

April 18, 1944.

Mr. Dick Soper,
11106 Winner Road,
Independence, Missouri.

Dear Dick:

Mr. Wm. B. Henderson has told me that you are coming to Lawrence on Saturday, April 22. I will be glad to see you.

I don't know whether you know it or not, but your coach, Mr. Reaves Peters, played under me at the Teachers College at Warrensburg, Missouri, several years ago.

Let me know what time you are coming Saturday morning, and it will be a great pleasure to see you. It would be best, perhaps, to come directly to Robinson Gymnasium when you get on the campus.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FROM WM. B. HENDERSON
TO Mrs. Alberta Hulteen
RE: Dick Soper

916 WALNUT STREET
KANSAS CITY 6, MO.
DATE April 12, 1944

Please say to Dr. Allen that Dick Soper will arrive in
Lawrence Saturday, April 22nd as recommended in yours of the
11th. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Wm B Henderson

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
ROOM 2, FRANK STRONG HALL
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

April 12, 1944

Mr. William B. Henderson
916 Walnut Street
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Mr. Henderson:

I certainly appreciate your fine assistance to Dick Soper.

A call to Dr. Allen's office today advises me that Dr. Allen thinks it would be better for Dick to come April 22. Apparently Phog must have an out-of-town date on the 14th. I will send you a copy of the Graduate Magazine, which is the official alumni publication. On page 22 you will see a story about Phog which will give you an idea of how busy he is.

April 22 is not going to be a good day for me to give Dick a lot of time. They have made me publicity director for the University, and the coaches want me to be down at the stadium assembling records being made at the Kansas Interscholastic Track Meet. I certainly will want to see Dick. Tell him to look me up either at my office or at the stadium.

We have nine outstanding young physical education teachers on our staff, and I am suggesting to Mrs. Alberta Hulteen, Dr. Allen's secretary, that she line up one of them to show Dick around some. For example, he should see Dr. Laurence Woodruff, registrar, and get certain facts and figures about courses, enrollment, and the like--also about his military status. Dr. Woodruff is a regular information bureau on military rulings.

You may be sure we will be greatly pleased to have Dick come up, and we will try to make his visit a pleasant and illuminating one.

Cordially,

FE/k
cc: Dr. Allen

Secretary

April 11, 1944.

Mr. Wm. B. Henderson,
916 Walnut Street,
Kansas City 6, Mo.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Dr. Allen left this morning for Hutchinson, Kansas, where he is to speak at the Parent Teachers Association, and from there he goes on to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He will return to Lawrence sometime Friday. In the meantime, he asked that I acknowledge your two letters regarding Dick Soper:

I note that you say Dick will be eighteen years old before he graduates from high school. If he is not in the 4F classification he will automatically be called into service upon graduation from high school.

We are having the Kansas Interscholastic Meet here on Saturday, April 22, and if Dick could come over to Lawrence that morning I am sure that Dr. Allen will be happy to see him. I would not suggest that he come this week-end because Dr. Allen has other engagements, but on Saturday, the 22nd Dr. Allen will be here and will be happy to talk to Dick. Ask him to come to the Physical Education office in the west end of Robinson Gymnasium.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen.

FROM WM. B. HENDERSON
TO Doctor Forrest C. Allen
RE: Yours 3/31/44

916 WALNUT STREET
KANSAS CITY 6, MO.
DATE April 3, 1944

My dear Doctor Allen,

The boy I referred to will graduate from High School next June. He will be 18 years old before he graduates. I will have him answer your question about his draft classification.

I would not expect you to guarantee work through four years in the University. I am in hearty agreement with your application of the law of compensation to those who want an education. If they pay for it themselves, they have a better foundation than those whose education comes as a gratuity. If it costs the student nothing, he is under a handicap whether he realizes it or not. A few overcome the handicap. Most students do not.

I shall recommend that the young man go to Lawrence for a personal interview. If that can be arranged, I will make certain that the time of his arrival will be satisfactory to you.

Thank you kindly.

Yours sincerely,

Wm B Henderson

FROM WM. B. HENDERSON
TO Dr. Forrest C. Allen
RE: Dick Soper

11106 Winner Road

Independence, Mo.

916 WALNUT STREET

KANSAS CITY 6, MO.

DATE April 6, 1944

Dick will graduate from Northeast High School, Kansas City, in June. He would like to enter Kansas University July first. If satisfactory to you, he will arrive in Lawrence between 9 and 10 A.M., Friday, April 14th. If that will not be satisfactory, kindly advise me or write directly to Dick. Do you wish to give any specific instructions as to where he should first report when he reaches the campus?

For your information, Dick's father is an Osteopathic physician at the above address. He paid his own way while he studied Osteopathy. During that period, he was an employee at the Post Office in Kansas City; supported his family and accumulated some real estate, including his home. After he graduated, he continued with his Post Office position and built up practice among Post Office employees and their families that paid as much as his salary. But that did not satisfy him. He asked for a "leave of absence" so that he could give himself exclusively to his profession. He forfeited his salary and the practice among Post Office employees. He has now increased his suburban practice enough so that he will resign his Post Office position when his leave of absence expires. His other son is preparing for the practice of Osteopathy. Dick seems to have other plans. His parents are inclined to let him act upon his own judgment. I believe you will find the boy somewhat reticent about his athletic record. He would not now have a Press record if his mother had not kept it up. I asked him if he was going to take it to Lawrence with him. His reply was "I wouldn't think of it". It may not be important to you. If it is important, you may have to ask for it.

Dr. Soper could help the boy with some of his expense, but the boy very strongly inclines toward self-sufficiency. The relationship between the parents and their children is sensible, helpful, and co-operative.

If you find it difficult to identify the above indexed address, it is in Englewood, on the Winner Road, not far west of the Independence city limits.

If I have said too much, it will not be harmful. If I have not said enough, you may ask Dick for it or write to me.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Wm B Henderson

March 31, 1944.

Mr. Wm. B. Henderson,
916 Walnut Street,
Kansas City 6, Mo.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Your very nice letter of March 27 has been received. I am happy to know that you are interested in a young man obtaining an education. I note further that you are a trustee of the University of Kansas City, and that your basketball has not been featured enough to make it attractive to him.

I am wondering if you would be kind enough to answer some questions. Is the young man a 4F student, or does he have an opportunity to get into the Navy V-12 unit? Of course, if he got into the Navy V-12 he might be sent to any college but he would be assured of an education.

I am sure that you can understand that it would not be possible to guarantee any young man his way through the University on account of his athletics. However, we can give him a job commensurate with his ability and his desire to work. There are jobs going begging here now for boys at the University. We could use all the boys who really want to work, but most of them have more money from their parents or some other source, and they do not want to work at forty to fifty cents an hour. The pay depends on the quality of the work.

You state that you are unfamiliar with the technique and ethics of college and university basketball. There are coaches who will promise a young man an easy job, but I have never done that - telling the boys that life is not easy, that it is a real struggle, and for one to be successful he must work hard and not expect easy things in his early growth. It happens that I am one of six boys in a family. All of us had to work hard and no one gave us anything. We have three boys and three girls in our own family and we have found in raising these children that life was quite a struggle, but a glorious one. My youngest son is a senior in the medical school at the University of Pennsylvania. Of course we are very proud of him, but he has never had it easy.

I only mention these things to assure you that if the young man would come under my care he would not be wet-nursed, yet I would try to advise and guide him in the same manner that I would one of my own boys. I would tell him that athletics are not the most important

things in life, although to the young man it might seem so. His grades and his specialization in the thing that he studied would be the thing that would pay off in large dividends long after his athletics are over. Yet athletics are a halter to the young bronco that leads him in successful fields through the athletic urge.

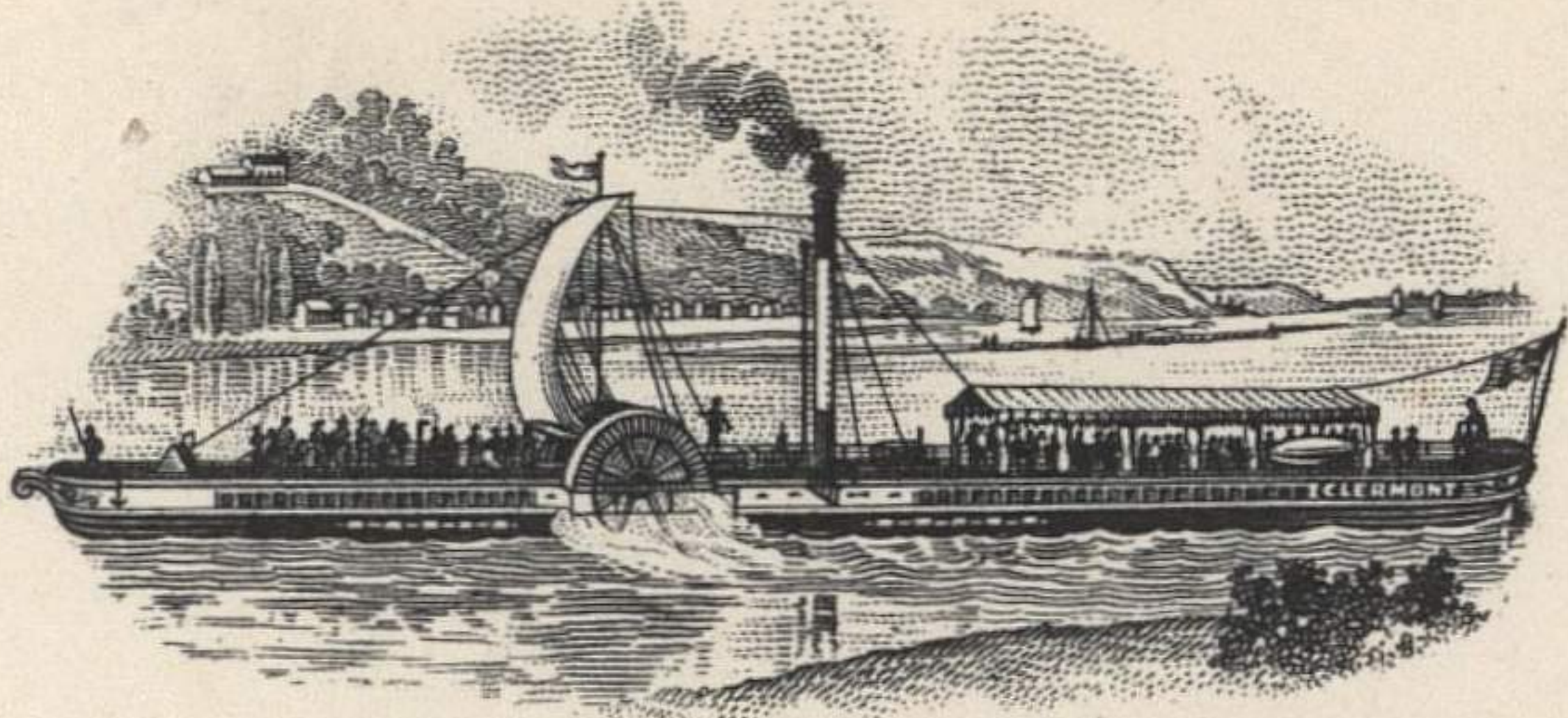
I assure you I would be very happy to cooperate with you or his parents in interesting him in an education if he is inclined toward the University of Kansas.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Doctor Forest C. Allen,
c/o Kansas University,
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doctor Allen,

A Kansas City boy, in whom I am interested, has a remarkable Basket Ball record; if Kansas City Star reports are dependable. I am not an authority myself; but the boy's record, as reported from time to time on the Sport page, has been very far above the average. Would it be possible to get work enough to enable him to pay his way at Kansas University? I am a trustee of the University of Kansas City; but our basket ball has not yet been featured enough to make it attractive to him. Your leadership has an unusual appeal to him.

Upon inquiry, I learned that the Star does not keep a record of High School athletes. But the boy's mother has his complete basket ball "record" as reported game by game.

I have known his parents for many years. They are fine people - parents and children alike.

I am not sufficiently familiar with the technique and ethics of College and University Basket Ball to be certain I am proceeding according to accepted procedure. But you will pardon me, I am sure, if I am off the beam. I am interested in the boy and want to help him in every legitimate way that I can.

Yours sincerely,

Wm B Henderson



April 8, 1944.

Mr. Alex Zych,
219 So. 8th St.,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Alex:

It was a pleasure to see you last Thursday noon at the Kiwanis banquet honoring your city and district championship basketball team. I promised you that I would write regarding your intercollegiate future if you signed up to play professional baseball.

Personally, I would advise against any young man not graduating from a high school or even college to sign up for professional baseball. Here is the reason. When you are a professional you no longer can participate in amateur athletics in high school or college. This bars you from all interscholastic or intercollegiate athletics, and as I explained briefly in my talk of Thursday, the moment that a man's competitive school athletics are taken away from him the ardor of college dims somewhat.

You will remember the case of Mr. John Carlson who became president of the Board of Education in Kansas City, Kansas, and one of her outstanding citizens. I do not know whether you remember the funeral of Mr. Carlson. It was held in the auditorium of your high school there. He was a boy that had many struggles and had it not been for his athletics he would not have attained the high position of respect and leadership that he held in your city. I see just as great possibilities for you, Alex, if you will retain your amateur standing.

When you compete in high school and college athletics you stimulate the interest of your friends and followers in your community. When you go into professional athletics, that is a business. You are playing for the money that is in it, and the moment that you receive an injury then your lucrative days are past and your business is a failure, so to speak. But when you get your education in high school or college and participate you are playing for the fun of it, but you are getting a far greater benefit because you are getting an education - the thing that insures your success for forty or fifty years after you quit your athletics. And you make friends that stay with you all through your life.

To be perfectly frank, Alex, you are worth much more money, so far as your sale and your salary is concerned with the professional baseball club, if you do not sign too early. If you make a fine reputation in high school and college as a pitcher or as a ball player, the measure of your worth is enhanced with the professionals on account of the fine showing that you make in intercollegiate athletics.

You doubtless can get a fine job with an industrial concern for the summer and you really can make more money playing independent baseball and working than you can by signing up with a professional ball club. Of course, one of the big leagues will sign you, but you will be farmed out and you will have to pay your own expenses while you are living in the city of the home club. This amounts to a great deal when you consider board and room at the present time. They will pay your expenses while you are on the road, but when you get through, figuring even six months employment, you will not have much left. Whereas if you lived at home you would be earning a fine salary and you would be increasing your baseball knowledge, but more than that you would be getting your diploma from your high school.

Then when the war is over it will be so much easier to go to college because you will still have your amateur athletics to aid you and they will introduce you very favorably because you are not only a wonderful basketball player but a splendid baseball player. You can legitimately use these two in sending you through college, and then if you want to play professional baseball you will be worth very much more money than if you sign up at the present time.

If you would ask my advice I would strongly advise against anything but your continuing in high school until you get your diploma. Your superintendent, your principal, your coach and all your teammates in the high school want you to do this thing for your own good, - not for their benefit, but for yours.

I always believe it is wise to take the advice of your superiors there in school because through their many years of dealing with young men they have learned pretty expertly how to give advice.

A young fellow will reason thus: Yes, I know it is all right for the other fellow, but I cannot be as successful as So-and-So. Well, you can, Alex, because your coach told me that you are one of the finest athletes and one of the finest workers when it came to observing the rules and the spirit of the game. Your coach said if it was necessary for you to practice all day you were that conscientious in getting the job done.

For that reason I am writing you advising you to continue until you get your high school diploma. The draft board will defer you until you graduate. But if you quit school then of course you are apt to get into the service at once.

Perhaps I have not understood your case fully, but from my conversation with you and conversation with your friends, I believe I have the facts in the case straight. If I have not, or if you desire to talk with me concerning any other point, won't you drop me a line? I go through Kansas City quite often and I would be glad to talk further with you, or

if you would like to come to Lawrence for an interview I would be glad to give you the benefit of my further experience or advise that I might have in regard to your case.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

March 25, 1944.

Mr. Lester Monroe,
109 E. 8th Street,
Newton, Kansas.

Dear Lester:

Your name has been handed to me as one interested in majoring in Physical Education at the University of Kansas.

We are delighted to know that you are interested in our department and are sending you a bulletin giving information to all students desiring to major in Physical Education. If you have not already received a University catalog, please write me for this or any other information that you desire.

It would be a great pleasure to have you here, and should you come to the University at any time we would be happy to have you call at the office for a personal visit. Please be assured that it would be a pleasure to serve you in any capacity that we can.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 25, 1944.

Mr. Bob Gowans,
202 East 14th St.,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Bob:

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Mr. Fred Golipo,
301 Avenue C, East,
Kingman, Kansas.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

OFFICE OF
THE CHANCELLOR

March 16, 1944

Memorandum to F. C. Allen:

The high school seniors whose names and addresses are listed below indicated to Henry Shenk when he visited their schools between semesters that they are interested in taking Physical Education majors in K. U. The committee which is planning the high school visitation program this year believes it would be a good thing for you to write a personal letter to each student on the list, telling him how glad you are that he is coming to K. U., giving him general information about the work in your department, and giving him the dates when he can start his work here. This plan worked well a year ago at least. Your letters should be mailed promptly.

Bob Gowans
202 East 14th
Hutchinson, Kansas

Lester Monroe
109 E. 8th Street
Newton, Kansas

Fred Golipe
301 Avenue C. East
Kingman, Kansas

Sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary

RN:gs

March 9, 1944.

Mr. Ralph Simmons,
Smith Center, Kansas.

Dear Ralph:

Don Diehl came back from home to tell me of your fine basketball ability. He told me that some day you are going to be a great player and that you are a fine player now for high school. He says that you have grown to an unusual height, and further, that you are a splendid student.

We hope some day it will be possible for you to visit the University, and if it happens to be convenient for you next winter should you be in Lawrence during basketball season we would be happy to have you as our guest to attend some of our games. I realize that you have a high school schedule of your own to take care of and it might be difficult to arrange, but if you will write me next year I will see if we can't arrange it so that you can see one of our games.

We will be happy to have you at any time should you care to stop by and say hello.

With all good wishes for your continued success in your academic work and your athletic competition, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 9, 1944.

Mr. Bob Johnson,
Mankato, Kansas.

Dear Bob:

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