

January 30, 1940.

Mrs. Harry K. Allen,
1247 Clay Street,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Florence:

I trust that you will not feel that I am imposing upon you unduly, but there is a young lady who intends to enter Washburn College this next semester and I would appreciate any kindly help that you can give her. Her name is Betty Strachan.

When the Kansas varsity played Southern Methodist University at Dallas last year Betty and her father drove over from Fort Worth and watched the Kansas boys play the Mustangs. Later Betty entered the University of Kansas where she has made a very fine showing. She is enthusiastic about her studies and extracurricular activities. I have asked Betty to call you and say hello.

Since you were so active in Washburn affairs during the time that Cousin Harry was Dean of the Law College, I would appreciate any niceties that you can show Betty at your convenience. She has already made up her mind regarding her sorority connections, so we are not going to burden you with these things. Betty has been a great booster in endeavoring to get good athletes enrolled at K.U. For this and other reasons I feel greatly indebted to her and want her life at Washburn to be very pleasant and profitable. Will you please tell Cousin Harry that I have asked Betty to stop and say hello to him at the State House?

It seems that Bess and I do very little visiting, but we have fond recollections of the Allen household in Topeka. Even though we did come to Washburn to play in the tournament, I give you my word and honor that I hardly even left the hotel except to go to the fieldhouse at Washburn. And since it was during Christmas week I did not bother you or Harry K., with the exception of Saturday, the 30th, when I took my entire basketball team over to the State House to say hello to Justice Harry K., but we found his office locked. We did stop in and say hello to Justice "Dutch" Wedell, and Walter Thiele, but we found only Justice Wedell in. So we endeavored to do honors to the Allen clan. Bess did not come up for any of the games as she took care of the grandchildren while the four offspring of the Allen pair - Mary and Milton - saw Bobby