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

Dear Doctor Allen:

After talking with Dean Stallings, acting head of our athletic department, and with our President, Dr. C. W. Pugsley, I'm convinced that Elmer Schaake, if he doesn't have the inside track, at least is pretty much in the running for the Football Coach and Athletic Director job here.

I mentioned Schaake to Doctor Pugsley before it was known outside the inner circle that the job was to be open, not knowing whether or not Schaake would even be interested. But your fine letter has done more than anything else to bring favorable consideration.

We four Jayhawkers who are already on the staff here would be happy to have another recruit, and know of no one we'd prefer over Schaake.

Other things in favor of Schaake, from the Administration's point of view are: First, his age; there are many youngsters in responsible positions on the campus; Stallings himself is under 30; our Business Agent is under 25, and there are many other similar examples. Second, his physical make-up. This is a country of Scandinavian descent; the football boys are Swedes and Norwegians, most of them of pretty good proportions physically. While Schaake doesn't lay claim to Scandinavian ancestry, as far as I know, he is the type, and they think he would fit in.

People as a rule dread the climate here, but to date I don't see that it is so bad. It is 14 below this morning, but any Kansan, out of sight of a thermometer, would estimate it at about 15 above. Winters do last longer but there's not the shifting of temperatures from high to low so often.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Thos. C. Ryther

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