

April 12, 1946
High School
Great Bend, Kansas.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

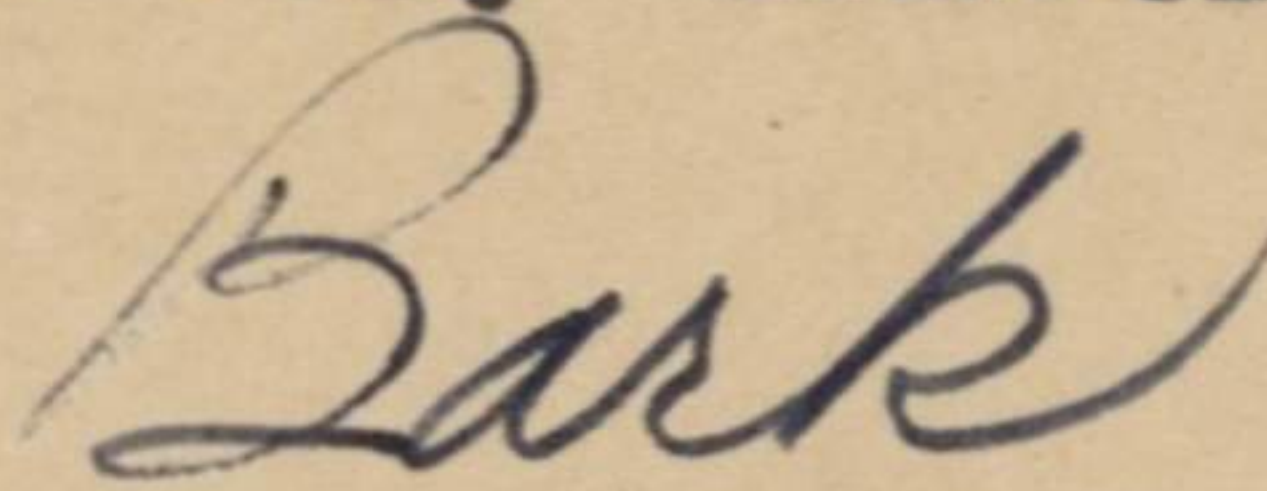
Thanks so very much for your kind letter and I hope that evrything works out for the two or three boys from Great Bend who might be interested in coming to the University next year.

Today I was speaking with Mr. E.A. Thomas who was stopping by in Great Bend. He told me about the high school coaching vacancy existing in Leavenworth by the resignation of Ray Hahn in returning to Bethany College where he served before the war. That position appealed to me and at the suggestion of Mr. Thomas I wrote a letter of application to the school superintendent, Mr. Hugh C. Bryan.

I should like you to write him in my behalf if you should care to do so. I feel that I could handle the position satisfactorily both athletically and academically. I plan to finish my thesis for the masters' there at the University this summer. That means I will have an advanced degree in physical education next year. As you know I have had six years' coaching experience prior to my four years' service as a Coast Guard officer with overseas duty.

I would like to thank you for this favor as well as the many others you have so graciously given me. I had hoped to get to the Kansas Relays this year, but we are on the verge of receiving definite information as to whether an addition to our little family group will put in an appearance this fall and we certainly do not want to make any trips that may jeopardize the potential good news. I know that you understand this situation.

Yours very sincerely,



Gerald K. Barker