

March 13, 1946

Miss Isabelle Rhoades
210 South Market Street
Lee's Summit, Missouri

Dear Miss Rhoades:

I am very happy to receive your letter of the 10th instant and glad that you have decided to attend the University of Kansas.

I would suggest to you that you, if it is at all possible, enroll in school for the summer session, as the priority system will be put into effect beginning next fall. However, this system will not effect former students. Preference will be given to Kansas veterans, Kansas high school and junior college graduates, children of K.U. alumni, students who attended the school under the various military programs and wish to return to the university upon release from the service, and residents of neighboring border cities, such as Kansas City, St. Joseph, and Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

This priority plan is necessary in order to insure the proper care of Kansas veterans and students in the event that it becomes compulsory that we refuse admittance to any students next fall.

With every good wish to you and yours, I am

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Dear Mr Allen:

As my very reliable source of information regarding K & I I turn to you once more.

As I have been out of high school since 1936, now I find myself in a position to attend college and desire to enter K & I with the idea of majoring in psychology so that I may later go into personnel administration.

Several weeks ago I wrote the Registrar but

as yet have obtained no answer.
Today I am again writing the
Registrar, as well as Miss Thaine
Miller (for information as to living
accommodations — I'd love to get
into Miller Hall).

Can you give me other
suggestions so that information
may be obtained in order to be
accepted for entrance and to arrange
for living quarters?

We are all well and Claire
is very happy at Park. He likes
you friend Mr. Frederick very
much.

Thanking you, and with kind
regards from all of us to yourself,
Mrs. Allen, Jane and the little one,

Sincerely
Isabelle Rhodes
210 N. Market
Lee's Summit, Mo.

March 10-1946

March 9, 1946

Hon. Payne H. Ratner
Ratner & Allen
Suite 1414
Union National Bank Building
Wichita 2, Kansas

Dear Governor Payne:

I am delighted to contact Mr. Clyde Baker, our very dependable ticket manager at the Municipal Auditorium, for two of the very best seats obtainable, the boxes or the loges at \$3.00. I am asking that he get the two very best seats for you.

Will you kindly write Mr. Clyde Baker, Ticket Manager, Municipal Auditorium, 1310 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City 6, Missouri, and inform him as to the disposition you wish made of the tickets. They will not be on sale before next Wednesday, and so perhaps it might be a good idea to enclose your check and tell him you will call for the tickets when it is convenient for you.

You can absolutely count on Baker's dependability.

Mrs. Allen and the family are well and all of us wish to be remembered most kindly to your entire good family.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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PAYNE H. RATNER
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LOUISE MATTOX

March 8, 1946.

Dr. Forrest Allen,
C/o Kansas University,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Phog:

Teno and I would like very much to see you beat the Oklahoma Aggies at Kansas City on the 18th instant. We will be very grateful if you will reserve two good seats for us.

Please accept our heartiest congratulations on the wonderful season you have had. We surely hope you will whip the Aggies on the 18th.

With best regards from Mrs. Ratner, Teno, and myself to Mrs. Allen and yourself, I am

Sincerely,

Payne H. Ratner

PHR:T

March 7, 1946

Mr. Raymond C. Ryberg
Marysville, Kansas

Dear Mr. Ryberg:

I am happy to receive your card upon my return from Springfield, Ohio. Your son, Robert Sherwood Ryberg, is classified with our board as 1-AB. That means limited service and they may call him, but they will not call him until after this semester.

It will be necessary for him to go to our board and ask for a postponement of induction. He is entitled to this one postponement which will take him through this semester.

Yes, I will be in my office Saturday morning and will be practicing varsity basketball Saturday afternoon. I will be very happy to see you.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Raymond C Ryberg
Marysville, Mo.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr P. H. Allen
Robinson Gym - Mount Oread,
Lawrence,
Ks.

Marysville, Ms.

Mar. 2, 1946

Dear Mr Allen:

Our boy is a freshman at K. U. He recently passed the physical exam. But Leavenworth and is classed I-A. He will not be called in the March quota. The draft board told us to see you and see if there would be any chance of his finishing this semester of school before he has to go. I am planning on being in Lawrence next Saturday. Would there be any chance to talk with you at that time.

Sincerely,
Raymond C. Ryberg

February 12, 1946

Mr. John Redmond, Editor
The Daily Republican
Burlington, Kansas

Dear John:

Floyd Ecord gave me a copy of your fiftieth anniversary edition, and may I add my congratulations to the long list you have already received? It is an excellent daily, and fifty years of such service is a record to be mighty proud of. You have a marvelous publication with a marvelous personality behind it.

Your letter of congratulation from President Truman reminded me that I grew up with Harry Truman and Bess Wallace--we lived in the same neighborhood. I still admire him as a trustworthy man with a tremendous job on his shoulder.

Again, congratulations, and best wishes for many more successful years of publishing.

Sincerely,

Forrest C. Allen
Director, Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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February 11, 1946

Mr. Otto P. Rost
6200 Oleatha
St. Louis 9, Missouri

Dear Otto:

I got the surprise of my life this morning when Gene Petersen, Clarence Dunlap's roommate, came up to me and told me that Clarence had caught a bus for St. Louis this morning. Gene asked Clarence to come up and talk to me first, but Clarence said "No, I might change my mind if I do." So he just caught the bus and dug out.

We are enrolling this morning.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 5, 1946

Mr. Gordon Reynolds
300 North Ingalls
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Gordy:

I was delighted to hear from you and pleased beyond measure that you are counting on coming back to the University of Kansas.

I know just how busy you are because we went through several years of that with Bobby Allen, and I know how diligently a med student must apply himself to master the very difficult course set before you.

I called Dr. O. O. Stoland, the Secretary of the Med School here, regarding your inquiry. He is a very personal friend of mine and I knew that while he is just that good a friend of mine, he, of course, would not do anything to prejudice your case if the matter came before him. He said that they had not received your letter here--that doubtless you had written to the med school at Rosedale, Kansas City, Kansas, and that as yet Dr. Wahl had not forwarded your letter to Dr. Stoland. After we discussed things for quite a while, he said, "Give me his address and I will send him an application blank." So you should be receiving one in the very near future.

Of course, you remember Dr. Stoland because I recall that you called upon him prior to your leaving. Dr. Stoland is a great football and basketball fan and a wonderful gentleman. So I feel very certain that you will have a good day in court if he has his way about it.

Congratulations on your record score against those monkeys who would not postpone a game because they thought they would perhaps take advantage of you! You really poured it on, and say, fellow, you must have more than poured them through the hoop. Fifty-eight points is as much as we can roll up with our five doing the best they can. I wish we had you here this next semester. The semester starts February 11 and one of our crack forwards, Gib Stramel, left for sea duty, which leaves a hollow spot in our front line. How we would love to have you fill that gap, but it won't be long until next year, fellow, and we are counting definitely on you gracing one of those forward positions. We will have a great gang for you to play with, Gordy. I believe we will have a corking good team and nothing would please me more than to see you with the fine bunch of fellows such as we have because you certainly fill that qualification A plus.

Mr. Gordon Reynolds

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February 5, 1946

Here's wishing you every good luck in the world, my good boy, and a further wish that we will celebrate with a good ball club next year. Here's wishing, also, that you will knock those quizzes right into a loop. With the best of everything to you, I am

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

3, February 1946

300 N. Ingalls
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear 'Doc'

It has been some time since I last wrote, but it has also been some time since I've had free time in which to write. What spare time I do have I spend playing ball in the intramural & commercial leagues.

I am more than anxious to return to K.U. Not only because I like the school and set-up better, but also to play more basketball. There just wouldn't be time for it here. I've watched the Michigan games and their team isn't what I would expect for Big Ten ball. I was rather disappointed.

The I.M. teams offer quite a bit of competition as there are quite a few ex-stars playing. So far we've been unbeaten though the toughest game is yet to come.

The last game was somewhat of a farce.

It seems we, the freshmen, had a final exam Thursday. The night before, we had

a game scheduled so tried to postpone it. They wouldn't cooperate because they thought they could beat us if the freshmen didn't play. Well, we played. The score was almost unbelievable - 112-24. We set an all-time I.M. scoring record and I was lucky enough to rack up 58 points to hold the ^{individual} scoring record.

I've got my confidence back. My "eye" hasn't failed me this year. And I'm anxious to show you that I can play ball. I love the game and I'd hate to give in to the fact that my collegiate competition days are over.

I guess I'm bragging but I really don't mean to be. I just want to get back & take a crack at making your next year's team.

How are your all-Americans coming? Got them back in shape?

I'm swamped with studies. Finals are a month off, and we just completed a couple of courses to begin new ones right away. It'll be some relief to have one semester to look back on.

But unless I get back to studying
I'll have nothing to look back on.

Convey my regards and best wishes
to Mrs. Allen.

Sincerely,

"Gord"

P.S.

Have written to see if I can get in to the
med. school there. I've got my fingers
crossed

January 30, 1946

Mr. Otto P. Rost
6200 Oleatha
St. Louis 9, Missouri

Dear Otto:

Thank you for your fine letter concerning
Mitt's officiating.

I am certainly sorry that you cannot come up
to the Missouri game on February 22.

I will run down and see you and your boys any
time after basketball season that you think I should. How
late after March is Fred moving to Davenport? I certainly
agree with you that I would not take the boy out to see any
game under these conditions. Let me know and I will make it
a point to come down and see you.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

January 22, 1946

Mrs. Carey Rice
4960 Blue Ridge Boulevard
Kansas City 3, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Rice:

I have just called Dr. Woodruff's office and he found that Bob did not withdraw from his classes. He just left. Perhaps he never thought of doing the thing he should have done; however, I did that for him, thinking when I called Dr. Woodruff that everything else would be taken care of.

The rule of the university is that unless the individual withdraws voluntarily, they have no way of knowing and, of course, they are not responsible for refunds. I believe you see the logic of this with so many thousands of students here. However, Dr. Woodruff's secretary called the School of Education to notify them that he had entered the service. The university, of course, must verify all these things, but they did not know what draft board to contact to get this verification. In my conversation this morning I told them it was the Lawrence, Kansas, Draft Board and they are now checking with them to verify this so that they may give a refund as of December 15, 1945.

We have gone to no end of trouble to try to locate Bob's books. You will agree with me that this was Bob's entire responsibility and not ours, but we are still trying to locate them through the lady who says she is doing all she can to try to find them. I would see Bob over at the Union Building playing ping pong and it is just as likely as not that he misplaced them or lost them. The lady custodian over there says that when they have books that are left for any length of time they revert to the lost and found books group, and unless Bob had his name in them, there would be no way of identifying them. If you had any way of knowing what books he had, it would be easier. It might be a good idea for you to write him and have him write me, giving me a list and a description of the books and letting him tell me where he left them. Also, I would want to know if he had his name in them and how it was signed. All these things are important in endeavoring to help him recover something that he should have taken care of himself. I suppose boys will grow up sometime, but I am sure you will agree it is a slow process.

As soon as I hear from Bob, I will institute further service for the books.

Mrs. Carey Rice

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January 22, 1946

I gave Mrs. Clock your name and your address so if you do not hear from them in a week or ten days, I would suggest that you write Mrs. Clock, c/o Dr. Lawrence Woodruff, at the University of Kansas. I am sure you will get a refund.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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COUNTY COURT
JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

MRS. MARION BELGARD
INVESTIGATOR
INSTITUTIONAL CASES

WALTER L. YOST
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
EASTERN DISTRICT

GEORGE S. MONTGOMERY
PRESIDING JUDGE

FRED W. KLABER
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
WESTERN DISTRICT

KANSAS CITY 6, MO.

Jan. 21-1946

Mr Forest. B. Allen,
Director of Physical Education,
University of Kansas.,
Lawrence Kans.,

Dear Mr Allen:-

I rec'd. your letter, and was very glad to hear from you. Up to now, I have not rec'd. the refund, from the School and as regarding the books, I do trust they locate them, as you can realize the amount, we have tied up in them.

Bab, is coming along O.K. other than being homesick, which is to be expected, I forwarded, to him your regards. My best regards to you-self, and family.

Sincerely Yours,

Mrs Beryl Rice,
#4960 - Blue Ridge Blvd.,
Kansas City - 3. Mo.,

406 Winwood Ave.
Pittsburg, Kansas
Jan. 20, 1946.

Dear "Pog",

What a game! The most remarkable thing to me, however, was your appearance. With the nerve wrecking business you're in, how can you retain your youthful looks is beyond me.

Frank and I did appreciate your courtesy and generosity in making it possible to see so fine a game. Many thanks.

Best of luck to you, the rest of the season,

with personal regards

Ralph Rodkey

January 17, 1946

Special Delivery

Mr. Ralph Rodkey
406 Winwood Drive
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Ralph:

Your letter just arrived at twelve o'clock this noon. I took your letter, together with your check, into Mr. Earl Falkenstein, our Financial Secretary who handles the tickets. There is absolutely nothing, except the top balcony and standing room, and I know you, your wife and your son would not want to take the punishment. Therefore, at Mr. Falkenstein's suggestion, I am returning your check.

I regret sincerely that you did not write me a week ago. We could have then gotten you good seats. We could sell 10,000 tickets for this game, if we had the space, but we do not. I am awfully sorry, Ralph. It was in the paper two days ago that all reserved tickets were sold.

I will remember you to Mrs. Allen.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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406 Winwood Drive
Pittsburg, Kansas

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

Dear Friend Coach,

We have a thirteen
year old boy, of whom we are very proud.
It is our plan that he come to K.U.
He has been promised a trip to see
your team play and now we hope to
see the Okla. K.U. game next Friday

Am enclosing a check,
amount must be filled in, for three
seats. If it would not be too much
trouble will you purchase them and
either mail them to us or we
can come by your home and pick
them up, ^{Friday} before the game.
Please remember me
to Mrs Allen. Cordially
Ralph Godley

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January 16, 1946

Mr. W. M. Richards
Superintendent of Schools
Emporia, Kansas

Dear Superintendent Richards:

I cannot understand why Ernie Vanek has
not answered your letter. Maybe this letter will
build a fire under him.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.

January 16, 1946

Mrs. Carey Rice
4960 Blue Ridge
Kansas City 3, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Rice:

I had our Captain Pfitsch go over to the Union Building and look for the books in hole eight, as you described to me. The lady over there told him that sometimes when books are left a long period of time that they pick them up and then they try to locate the owner. She has promised Captain Pfitsch that she will give him a report on her findings, but as yet it has not come in.

I called Dr. Lawrence Woodruff, Registrar at the University of Kansas, regarding the refund. Dr. Woodruff stated that Bob would have some refund coming. I asked him to handle the matter so that you or he would get the refund. I haven't heard any more and I hope that you have received the check. If not, let me know and we will follow through in this regard.

I trust that you and Mr. Rice are over your colds and that Bob is getting along nicely in his Navy assignment. Give him my regards and best wishes.

I also checked on the amount that he had coming for his work. I find that he worked just one hour and then he quit. It must have been that this was the situation that I told you about when he did not show up for work any more. I paid Mr. Gilbert Stramel the \$10.00 and he was delighted to get it, as he comes from a very poor home and this money meant a lot to him.

Wishing you the very best of success and happiness, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

Enc.

P.S. The enclosed check for \$.50 covers the only amount that Bob had coming to him for his work.

FCA

January 12, 1946

Henry Shenk has asked me to notify you that an important meeting of the executive committee of the Recreation Council will be held at my home, 720 Indiana, at 8 pm. Tuesday, January 15th. Please attend if at all possible.

Marge S. Stockton

I am enclosing, for those of you who could not attend the last meeting, a carbon copy of the minutes of the meeting, including detailed notes of Mr. Todd's talk. It was his first visit here and, consequently, he covered much ground that is thoroughly familiar to us; it is worth reviewing, however, in that it indicates the citizens of Lawrence still want what we want-- and expanded and well coordinated recreation program for Lawrence. With that reassurance, Weesty read the letter indicating that the Chest officials wished to withdraw their financial support of our program after this year, based on their feeling that funds should be included in the budget of tax-supported agencies.

Which means, apparently, that the only recourse left to us is to abandon our policy of patient education of the public and our hard-won solvency; to "risk our all" on combining with the Bd. of Education in hiring the director we have begged for all these years; to use every cent we have and every remaining effort of our exhausted but loyal volunteers to put across a year's program that will make possible a referendum authorizing a mill tax for recreation at the city election in April, 1947. Under the present interpretation of the state statutes, the city council can not contribute to the director's salary, but those of us who have worked closely with Mr. Burgert and his committee know that we can count on cooperation in making available city facilities and equipment.

Mr. Todd did not know what was meant by the comment frequently made, "the programs should be better coordinated". Since our Council has avoided duplication of effort and money by including representatives from the school system, city officials, and "Bill" leaders, it undoubtedly refers to the projected youth center of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We have been told that many people contributed thinking that the project had the approval of the Recreation Council. Since our advice was never sought and since we were not contributing any of the funds, there seemed no tactful way to approach the backside of the center. If there were a paid director, that sort of sporadic effort could be guided in its early stages and embarrassment avoided. Community gifts of more than \$3000 were made, with no results to date. If there were a paid recreation director----- Perhaps there will be at long last, and our Council can be discharged with a "well done". Maurice Cannady may be available.

When the city council is ready to make definite plans for the new parks, band shell etc., Mr. Shenk will appoint a committee from the Recreation Council to work with them. Please submit to him any suggestions you have as to desirable areas that are available for neighborhood development.

Recreation Council Executive Committee meeting January 7th, 1946
at Mrs. Stockton's. Arthur Todd, representative of the National
Recreation Asso. as special guest.

Members present: Shank, presiding; Stapleton, Kindlesperger,
Houston, Six, Cornwell, Dean, F.A. Russell (for R. O. Burgert),
Westemeyer, Cornwell (summer director), Arthur Todd (guest)

Mr. Todd, in summarizing the community reaction to the recreation movement as based upon interviews with 12 to 15 local citizens, reported that there was high regard and enthusiasm for the summer program, particularly last summer's, and appreciation of the volunteer leadership of the Recreation Council. Also noted a general feeling that a trained director was needed for year-round program. Some stressed need of ability in sports and physical education as requisite for the director, others stressed ability in organization, promotion and public relations; ability to work with both school system and school children as well as city officials mentioned. Some suggested a part-time school-city person; a few wondered if it would be desirable to hire the coach in order to keep him, but some recognized the futility of such a method. (Suggestion came from downtown businessmen). Urged the further use of KU leadership in community activities-- paid, volunteer, practice teaching, etc. In re facilities, recently authorized bond issue for parks, new school for junior and/or senior high etc. indicated progress is being made; conceded need for tennis courts, wading pools, shelters with toilet facilities, multiple use areas, picnic areas etc.etc., and urged better utilization of existing buildings--both school and city-- and of outdoor areas. In re organization, the Rec'n Council praised universally, but seemed to think programs should be better coordinated (did not know what was meant), and the question arose as to what group should administer recreation ultimately-- schools, separate board, etc. As to program, "more of the same", expansion of playground program, establishment of neighborhood centers, youth center, activities for old folks, out-of-school age, and an attempt to reach the lower economic groups, negroes, and others. As to finance, citizens seemed to feel the school board should employ a director part time with city supplementing funds, and ultimately a tax levy, referendum on enabling legislation for 2 mill maximum.

Mr. Todd made the following suggestions:

1. Facilities:

- a. Council should consult with city council, prepare list of facilities needed in order of importance, recommend proper design of playgrounds to allow for future development, for efficient use, and ease of supervision, advise on location.
- b. Council should consult with school board to insure design for recreational use and sufficient grounds. (Special comm. from Council might function as contact with both groups.

2. Future planning:

- a. Sound out sentiment as to tax levy and promote an active educational campaign. (House bill No. 121) If interest seems to warrant, make plans for referendum.
- b. If time is not ripe, secure cooperation of school board in employment of a trained and experienced director, part school, part city, with full time for recreation during the

summer months. Make use of school property an integral part of the plan.

c. Supplementary funds should be secured, if possible, from the park department and community chest.

Business transacted---

Woestemeyer reported receipt of check for \$1200 from the Community Chest, disbursement of \$132 for holiday gym supervision program, and a balance of \$2,051.18 on hand.

Chalmer Woodard's report will be submitted to Shenk for next meeting, but basketball seemed the most important-- at least the most popular-activity during the holidays. No information available as to the dance, game room etc.

Moved by Stockton, seconded by Stapleton, that the Council make available to Maud Ellsworth funds not to exceed \$300 to be used by her, if the need arises, to expand the program offered in the AAUW-sponsored downtown craft shop project; teen agers who wish to participate in the work but who lack funds for materials shall be provided for. Passed unanimously.

Letter from Chest board read by Woestemeyer, stating that the Council should make other arrangements for funds hereafter. (copy in file) As a result of the action of Chest officials, it was the consensus of opinion of Council members that all funds on hand at the present time (\$2,051.18) plus the \$800 to be transferred from the Board of Education be invested in an all-out effort to "sell" Lawrence on a recreation program during the coming year, and to seek the cooperation of the Bd. of Education and the superintendent in employing a trained and experienced director. Chm. Shenk appointed Stapleton, Houston, and Dean to interview school officials and to report their recommendations at the next meeting, so that the Council's share of the salary may be determined.

Woestemeyer, Cornwell, and F. A. Russell were appointed to contact city officials for information concerning increased facilities and progress in the acquisition of additional park space.

Moved by Six, seconded by Woestemeyer, that M. Stockton be authorized to write Chest officials, asking that the juke box and other game equipment purchased by the Community Service League be left in the Community building. Passed unanimously.

Adjourned.

January 7, 1946

PERSONAL

Mr. Carl Rice
2108 Washington Boulevard
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Carl:

Mrs. Fred Harris, the wife of one of our star athletes, Fred Harris, jr., who played quarterback on the varsity football team in 1933, 1934, and 1935. He also played basketball with me and won his letter in track as a hurdler.

He is desirous of obtaining a letter of commendation with the R.F.C.. Fred is in Kansas City, Missouri, now with the R.F.C., after having served in the Navy forty months. When he was discharged, he was a Lieutenant Junior Grade and his service was in the South Pacific. He is a graduate and has two degrees from the University. He has made a fine record.

I would appreciate anything personally that you could do in Mrs. Harris' behalf. The Harrisés have one son, Michael, who is twenty months of age.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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