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Dear Phog:

I don't know whether you remember me or not, when I was in summer school and played softball, but I do remember the pleasant association and getting acquainted. I had been 7 years teaching mathematics at Great Bend before coming to Anthony to start into the administrative field. I became acquainted with your son, Milt when we played on the Webb Clothing basketball team there.

What I am writing about is simply this: We have been rather fortunate in our athletic program this year. Thus far we have not lost a game in either football or basketball. Some of our boys are interested in going to college if the draft does not catch up with them first. The Senior boys have been concerned about the Naval V-1 Reserve program and also the Air Cadet program, but will be 18 before so very long.

We have one boy in particular, Horace Menasco, who will be 18, March the third. He could possibly enter college the 2nd semester this year. A friend of his was persuading him to enter the Naval Reserve program and enroll in Phillipp's University at Enid, Oklahoma. The boy has been in both basketball and football the outstanding athlete in the Southern Kansas League. Other schools would verify that. He is a very good defensive guard, but still does a greater share of the scoring, weighs 175 pounds and is 5' 10" tall. He possesses a marvelous physique, is an honor student, modest about his success, is a leader, and has a very fine competitive spirit.

I would like to see him go to Kansas University, if that is what he would like to do--provided the draft does not catch up with him.

He would like to go, either the 2nd semester this summer or next fall, is able to go, and still wants to do his part in the War Effort.

I knew that there is a very fine War Program being carried out on the K. U. Campus and I thought you might advise us concerning what might be best for him. We would hate to lose him