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Mr. Jay Simon  
Coffeyville Journal  
Coffeyville, Kansas

Dear Jay:

Thank you very much for your clipping from the Bartlesville Examiner. I appreciate your sending me the clipping on Goal-Hi. Yes, I am interested, and things are going along very nicely.

Regarding our baseball prospects, I would say they are rather dim this year. Larry Hensley signed up with the Detroit outfit and has been farmed out to a league in Kentucky. Miller Cameron transferred from the University of Kansas to the University of Oklahoma this past fall. Both of these boys felt that there was not enough emphasis placed on their favorite sport and they did not care to continue another year of Varsity Baseball here.

Of course, we lost most of the team last year. Horak, Jack Sands and Red Dugan, pitchers, were all seniors. Monte Murkle is saving his last year of eligibility for football. Bob Hunt and all the outfielders graduated so that only leaves Eddie Hall, a K-man from the year before, as catcher and Knute Kresie as our number 1 pitcher.

On two different occasions, you can see by the schedule enclosed, we are playing four games handrunning. The fact that we did not pick up any pitchers causes us to be terribly lame in that line. John Burge is relief pitcher but could not go a full game. Therefore, Bob Allen, apparently, is the number 2 pitcher, and we have a boy named Atwell, a lefthander, who does not pitch well at all, as the only other pitcher. We will get socked beautifully by the other Big-Six teams who have now gone in strong for baseball.

I am sending you a clipping from Horace Mason's News Bureau regarding the baseball situation, but doubtless you have already received the same. This is just a year of rebuilding so far as baseball is concerned.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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