic Director and Football Coach, at the University of Kansas; to Mr.

H. W. Hargiss, my track coach at the University of Kansas; and to Dr. F. C. Allen, head of the Department of Physical Education, and my basketball coach, University of Kansas. I am also very happy to refer you to Rev. Charles Thomas, of the Baptist Church, and Mr. Tom Sweeney, the President of the Peoples State Bank, Lawrence, Kansas.

I have long realized that for a coach to be a success it would be necessary for him to live the type of life that would be an inspiration and example to young men. I am very much interested in athletic coaching, not only because it is my chosen vocation, but because of the great good that a coach can do working with high school boys. I would appreciate your favorable consideration.

With your permission I am sending a copy of this letter to each of the School Board members, whom I have had the pleasure of meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Mascher,
808 Missouri St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

April 17, 1939.

Superintendent E. J. Chesky,
Herington, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Chesky:

I wrote you a few days ago regarding the qualifications of Lester Kappelman. May I add now my estimation of his older brother, Francis. Francis was my assistant after he graduated and after he had played some professional ball. I will recommend him as highly as I would Lester. They are both very fine boys.

The entire Kappelman family are splendid people, have high intelligence, fine training, and rare judgment.

I would do as much for Francis as I would for Lester as I consider them both very capable young men. Francis, in addition, has had three years of experience in the field. If you care for any other information that I can give you I will be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 24, 1939.

Superintendent H. F. Wilson,
Fredonia, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Wilson:

After I had met and visited with you at the stadium Saturday afternoon I saw Mano Stukey, who is one of our outstanding physical education majors. I believe that he is highly qualified for your position. At least, I would like very much for you to have an interview with him.

Mano played one year of football at Wichita University, after graduating from Hoisington High School. He then came to the University of Kansas and played two years under Coach Adrian Lindsey. He has competed in football, track and basketball, and he is qualified, in an exceptional degree, to coach football. He assisted with the varsity two years after his collegiate competition was finished.

With your permission I am suggesting that Mano Stukey get in touch with you.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 28, 1939.

Mr. H. F. Wilson, Supt.,
Fredonia Public Schools,
Fredonia, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Wilson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of
the 26th instant.

I have talked to Mano Stukey, and find that he is not
qualified to teach mathematics and physical science. I am
sorry, because I felt he would make you a fine football
coach.

Thanking you for your consideration of Mr. Stukey, and
with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

FREDONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

H. F. WILSON, SUPERINTENDENT

FREDONIA, KANSAS

April 26, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I appreciate having your letter recommending Mano Stuckey for our football coaching job.

You state that he is an outstanding physical education major. I am wondering if he can qualify to teach mathematics and physical science. We need someone who can teach both physics and chemistry and a class or two in mathematics.

If Mr. Stuckey can qualify for the teaching end of this job we should be very much pleased to see him. Thank you for suggesting him to us.

Very truly yours,

H. F. Wilson

H. F. Wilson, Supt.
Fredonia Public Schools

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March 7, 1940.

Mr. H. H. Robertson,
Superintendent of Schools,
Augusta, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Robertson:

I am desirous of placing before you certain information concerning the capabilities and worthwhileness of Dave Shirk, one of our outstanding students in the University of Kansas.

Mr. Shirk came from El Dorado to the University of Kansas in September, 1935. Not only was he an outstanding student but he has been one of our most dependable men on the campus from the standpoint of academics, student leadership and general high grade effectiveness. He is not only a man of exemplary habits, but he is a leader.

His is not of the mere accidental type of athletic coaching, but is founded upon experience and study. During his stay at the University Dave Shirk has been entirely self-supporting. He has worked long and arduously at mental tasks that many students would shy from. He has been indefatigable in his academics, his athletics, and his loyalty to the University.

Dave Shirk played varsity end on the football team three years, 1936-37-38, and was captain his senior year. He made the all-state honor selection three years and was all-Big Six two years. In track he participated in the broad jump and the hurdles. He was assistant football coach in the fall of 1939 at K. U., and his work attracted the authorities at Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas. He assisted them the latter part of the season with football, was elected their head basketball coach, and this spring he coaches baseball and track at Haskell and handles the intramurals. He desires to teach physical education and coach all sports in high school. While he is especially talented in handling boys and teaching the competitive sports, his ability in physical education classes has been outstanding.

Last summer during the Summer Session I had charge of the physical education and recreation work here for the entire University. Dave Shirk was my first assistant and he did a masterful job.

I am glad to recommend Dave Shirk without reservation or evasion and I predict for him not only a fine future, but his work with young men will be his greatest contribution.

Very sincerely yours,

PCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Dave Shirk would like a letter of recommendation to take with him when he goes to interview the school authorities at Augusta - if they are interested in his application.

Send a letter to the Teachers Appointment Bureau concerning

DAVE SHIRK

Major - Biological Sciences (grade point average est. 2.3)

Minor - Physical Education (higher grade point average)

Came to K. U. in fall of 1935 from ElDorado High School;
Varsity football team '36-38; Captain in his senior year;
All-Big Six Selections 2 years; All-State 3 years
Participated in Track - Broad Jump and Hurdles
Asst. Football Coach in fall of '39 (K.U.)

Entirely self-supporting all through college.

Is now coaching Basketball at Haskell; in spring will coach
Baseball and Track; and handle Intramurals. Assisted with
Football in fall.

Desires to teach Physical Education, and coach all high school sports.
Stress ability to teach Physical Education classes.

Experience on Playground last summer.

April 9, 1940.

Miss Persis B. Cook,
Executive Secretary,
Committee on Scholarships,
University of Kansas.

Dear Miss Cook:

I am very glad to write in behalf of Curvin H. Greene, who has applied for a loan scholarship.

Curvin Greene is a clean, personable young man who is ambitious for a college education. His funds are limited, and he is eager to earn enough to see his way through. He is thoroughly honest, his habits and character are of the best, and he is reliable and cooperative in all his work. He has ability to do a high quality of scholastic work if he is not forced to do too much outside labor to pay his expenses.

I am very happy to recommend him for your very serious consideration.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

March 8, 1940

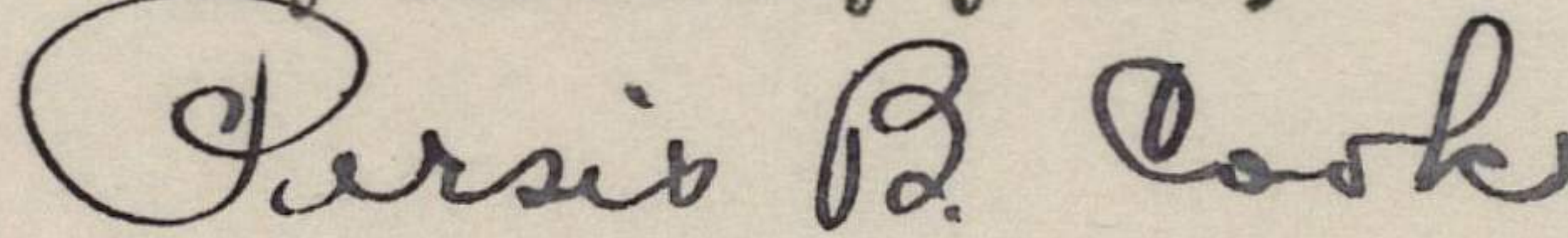
Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
105 Robinson,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Mr. Curvin H. Greene has applied for a loan
scholarship and gives us your name as a personal
reference.

We would appreciate your opinion as to the honesty,
ability, character, habits and need of the applicant.
Your reply will be held in strict confidence.

Very sincerely yours,



Persis B. Cook
Executive Secretary

April 26, 1940.

Professor L. N. Flint,
Department of Journalism,
University of Kansas.

Dear Professor Flint:

I am very happy indeed to recommend Mr. Maurice Jackson in a very exceptional way. I have had opportunities to observe him from his earliest high school days until the present here at the University. In my opinion, Maurice Jackson is one of the most dependable, versatile and promising young men that it has been my opportunity to know. He has rare good judgment and above all of this - gumption. He is thrifty to the point that he has made much more than his expenses in diversified activities while working his way through high school and so far through the University.

I know of nothing that would interfere with the successful conduct of the job of editor of the Jayhawker should it be given him. On the other hand, I am definitely sure that he would render a great service because he is clean, capable, and courageous to the point that he gets the job done in a most highly efficient way.

As you can see, I am especially fond of young men who have the personality, the integrity and the versatility to live in this complex age of youth, and still remain modest and unspoiled. I think Maurice Jackson has a great future, and in my opinion this job will give him an opportunity to develop his fine qualities of leadership and business ability. I recommend him without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM
LAWRENCE

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

April 25, 1940

Dr. F. C. Allen
Chairman, Dept. of Physical Education

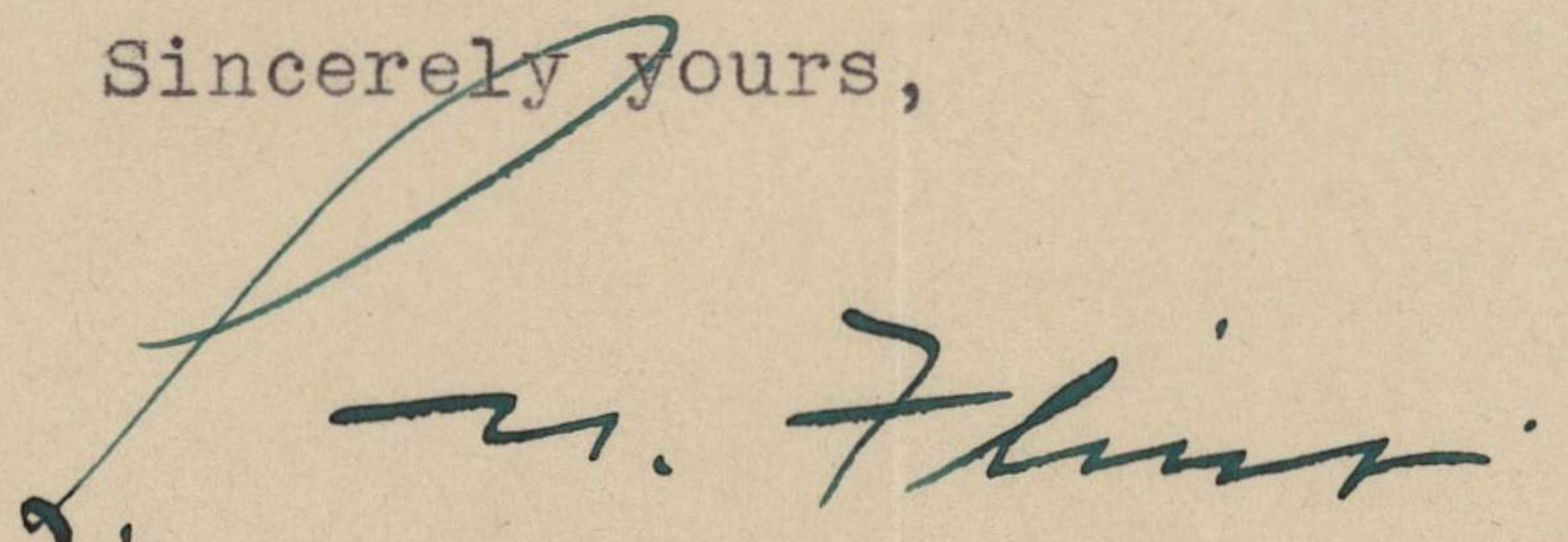
Dear Dr. Allen:

In connection with his application for editor of the Jayhawker magazine Maurice Jackson has given your name as a reference.

Will you kindly give the committee the benefit of your judgment as to the candidate's strong and weak points we would wish to consider. We especially need to know of anything that you think might interfere with the successful conduct of the job given to him.

Since our decision must be made within a few days, we shall gratefully appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. N. Flint". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a stylized "N".

L. N. Flint, Chairman
Jayhawker Advisory Committee

LNF:KJ

April 27, 1940.

Professor L. N. Flint,
Department of Journalism,
University of Kansas.

Dear Professor Flint:

Your second letter inquiring about Stanley Stauffer causes me to be torn between two desires in recommending both Stanley Stauffer and Maurice Jackson.

Maurice is the older, more mature chap. He has the stronger physique and makes a more forceful impression upon the individual whom he has met for the first time. However, in my opinion, Stanley Stauffer is one of the keenest young minds that I have met. He is very clever, he is most dependable, and he is decidedly engaging in conversation. He has that sixth sense that is so essential to young men who forge on ahead of the group, but I might add that Maurice Jackson has everyone of these qualifications plus an added maturity.

I would say that Maurice is just about one year ahead of Stanley in developmental qualities. For that reason I would put Maurice Jackson number one, and Stanley Stauffer a very close second. Both boys are of the finest character, and deepest loyalty that I know of. I would bet my shirt on either boy to go a long ways not only in the struggle for existence but toward making their place in the sun.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM
LAWRENCE

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

April 25, 1940

Dr. F. C. Allen
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Dear Dr. Allen:

Since writing you this morning for an opinion about Maurice Jackson, who is applying for editor of the Jayhawker, Stanley Stauffer, an applicant for business manager of the magazine, has given us your name as a reference.

Will you please tell us about Stauffer, too?

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. N. Flint". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "L".

L. N. Flint, Chairman
Jayhawker Advisory Committee

LNF:KJ

April 27, 1940.

Mr. D. R. Lidikay,
Superintendent of Schools,
Council Grove, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Lidikay:

Fred Harris came in the office with instructions that you desired me to write you concerning his qualifications as an athletic coach and a leader among boys.

May I say that I have known Fred Harris from his elementary school days. He was a classmate of my middle son, Milton, with whom he played football and basketball at Lawrence Memorial High School. The two boys continued in the University and played together on the athletic teams here.

Fred was a star punter for three years on the Kansas varsity football team, and was a splendid ball carrier. After his graduation from the University in the Department of Journalism Fred assisted me with spring basketball practice for both the varsity and the freshmen. He was also one of Mike Getto's assistant coaches with the freshman football team last fall, and I believe he helped with spring practice this spring. Last summer Fred had entire charge of the softball playgrounds and tournaments in the North Lawrence baseball league, and he handled the entire set-up the whole summer in a most commendable manner.

Fred has been so desirous of continuing in athletic work that he did not accept a position that was offered him in journalism, but preferred to pursue additional studies so that he might qualify himself more adequately in physical education. His work is not of the mere accidental type, but is founded upon enthusiasm and experience. The fact that he competed both on the varsity football and basketball teams would render him an exceptionally valuable man so far as game technique is concerned. He understands boys and gets along with them splendidly. In my opinion he would make a most excellent coach and a fine influence among young men. He is interested in them and in the things that

they do, and I am very sure that he would be a ready champion to the growing youth in any community.

I am happy to recommend him to you.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

May 14, 1940.

Mr. William L. Ainsworth,
918 Union National Bank Bldg.
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear William:

I desire to write you concerning Steve Meade, a fine football prospect, an excellent student and a pledge of the fraternity. Steve came from Kansas City, Kansas, without much ballyhoo. He has won a place in the hearts of the professors, the students and the athletes here at the University.

His first semester grade average was 2.4, so you can see that he is a brilliant student. He has worked at every available hour that it has been possible for him to work because it has been necessary for him to do so to stay in school by this activity.

I know of no young man in my memory that has made good with as little help in all directions as has Steve. He is clean, fine and personable, and anything that you can do for him, I assure you will be done for a most deserving young man who desires an education and who will activate himself in every possible way to attain it.

Steve desires a job which will call for hard labor so that he may get in shape for football. He made a most enviable record with the freshman team and I am sure that he will make the varsity without difficulty as he has what it takes.

Thanking you for your kindly cooperation, I am

Yours in the bond,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

June 10, 1940.

Dr. Nelson P. Horn,
Baker University,
Baldwin, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Horn:

I have been asked by George Stapleton, one of our recent graduates of the University of Kansas, to write you concerning his qualifications in the field of physical education.

George is a Lawrence boy, having enrolled in the University in 1934 and having played varsity football earning his letters at guard during the seasons of 1935-'36 and '37. In 1938 George played with the Brooklyn Dodgers, a professional football team. Since that time he has been working part time and doing work for a degree which he has just now received. During the past football season George Stapleton assisted Coach Mike Getto, our freshman coach, with the freshman football players.

It is my opinion that George will make a fine teacher. He received a "B" grade in his practice teaching under our Mr. E. B. DeGroot, who is supervisor of that work in our training school. Mr. DeGroot is a graduate of Stanford University, having received his A. B. and A. M. degrees from that institution.

It is our opinion that George Stapleton has much promise as a teacher in physical education as he is sympathetic with young men and enthusiastic to a degree that he gets an excellent response from them. In addition to his athletic experience on the gridiron, George Stapleton is a major in our Department of Physical Education. His is not the mere accidental type of knowledge, but is founded upon experience and study. He would be a valuable man to build

up your physical education department.

If you are still further interested in Mr. Stapleton and desire to have any additional knowledge, it would be a pleasure for me to supply you with the same.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

June 10, 1940.

Mr. P. L. Schlagle,
Superintendent of Schools,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Schlagle:

I am very glad to write you regarding the qualifications and ability of Chester Hynes to teach physical education in the junior high schools and the high schools of our state.

Chester Hynes has been a very diligent and resourceful colored boy. He has worked his way through school by waiting table at one of the sorority houses, and the fact that he kept the job all four years through college attests to the loyalty he has for his work. He is dependable and he has made an excellent record here at the University in his classes. All the teachers speak very highly of him, both in the men's and women's departments. He is courteous, affable and energetic.

In my opinion, Chester Hynes will be a fine example to young colored boys. I have had him in several of my classes and have always found him conscientious in his assignments. He has done superior work. I would recommend him to you as a young man who has many capabilities and many possibilities. I would be very happy if it would be possible for Chester Hynes to be fortunate enough to work under you and your assistants.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

SOUTHERN TEACHERS' AGENCY

Chattanooga, Tenn.

I am very glad to write you regarding the qualifications and ability of Chester Hynes.

Chester Hynes has been a very diligent and resourceful colored boy. He has worked his way through school by waiting table at one of the sorority houses, and the fact that he kept the job all four years through college attests to the loyalty he has for his work. He is dependable and he has made an excellent record here at the University in his classes. All the teachers speak very highly of him, both in the men's and women's departments. He is courteous, affable and energetic.

In my opinion Chester Hynes will be a fine example to young colored boys. I have had him in several of my classes and have always found him conscientious in his assignments. He has done superior work. I would recommend him to you as a young man who has many capabilities and many possibilities. His manners, habits, general culture, and personal appearance are above average.

June 15, 1940.

Mr. L. R. Vaniman,
Superintendent of Schools,
Ellis, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Vaniman:

Miss Mickie Learnard, one of our graduating majors, has told me of her application for a teaching position in your school system in the physical education department.

Miss Learnard is a very personable, intelligent, energetic young woman who has done excellent work in our department. She has conducted her practice teaching classes on a very high plane, and her supervisors have commented on the excellent quality of her work.

I am very glad to recommend Miss Learnard without reservation, and feel that you would be fortunate if you are able to secure her services.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.