

April 8, 1941

Mr. Wes Roberts  
Secretary to the Governor  
State House  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Thank you for your kindness in writing me under date of April 7 regarding the possibility of Vance Hall securing some outdoor work on the highway this coming summer.

Vance has read your letter and he is well pleased and happy.

You may rest assured that the first time I am in Topeka I will be glad to drop by and see you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
TOPEKA

PAYNE RATNER  
GOVERNOR  
WES ROBERTS  
SECRETARY

*Vance Hall*

April 7, 1941

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

Dear Phog:

There is no need for Vance Hall to make a special trip to Topeka, but if he should happen to be in town tell him to drop in here at the office, and I shall be glad to talk to him. In the meantime I am putting him on the list for summer employment, and I am sending a note to Quentin Brown, secretary of the Highway Commission, inasmuch as I believe there is much better opportunity for outdoor work in that department than in any other.

I know the governor is very much interested in this particular matter, and you may be sure we will get something worked out.

I will look forward to seeing you the next time you are in Topeka.

Sincerely,

*Wes Roberts*  
Secretary to the Governor

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April 14, 1941

Dean Ross M. Robertson  
Georgia Military Academy  
College Park, Georgia

Dear Ross:

On March 3 my secretary wrote you that I was out of town and I would answer your letter as soon as I returned; well, here on Monday during Easter vacation, I am taking time to try to catch up with some belated correspondence.

I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness and kindness in writing me regarding what possible financial aid the University could extend toward two boys who have especial adaptability in athletics. Ross, the out-of-state fee rather slays us and since Kansas has been poverty stricken regarding the possibility of helping athletes, I cannot be over enthusiastic in responding to your fine letter.

The Ivy League of course never does any proselyting; they take care of the boy's expenses. What is done in this way removes the curse and stigma from things. We out West here are more vulgar; we raise money. They do it a different way back East.

If you should come across boys who are well able to take care of a large part of their expenses and should be interested in Kansas, of course, we would be more than happy to have them. But when it comes to real competition, we are not the financial competitor.

What little aid we can give in the way of jobs even then would not entice them because our sister Universities around here give much more lucrative jobs, or positions, should I say, than we do.

However, I do wish to thank you so much for your kindness in writing me. I imagine you do miss the Hill, but I want to assure you that we miss you.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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March 3, 1941

Dean Ross M. Robertson  
Georgia Military Academy  
College Park, Georgia

Dear Dean Robertson:

Your letter of February 15, regarding the possibility of the University of Kansas giving assistance to athletes, has been received.

Dr. Allen has been out of town much of late on basketball trips and it has not been possible for him to keep up with his correspondence.

However, I am sure you will hear from Dr. Allen within the next week or so when the basketball season comes to a close.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F.C. Allen



## Georgia Military Academy

College Park, Georgia

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SECRETARY & TREASURER

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HEAD OF ATHLETICS

February 15, 1941

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

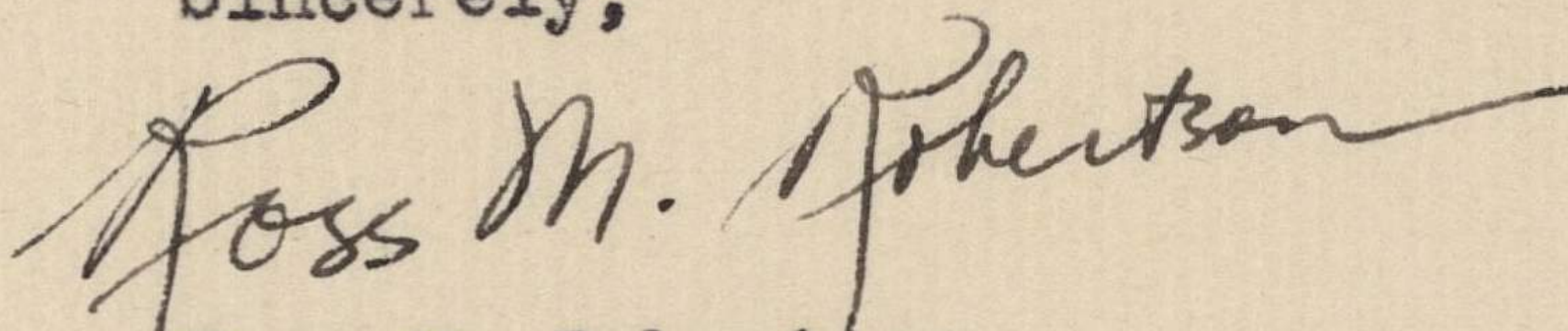
Dear Dr. Allen:

Within the past few weeks I have had inquiries from several of our seniors here concerning the prospects of financial aid at the University of Kansas. We have one boy in particular who is a top-notch athlete. In addition to being an All-State football player and a first-rate track man, he is one of the best natural basketball players I have ever seen. He is a good student and a fine boy in every respect. Because of his great desirability, I am afraid that Yale University is going to get him; however, should he fail to get a scholarship there, it might be that I could persuade him to come to the University of Kansas. This boy's name is Carl Anderson, should you care to write to him.

I would greatly appreciate a note from you indicating the kind of assistance that the University of Kansas can give at the present time to athletes. I realize, of course, that K.U. has never given athletic scholarships that would compare with those given by Southern Universities. From time to time, however, I shall come in contact with boys well able to take care of a large part of their expenses who want to go to a Northern university. For this reason, it might be well for me to be able to give them some definite idea as to what kind of assistance they could expect at the University of Kansas.

I am enjoying my work here very much although, of course, I miss the Hill and its activities very much. Please accept my kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Ross M. Robertson  
Dean

RMR:J



March 3, 1941

Chancellor Deane W. Malott  
Frank Strong Hall  
University of Kansas

Dear Chancellor Malott:

I am enclosing a carbon copy of a letter I have received from Dean Ross M. Robertson, Georgia Military Academy, College Park, Georgia, so you can see what the rest of the big boys do for the athletes in the way of athletic scholarships.

I am not slightly hinting that we should do this, but it is well to know what they are doing in other communities.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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April 14, 1941

Mr. George A. Riley  
Supt. of Schools  
Rogersville Consolidated Schools  
Rogersville, Missouri

Dear Mr. Riley:

I have just checked up with the lettermen's club here at the University and I find that they do not have a printed constitution or a set of by-laws that I could obtain. Several years ago they did have such a set, but it is impossible for me to lay my hands on one.

I believe that if you would write Don Farout at the University of Missouri that they would have one, because I remember reading a few years ago that they had set up such an organization, and it has been recent enough for them to have some on their hands.

Thank you so much for your congratulations regarding our basketball team. I will confess that they surprised me even more than they did many other people when they won the championship.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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# ROGERSVILLE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

GEORGE A. RILEY, Superintendent

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Rogersville, Missouri

April 9, 1941

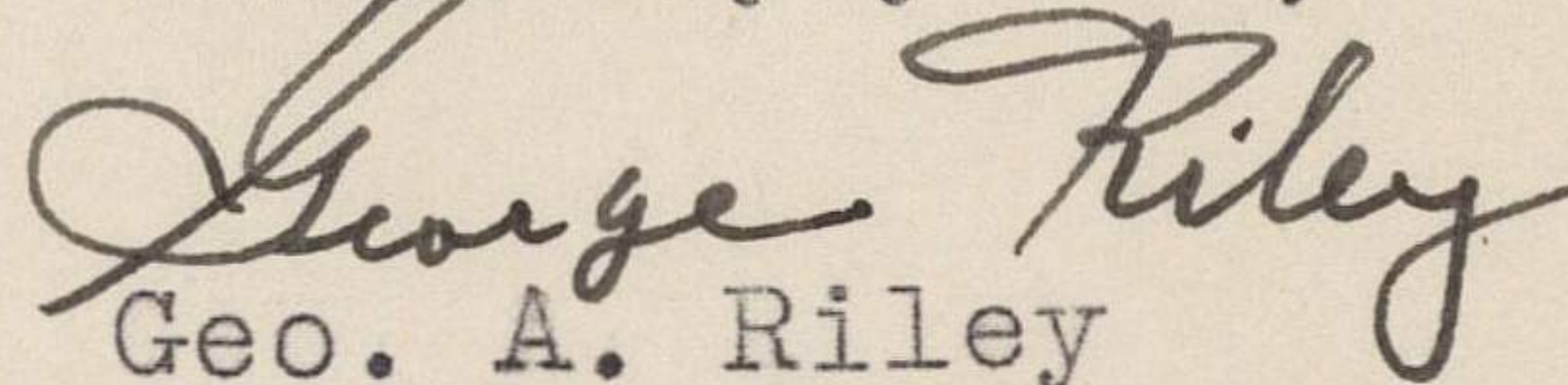
Dr. "Phog" Allen  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

To me has been delegated the task of drawing up a constitution for the alumni lettermen's association for Springfield State Teachers College. I am sure that Kansas has some such organization with a printed constitution or set of by-laws. I will appreciate very much receiving a copy of the same.

Congratulations upon your winning basketball team this year!

Sincerely yours,



Geo. A. Riley  
Supt. of Schools

GR:K



April 12, 1941

Mr. Thos. E. Roche  
Interstate Power Company  
Albert Lea, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Roche:

If you will kindly write to Mr. H. V. Porter,  
Secretary of the National Basketball Rules Committee,  
11 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, he will give you  
the exact wording of the section of the basketball rules  
that apply to lighting.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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# INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY

Albert Lea, Minn.

April 9, 1941.

Mr. Phog Allen  
Basketball Coach  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

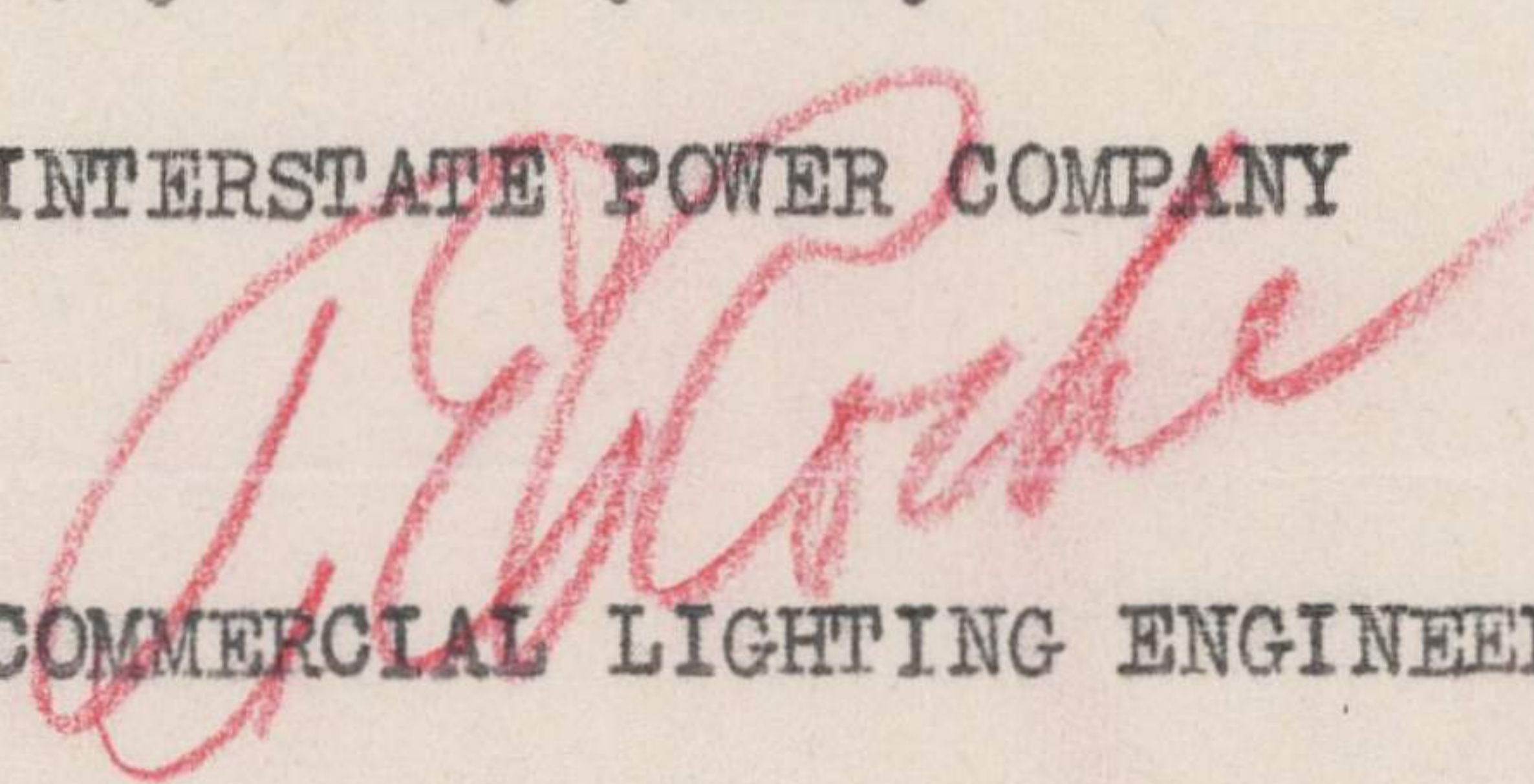
Will you be so kind as to send me the exact wording of the section of the basketball rules that apply to lighting.

I noticed in the recent newspaper article that your National Association has such a ruling.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Very truly yours,

INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY

  
COMMERCIAL LIGHTING ENGINEER

T.E. Roche

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
LAWRENCE

*Handwritten initials and scribbles in the top right corner.*

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

April 29

Dr. Allen,

The Tennis courts back of the  
gymnasium need to be rolled. The drainage ditch  
needs repair (at back end of tennis courts); water  
does not drain.

Thank you.

*Jim*

Mr. Report

*Alabama Polytech Inst.  
Canton, Ala.*

*Dr. Report*



Reports

June 2nd, 1941

Dear Jim:

Received your letter and thank you for answering.

I talked with Dr. Elbel and it was his suggestion that I send you this information.

The grades in his book show a C, C+ and a B, but final grade shows clearly a D-. The enclosed card is to be filled out and sent to the Education Office with facts and that a mistake was made when Elbel turned the grade in.

It was also Dr. Elbel's suggestion that I send this special delivery and returned in the same manner. Inclosed find special delivery stamp.

Due to the fact Dean Schwegler is leaving town Monday, June 9th, and this required his signature, is the reason for the special delivery.

Thanks again, Jim, and with best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,



"R."

June 3rd, 1941

Mr. Jim Raport  
Alabama Polytechnic Institute  
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Jim:

Surprise would be putting it mildly when we found that you had left the University without permission. There is a definite University rule that no member of the faculty shall leave the campus under such conditions as you left, unless you have the written permission from the Chancellor.

I have been advised by the administration that your salary warrant for the first half of June has been ordered cancelled for the reason that you were not here in person to earn it.

I regret to advise you that your salary voucher check for May has been held up. And that it can not be released until you mail your personal check for thirty five dollars payable to the University of Kansas. This thirty five dollars totals the amount unearned by your absenting yourself from your work beginning May 23, 1941.

Another regretable incident was the fact that you turned in grades for some of our Varsity baseball players without consulting me. You interviewed Ralph Dugan in regard to this. He was a student assistant helping me with my freshmen and not with my Varsity.

Very truly yours,

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

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June 14th, 1941

Mr. Otto P. Rost  
6200 Oleathe St.  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Otto:

I am sending you the c.c. of the letter  
I have written Kenneth Wulfemeyer for your perusal.

I'm very anxious that we have Kenneth with us  
but from the time I received his letter and the time I replied,  
some people might wonder, unless they knew, what a "hellish"  
schedule I have had for the past two months, but we'll not  
talk about that.

Won't you please write me and let me know the  
present status of Kenneth? Have you been able to give him a  
job on the playground and is he still of the mind to attend  
the University. The fact that he plays both basketball and base-  
ball makes it especially alluring to me.

With all good wishes to you and the Rost family,  
I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

FCA:rc



June 20, 1941

Mr. Otto P. Rost,  
6405-A Potomac St.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Otto:

I just received a letter from Kenneth Wulfemeyer dated the 18th. It arrived this morning and I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter that I wrote him. Thank you so much, Otto, for your fine work. I greatly appreciate it and certainly want to reciprocate your kind favors at the first opportunity. You tell Kenneth I think he is a star to sacrifice money to take a job that pays him less just to work for an old master like you.

But on the other hand, the fact that he has a job each summer during his tenure at the University makes it quite a durable one. You mention the president of Delta Tau Delta. He is Jack Severin, 1111 West 11th St. If you care to write him it is possible that he could get a table-waiting job or something at the house. However, if he doesn't get that we will have work for him so his coming will not be contingent upon that job.

I wrote Coach Summers at Wood River this afternoon, but as you say, we are primarily interested in Kenneth. If this other boy comes along all right it will be fine, but I am going to give first attention to Kenneth.

You spoke about John Burge. Frankly, I do not know but I have always considered him a sterling athlete. He played on the varsity baseball team two years previous to this year and he was considered a rather ordinary baseball player. I want to say, however, that I coached the team this year and he was one of the best men that I had. He trained beautifully and was a scrapper from the word "go". We had never won but one varsity game in any of the previous years, but this year Johnny won two games himself and he was the best morale builder that I had. I want to say that I was mighty happy to have him on my team, and I like him very much. I see no reason why he could not have been developed into a great player. I rather agree with you that someone failed to get everything out of him.



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Yes, Bill Johnson is a great chap and I think he is doing a fine job. I saw him a few months ago with his family and they are a fine lot. We were sorry that the Rosts and the Johnsons could not attend the 75th Anniversary celebration because it was magnificent.

Thank you, Otto, for your good wishes, and here's one right back at you, and our best to Betty and Jeanne. While every man does desire a son in his family, I am frank to tell you that I believe the home satisfaction that a man gets out of life is more greatly stimulated by a daughter than by a son. They make a home just a little bit different, and I know that you and Mrs. Rost are very happy with your lovely children.

Otto, I would like to talk with you some time when positions are vacated on our staff. Of course, they are not hiring anyone without a master's degree, but I would like to know how far you are along with your advanced work. I am sending you a brochure of our department in what we call our "coaching school", but it is the four year course in physical education in the School of Education. The major, of course, is in physical education. After looking this over won't you write me for any additional questions that you might care to ask?

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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June 16, 1941

Dr. Forrest . Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

Received your letter and c.c. of Wulfemeyer's letter this morning .

I am happy to say that after a busy week end everything is rosy and Kenneth will be in Lawrence in September. When he didn't hear from you he became worried and on questionable advise accepted a job offered by Kearney Electric Co. here in St. Louis. Kearney Electric seems to employ all of Missouri's athletes. I had a little trouble getting him on the playgrounds because he didn't take our training course. I finally succeeded in placing him on the pay roll and he left Kearney Electric five hours after starting work for them. To show you how anxious he is to go to K.U. his leaving Kearney s to accept a job paying him twenty dollars a month less is sufficient.

His present job is on one of our high school athletic fields and he is getting maximum pay for a first year worker. He will receive sixty dollars every four weeks. The nice part about his present employment is that his job will be available each summer during his tenure in the University.

Kenneth has an older brother who was also a star in high school baseball and basketball who is most willing to help him all he can. The only worry is that the older boy will be drafted in all probability. He wants Kenny to have the opportunity that he was unable to take himself.

The last time I was in Lawrence the boys of Delta Tau Delta said the they were most willing to have me send them another boy. I will make every effort to locate the president or the stewart and see if we can't find Kenny a table job or something.

I received the enclosed letter from Coach Summers of Collinsville Illinois about a boy who would like to attend the University .I held off wrting to you about him until I was sure of the Wulfemeyer situation. I personally consider Summers the best coach of Basketabl on the other side of the Mississippi that is immediately on the other side. I have worked in some of his games. I have stopped officiating basketball so I am not saying this with the idea of feathering my nest. I am quite certain the boy is everything that he says he is.

Doc, I have always taken the attitude and I am ~~xxxxxx~~ quite sure that you know I have of not recommending a boy unless I was fairly certain that he would make the grade. I still wonder what happened to John Burge. I have had several of my ends make good in college and one is playing regular withe the Detroit Lions but I have always considered John the best end I ever coached. I still think that some one else fail- to get everything out of him.

I ran into Bill Johnson on the street the other day. He certainly looks good. We both were extremely sorry that we had to miss the Anniversary of the University.



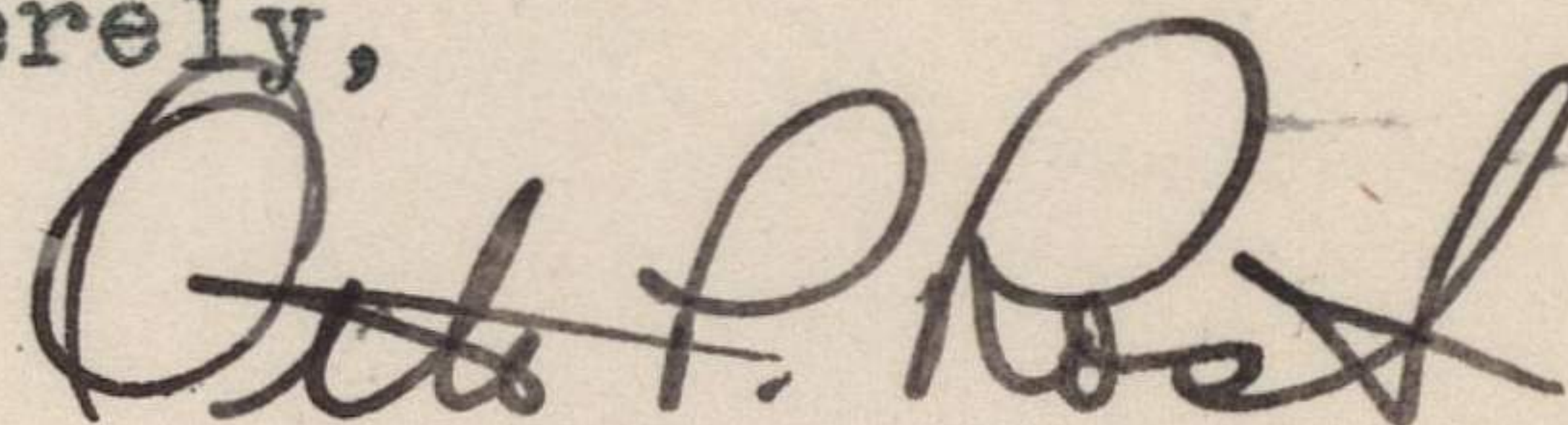
It was good news to learn that your boys have come through nicely and are making you justly proud of them. During my stay at the University when Bob was quite a small boy we all predicted a fine future for him. Both of my children are girls. Betty is 6 and Jeanne will be two in July. I get a lot of satisfaction out of both of them notwithstanding the fact that I did want a boy.

I am certainly thankful that we have things under control. Anything that I can do at any time to help the situation will be most readily done.

Have you had any luck filling the positions vacated by members of your staff. Doc. I would like to get a copy of the subjects offered in the department and the personnel of your department some time. I was placed in an embarrassing position one day when I was questioned rather closely about the department. I have been extremely disappointed that I was unable to take my second degree from the University.

Wishing you and your family a most pleasant summer, I remain

Most sincerely,



Otto P. Rost



July 12th, 1941

Mr. Jim Reed  
Sports Desk  
Topeka Daily Capital  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Jim:

My son, Bobbie Allen, called my attention to a short squib that Bob Busby put in his column in the Journal World the other day, which read as follows, "Jim Reed reports that Warren Israel, 206-pounder, former Paseo high school gridman, may transfer from New Mexico Institute to K.U."

The fact of the matter is, Jim, that Warren Israel played against us winter before last in the Sunflower Tournament in the Washburn Field House when he was playing on the New Mexico School of Mines Team. You will remember that they gave us one of the merriest tussles that we had in that tournament. The New Mexico Miners had three boys from Indiana and that tall boy, I think his name was Clark (or some good name like that) was approximately six-foot-five and really did things with the basketball.

Warren Israel played a bang-up game against us. Last summer he came to my home on Sunday afternoon and stated he desired to enroll at the University of Kansas and study medicine. So, last September he matriculated in the University of Kansas and has completed a full year's work making twenty eight solid hours of credit. He was out for freshman basketball and looked very good. His pre-medie work is keeping him pretty closely confined and I'm not sure just how much time he'll have for sports. He does high-class academic work. He has taken such solids as German, Economics, English Literature and Retoric, and Medieval History. So you see he is really serious about his medical work.

It's not often they catch you one year behind, Jim.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

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July 12, 1941.

Hon. Rob Rankin,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Senator Rob:

You certainly are a swell fellow! Yes, you bet I do remember that years ago some fine young people from North Carolina came and settled around here in the early days. And they made their place not only in the community but in the West, as well.

Thank you, Rob, so very, very much. I certainly did not expect anything like this and I think you have given too much. I will see you Monday and return this check and get a smaller one. I never like to embarrass anyone and this embarrasses me to take this much money from you. But you have always been extremely generous and kind to all people. Therefore, I am going to ask you to exchange this check for a smaller one.

With all good wishes and appreciation of your fine friendship, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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STATE OF KANSAS



ROBERT C. RANKIN  
SENATOR FIFTH DISTRICT  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

TOPEKA

SENATE CHAMBER

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SUPERVISION OF JOURNAL  
WAYS AND MEANS

Lawrence, Kansas  
July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1941

Dear Phog:

Here is my check for a  
bit of pleasure you gave us.

You so kindly said you would see  
that it reached those fine young  
folks who sang for us.

Sincerely yours,

Robert C Rankin

Note

You know some fine going North Carolina  
people came and settled around here  
in the very early days.

Yours  
Rob.



July 8th, 1941

Mr. Jim Reiter

KU Greenhouse

University

Dear Mr. Reiter:

We certainly appreciated your cooperation and kindness in loaning the lovely flowers and potted palms for our Summer Session Dance last Tuesday evening. They indeed made a perfect setting and their beauty was thoroughly enjoyed <sup>by</sup> the three hundred dances as well as by us.

With appreciation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

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July 2, 1941

Dear Doctor Allen,

Before I left school I asked you if I might have one of the guarding jobs at the pool again this year. You asked me to write and remind you of this. I still earnestly want the job and will certainly appreciate your consideration.

Very truly yours  
Bob Coblmeier



June 7, 1941

Chancellor Deane Mallott  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Chancellor Mallott:

I am enclosing a letter which I recently received from Forrest C. Allen. I should like for you to read the letter and also my statement of the case, and then judge the facts as you see them.

In the first place, let me state that I had no intention of causing the Director of Physical Education any difficulties, nor of committing any breach of the University rules.

In my discussion with you and also with Dr. Allen, I indicated that I would leave the latter part of May. Both you, Mr. Chancellor, and Mr. Nichols suggested in my conversations with both of you that it was not necessary for me to turn in any written statements or documents. If I had thought that I was offending the University rules, I assure you that I would have communicated with you again.

As you may remember, I mentioned to you that although I was asked to begin my work here immediately, I felt duty bound to play fair with the Director of Physical Education in the University to first complete my work at Lawrence. This was also brought to the attention of Dr. Allen.

I completed my work at the University and gave Dr. Allen every indication that such work was completed. However, at that time Dr. Allen was quite busy with a series of commencement speeches besides his regular work, and it might be possible that some of these things may have slipped his mind. I am sure that you will find that at no time during my years of service to the University did I consciously affect anything that might be construed as poor teaching.

Concerning the grades which Dr. Allen mentions at the end of his letter, he instructed me verbally to discuss the grades in question with Mr. Dugan. Due to the pressure of engagements at that time, this, too, may have been forgotten; however, I did not think it necessary to secure that in writing. These boys were enrolled in Varsity athletics. Some of them were freshman baseball players. Some of them may have been Varsity players.

As I indicated, I completed all my work with the University. I had given all my examinations; I had my grades all arranged; and I had



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Chancellor Deane Mallott  
June 7, 1941

given them to Dr. Elbel for final transcription. On the basis of these facts, I should like to have your opinion on this matter. I feel that the attempt to hold my salary up is unjust. Please let me know your opinion on these matters.

Thank you for your kindness, and I hope you have a very pleasant summer.

Very truly yours,

*James H. Raport*  
James H. Raport  
Assistant Professor of  
Physical Education

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Enc.  
cc: Dr. Forrest C. Allen



May 7, 1941

*Report*

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Mr. Jim Raport  
Robinson Gymnasium  
University of Kansas

Dear Jim:

Relative to your letter of May 6 I would like to see you regarding the different individuals you spoke of. I wonder if you would be kind enough to speak to Mr. DeGroot at your earliest convenience and then, sometime in the near future, we can discuss the matter.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:rc:mln

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach