

June 6, 1942.

Mr. Julian Ralston,
920 Bitting Building,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Julian:

I am writing you regarding your letter of April 23 in which you gave me some confidential information regarding a teacher at Wichita University.

I prize very highly your information and I am pretty positive that all the things that you say regarding the individual are not without foundation from some standpoint. But here is our situation, Julian. The war has taken 53 of our faculty members and many of these fellows with advanced degrees have gone into health and physical training work. When we began to look around for a man with a Ph.D. degree - and some of our administrators have "Ph.D.-itis", - then it is either up to us to get one or suffer the tortures of the damned until we do. Therefore, I am choosing between the less of two evils and picking a fellow with a Ph.D. degree.

This chap seems closer to our range of pay. My feeling is that we will be forced to take him. Personally, I think the chap has a good deal of energy and I have always found that many of these fellows who are hard to get along with are fellows who are energetic and if you can keep them busy they spend their energy largely on the work that they are engulfed in. For that reason, and for various other reasons, I believe that we will take a chance on him.

Please do not feel that we do not appreciate the kindness that you went to in giving us this information, but it is just one of those things that we have to contend with. I do want you to know that we appreciate the trouble you went to in revealing to us the factual side of the situation.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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