

June 24, 1943.

Mr. Bill Allen,  
414 West 12th St.,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Bill:

Gordon McCune, of your city, came into the office and desired that I write you concerning your possible entrance here at the University of Kansas. He states that you are interested in basketball and that you might be interested in selecting the University of Kansas.

We would be very happy, I assure you, to have you make this selection, but of course we are conscious of the fact that you owe your normal loyalty to the University of Oklahoma and I would not want to presume that you pass up that institution to enter the University of Kansas unless you have some special reason for attending the University of Kansas.

Gordon had some very lovely things to say about you, and if and when you should decide to attend a university if you should happen to select the University of Kansas we would welcome you, I assure you.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



June 24, 1943.

Mr. Gordon McCune,  
1301 West Campus,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Gordon:

I dropped Bill a note, but doubtless he has already made his selection of a school. Thank you for dropping by. I am a little delayed in writing Bill on account of a busy schedule.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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August 9, 1943.

Mr. Bill Sapp,  
R. R. #1,  
Augusta, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I just got a letter from your former coach, David Shirk, and he tells me that you are interested in coming to the University of Kansas this fall.

We would be delighted to have you here, but of course we have no choice in the matter. You will be sent where you are best qualified to get the training the Navy requires. The University offers training for those boys in engineering, medicine, chemistry, pharmacy and mathematics.

If we are not fortunate enough to have you now, after this fuss is over we hope you will choose your own State University to complete your education.

Lots of good luck to you, Bill.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



May 14, 1943.

Mr. Bob Malott,  
1532 Lilac Lane,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Bob:

I want to congratulate you on your graduation from University High School.

I spoke to your dad some few weeks ago and he stated that you were rather leaning toward Stanford University for your college education. Stanford is a great institution and you certainly couldn't make a mistake in choosing Stanford, but if you should change your mind I want you to know we would be mighty happy to have you here at the University. Your coordination is splendid for basketball and when you get a little more organic vigor I think you will make a great basketball player.

Everett Dean is the coach at Stanford, and when you meet him this summer remember me most kindly to him. Your dad stated that possibly you would go out to spend the summer with your grandmother and at that time look over the school. I would also like you to stop by and see my brother who is Commandant there, Col. H. B. Allen. He will be happy to see you, I assure you, and of course I would want you to look up Dean Johnny Bunn and give him my regards.

But do not forget that we would like you here at the University of Kansas. I am sure that you can make the Kansas varsity. And as far as I am concerned, I am still in favor of dealing out a lot of misery to some of these Big Six opponents. We have just ordered the varsity gold Ever-Victorious Big Six Championship basketball emblems for the team. Every boy from 1920 until the present time who has played three years of varsity basketball is wearing one of those gold basketballs. We would like to see you wearing one.

Of course we know that you would acquit yourself most favorably in academics, and basketball with your academics would not be a bad physical activity for you to indulge in.

Wishing you a splendid summer, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Seniors Showing a Marked K. U. Preference

| <u>Name</u>         | <u>School</u> | <u>Interest or Field.</u>                    |
|---------------------|---------------|--|
| Robert Conroy       | Junction City | Engineering                                  |
| Robert Rau          | " "           | Law  |
| Jack Wheatoroft     | " "           | Law  |
| Albert Fletcher     | " "           | Medicine                                     |
| Larry Sieg          | " "           | Mech. Engineering                            |
| Bill Froelich       | " "           | Architecture                                 |
| Adam Bachman        | " "           | Mech. Engineering                            |
| Fred Stueve         | " "           | Mech. Engineering                            |
| Roger Adams         | Clay Center   | V-12   |
| Barbara Thorpe      | " "           | Journalism                                   |
| Leanna Donley       | " "           | Ed. - Soc. Science                           |
| Elizabeth Schleiter | " "           | --   |
| James Hammel        | " "           | Photographer - DeLuxe<br>Probably Fine Arts  |
| Irene James         | Belleville    | Education                                    |
| Letha Sanford       | " S           | Secretarial Training                         |
| James Gettys        | "             | Pol. Science or Law                          |
| Vernon Bender       | "             | Medicine                                     |
| Betty Huffman       | Glasco        | -- (Valedictorian)                           |
| Shirley Jordon      | "             |  |
| Max Musgrave        | Minneapolis   | V-12, Math & Science<br>Summerfield finalist |
| Otis Mitchell       | "             | Law  |
| Robert Hoffman      | "             | V-12   |
| ✓ Charles Mackender | Riley         | Physics & Math<br>Basketball player de luxe  |
| ✓ Donald Uhlenhop   | Leonardville  | Basketball                                   |
| Wanda Naninga       | "             | Bus. Administration                          |
| Yvonne Nordstrom    | "             | " "  |
| Rex Belisle         | Miltonvale    | Medicine                                     |



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|---------------------|--------|------|
| Robert Cobb         | Salina |      |
| Robert Merrick      | Salina |      |
| James Shriver       | Salina | V-12 |
| Jerry J. Simpson    | "      |      |
| Donald L. Williams  | "      |      |
| Emma Mae Brizendine | "      |      |
| Audrey E. Holman    | "      |      |
| Elinor P. Kline     | "      |      |
| Mary K. Parker      | "      |      |
| Mary Dale Varner    | "      |      |
| Mary Vermillion     | "      |      |
| Dorothy Wilson      | "      |      |
| Annellen Wixted     | "      |      |



August 11, 1943.

Mr. Loyd Neff, Editor,  
Johnson County Herald,  
Overland Park, Kansas.

Dear Loyd:

I am wondering if Bill could come down some morning before his pool opens or after he got off work in the afternoon. What sort of a schedule does he have?

I have a 7:30 a.m. class every day except Saturday and of course I would be free any time after 9 o'clock. I think he would enjoy much more coming in the morning than he would in the afternoon. It is hot here and the University is much more pleasant in the mornings.

If Bill will let me know a couple of days ahead of his coming it would be fine. I am serving as president of Rotary and we meet every Monday noon, so any day but Monday would be O.K., with the exception of Saturday. It would be a pleasure to talk to Bill and help him in his selection of a room. If Bob Webber is coming with him I would be happy to see both of the boys.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



 Johnson County Herald

Overland Park, Kansas

Hedrick 0621

August 9, 1943.

Mr. Forrest C. Allen,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kas.

Dear Phog:

Many thanks for your good letter of July 22 in regard to Bill coming to Lawrence ahead of time to locate a room for himself and Bob Webber.

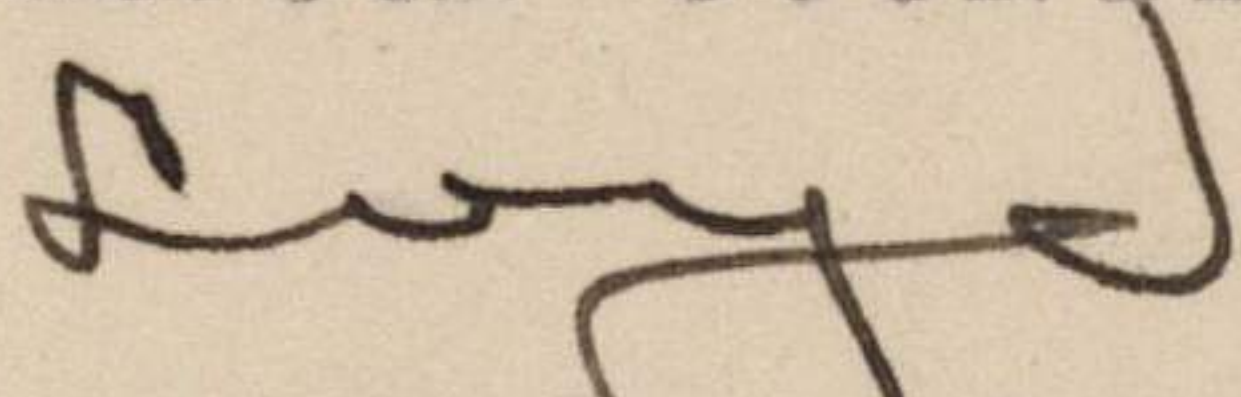
I believe this will be a good thing to do, but he will have to arrange to knock off a day from his life-guarding at the Mission Hills pool. He should be able to do this.

If you will advise what day and what time it would be convenient with you I'll try to have him up there so you can give him a little steering. He is a capable kid and can make it alright by himself with a few suggestions from you.

Many thanks for your kind offices.

Very sincerely,

JOHNSON COUNTY HERALD

  
Loyd Neff, Editor.



August 17, 1943.

Mr. Charles Mackender,  
Riley, Kansas.

Dear Charles:

Mr. Vernon Hayes told me this morning that he had received a letter from you and that you are planning to come to the University this fall. We are happy to know this, and if you are good in mathematics I am sure you will do fine work in Engineering.

If you are in need of work to partly defray your expenses I am sure that we will be able to use you. The Army and Navy boys who are here are paid by Uncle Sam and are not permitted to take outside jobs, so we will have plenty of work for civilian students.

After you get your Engineering schedule worked out we will then be able to find out how much time you will have for work.

I hope you will come to the office when you arrive, and if there is anything I can do to help you it will be a pleasure.

Cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



May 27, 1943.

Mr. Charles Mackender,  
Riley, Kansas.

Dear Charles:

I acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 25th instant, and I was happy to hear from you. Your old coach, Mr. Vernon Hayes, just stopped in the office. He is planning on doing some graduate work here at the University. He mentioned your graduation and stated that they had heard from you in response to a graduation gift they had sent you.

Mr. Hayes had the highest praise for you as an "A" student, and of course he had some fine things to say regarding your basketball playing. But frankly, Charles, I was more interested in your academic accomplishments than in your athletic ability, because a boy who is high in academic attainments can earn more money because he will have more hours to work and still not be in danger of flunking.

We have plenty of work here for the boys to do, but so many of the boys are required to spend so much more time on their studies that it cuts down their earning capacity. We are in a position to give you all the work that you desire at 35¢ an hour. There are a few jobs that pay more, but they are specialized jobs.

I am very sure that you would be happy in your work here. What are you planning to specialize in? If you take engineering, chemistry or medicine - any of these three would defer you during your student days in college. I am not mentioning this for you to get out of the war, but rather so that you would be in position to serve your country more expertly and more efficiently than if you would take physical education, which would not defer you.

Won't you write me and tell me of your desires and intentions?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Riley, Kans.

May 25, '43

Forrest L. Allen

Dir. of Phys. Ed.

Dear Sir:

Received your letter a number of days ago inquiring about my plans for school.

I want, very much, to go to school next fall. In order to do this however, I would have to have some method of supporting myself after once enrolled.

Is it possible to get a job to take care of board, room, etc.?

Sincerely yours,  
Charles Mackender  
Riley, Kans.



May 4, 1943.

Mr. Charles Mackender,  
Riley, Kansas.

Dear Charles:

Mr. Henry Shenk came back from his speaking tour at some of the high schools and tells me that you are interested in attending the University of Kansas.

I assure you it would be a great pleasure to have you here as a student. We would be glad to render you every service, and I am sure that you would like this institution.

Won't you write me and tell me your plans?

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



August 11, 1943.

Mr. Chief Malone,  
937 Riverview Ave.,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Chief:

I have not answered your letter as promptly as I would ordinarily. I desired to talk to Mr. Howard Porter, who is with us now. He states that you are a good gym man and that in his opinion you have possibilities of developing into a good teacher.

Of course you will understand that a fellow who doesn't make a varsity letter in some sport has a more difficulty opportunity to be placed in a teaching job in high school than a man who does win a letter. But if you are a good gymnast I am sure that we could place you.

I talked to Mr. Porter about your eye and he was sure that while it might be an impediment in some ways it would not interfere with your teaching gymnastic work. He tells me that you are a good basketball player, and even with that handicap you do very well.

If you come to college here I think we could give you some work as a student that would help with your expenses. The fact that you do pretty well with gymnasium apparatus leads me to believe that it would not be long until we could develop you so that you could teach some civilian classes under the direction of one of the faculty members. I am very sure that you could get a degree in Physical Education if you are as enthusiastic about the work as Mr. Porter has described to me.

If there are any further questions that you desire to ask I will be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



937 Riverview Ave.  
July 23, 1943  
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Sir's:

I received your catalog about your college some time ago. I think that I would enjoy going to your college very much. I wrote to you to find out if I could get a degree in Physical Education with one bad eye. I had it hurt when I was about ten year's old. The sight is about half gone. Your new Phys. Director, Mr. Howard Porter was my former teacher at Argentine High School. I talked to him about my eye and he said he thought it would be alright. Will you please send me a reply about this as I am very much interested in Physical Education as a career. Until I hear from you again, I remain.....

Sincerely your's,

Chief Malone  
937 Riverview Ave.  
Kansas City, Kansas



August 12, 1943.

Mr. Don Brown,  
Kingsville, Missouri.

Dear Don:

I am enclosing the instructions to students desiring to major in Physical Education, which I intended to give you yesterday. You will find in this booklet the course of study outlined for men for the four years.

It was a pleasure to have a visit with you here on the campus yesterday.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



July 27, 1943.

Superintendent F. C. Wollard,  
Kingsville Consolidated Schools,  
Kingsville, Missouri.

Dear Coach Wollard:

Thank you for writing me as you did in your letter of July 22 regarding Don Brown. I would be very happy to help Don in the way of work. There is plenty of work here for civilian students. The Navy and Army and Air Corps boys are not permitted to accept money for work because Uncle Sam pays them. That leaves the civilian students with plenty of work if they so desire.

If Don would care to come out here I would suggest that any week day would be fine. I am writing him a note, but I would appreciate it if you would tell him that I am always glad to help a boy help himself. I realize that many boys go to college on account of athletics, but they should also realize that the kind of grades a fellow makes in college determines to a large extent his tenure in school.

You did not state what kind of a student Don is. That is one of the very important ingredients in a successful athlete's participation. I am sure, however, if he is very dependable and his habits are excellent that he is interested in getting ahead academically.

Thanking you for writing me, and with kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



July 27, 1943.

Mr. Don Brown,  
Kingsville, Missouri.

Dear Don:

Your coach and superintendent, Mr. P. C. Wollard, wrote me that you are interested in the University of Kansas. He further stated that you would perhaps be glad to come out and see the University. We would be very happy to have you come.

I told Superintendent Wollard that there is plenty of work here for boys who really want work because the boys in the service are not permitted to accept any money for work. So that leaves plenty of work for the civilian students.

I am wondering what subjects you thought of taking at the University. If you take engineering, medicine, chemistry, pharmacy or mathematics you can seek deferment to continue work, if your grades are satisfactory, after your first two semesters. Coach Wollard tells me you are 17 but it will not be long until you are 18 and it is necessary to have two semesters of credit to be considered for continuance in school. Both of these semesters would stand you in good stead if you would make good grades.

Trusting to hear from you at an early date, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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**Kingsville Consolidated Schools**

F. C. WOLLARD ★ SUPERINTENDENT

KINGSVILLE, MISSOURI

July-22-43

Dr. "Fog" Allen  
Athletic Director  
Kansas University

Dear Sir:

I am writing this note in regard to a basketball player that is interested in attending K. U. this coming year. My team was very successful last year, this boy being one of the better players. He is only 17, so will have at least one full year to attend school.

This boy will need some kind of a job to help him along with his expenses, he can get some help from home. If you are interested in this boy at all he will be glad to come out to see you. You may drop him a line at Kingsville, Mo. Don Brown is his name.

He is very dependable and his habits are excellent.

Sincerely  
Coach F. C. Wollard



August 9, 1943.

Mr. Lawrence Kennedy,  
o/o Lehr's Cafe,  
Augusta, Kansas.

Dear Lawrence:

I have just received a letter from your former coach, David Shirk, and he tells me that you are interested in coming to the University this fall.

Since you are in the Naval reserve you will doubtless be sent where you are best qualified to get the training the Navy requires. We have no choice in the matter, but of course hope that you will be sent to the University of Kansas.

If we are not fortunate enough to have you this fall, after the war is over I hope you will choose your own State University because the University is the pinnacle of education in the state. A group of colleges is the University. When you graduate and become an alumnus then your range of acquaintanceship touches a great many more fields.

My very best wishes to you.

Cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



August 5, 1943.

Mr. Edward Gibbons, Jr.,  
1401 First Avenue,  
Dodge City, Kansas.

Dear Edward:

Dr. Lawrence Woodruff, the Registrar at the University, informs me that you are applying for entrance at the beginning of the fall semester.

We are very happy to know that you are contemplating entering the University, and we will welcome you here.

I congratulate you on your fine academic record. I find that it is boys who have splendid academic records who always are our best men in athletics. A coach developing boys with fine academic talents is like a depositor putting his money in a sound bank. His returns are sure.

When you come to the University be sure to stop in and say hello. We will be happy to see you and make your stay here as pleasant as possible.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



July 22, 1943.

Mr. Loyd Neff,  
1710 West 50th St.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Loyd:

Answering your good letter of the 19th instant, I am definitely convinced that the best plan would be to send Bill to Lawrence for the term starting in September. Really, Loyd, this arrangement is made only on account of the University coordinating Army and Navy activities. While it may be termed an intensive course, it is really a part of the University year.

Many girls were planning to pass up the first five weeks, but I can see a trend now in the other direction. Corbin Hall and all of the University residence places will not be open to those coming after the five weeks, so the girls are getting in line and I believe it would be best for Bill to come in September.

In the Senate meeting where the professors assemble with the Chancellor, he emphasized that school would start in September, and not five weeks later. All the professors are being engaged on that basis. I believe Bill will get a much better start under this arrangement.


I know that Bill wants to room with Bob Webber. I believe both boys would feel much better by getting in early while rooms are plentiful. Yes, there will be available rooms. Let me know if the boys would like to come down ahead of time and we will gladly cooperate with them in getting them fixed up to their hearts' desire. Let me know if I can do anything further.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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 Johnson County Herald

Overland Park, Kansas

Hedrick 0621

July 19, 1943.

Mr. Forrest C. Allen,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kas.

Dear Phog:

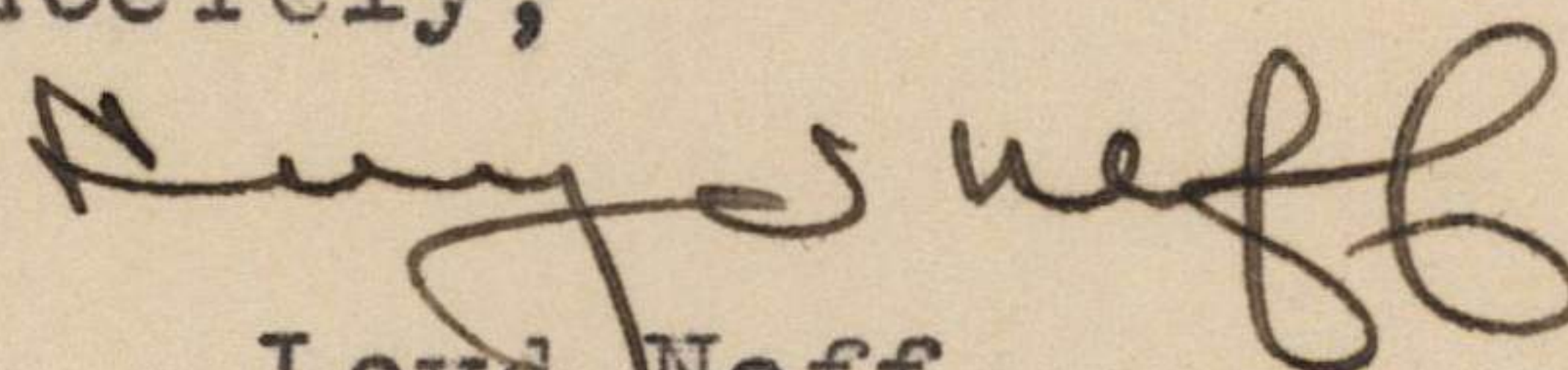
Yours of the 1st was appreciated, and I am coming back to you for a little additional information.

I had planned to send Bill to Lawrence for the term starting in September, but understand that is a short intensive period, and that it might be better for him to wait until November. Can you enlighten me on the different terms, and what in your opinion would be the best thing to do? Bill will be 18 in February, but should be able to complete one year at K.U. I hope, before he has to go into military training.

Also, when he goes to Lawrence, what about rooms? Should he get there a day or two early to get located, and are rooms available? He wants to room with another kid from Shawnee Mission, Bob Weber.

The war has screwed things up so a person can not tell what to figure on.

Sincerely,



Loyd Neff,  
1710 W. 50th St.,  
Kansas City, Mo.



July 1, 1943.

Mr. Lloyd Neff, Publisher,  
Johnson County Herald,  
Overland Park, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Neff:

Thank you for your very good letter of the 29th ultimo. I am glad to know that Bill will be enrolling at the University of Kansas this fall. We will welcome him and you tell him to come to my office for any help or advice that he might care to have. It will always be a pleasure for me to help him in any way that I can.

Having had three boys and three girls of my own, and four grandchildren, I assure you I can forgive Bill's failure to write. That seems to be a weakness of youth.

What is Bill expecting to take at the University this fall? If he is in need of any catalogs or other informative material I will be very happy to mail the same to him. Doubtless you have already received this information, but if you have not let me know and I will see that it is sent at once.

Thanking you for your good letter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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 Johnson County Herald  
Overland Park, Kansas Hedrick 0621

June 29, 1943.

Prof. Phog Allen,  
Kansas University,  
Lawrence, Kas.

Dear Prof. Allen:

Some little while back you were kind enough to write my boy, Bill Neff, regarding the University. Between his summer job and his girl, I understand he has not shown you the courtesy of a reply. Accept my appologies on his behalf.

I am having a transcript of his grades sent to Lawrence by Shawnee Mission High School, as we plan to enroll Bill at K.U. this fall.

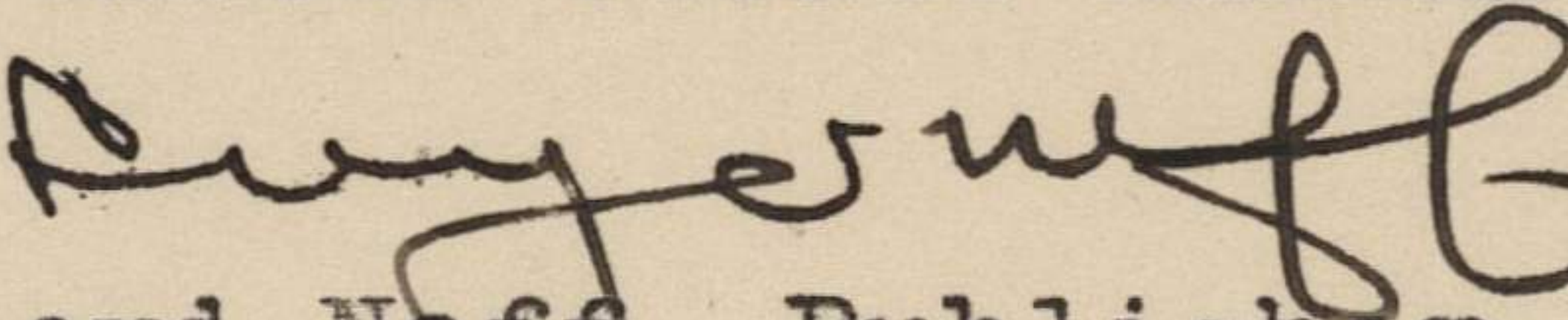
While the kid is not particularly good in his studies, he is enthusiastic about both basketball and swimming, and I shall be glad to have him compete in both, if they do not interfere, and if the war program permits.

If there is any information Bill should have prior to enrollment I would appreciate your advising the proper department so he may receive it in due time.

With best regards, I am,

Very sincerely,

JOHNSON COUNTY HERALD

  
Loyd Neff, Publisher.





June 17, 1943.

Mr. Clarence R. Spong, Principal,  
Anthony High School,  
Anthony, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Spong:

It was good of you to write me as you did in your letter of June 15th regarding Horace Menaseo. I am sorry indeed to learn that Horace is effected by color blindness and that he will be unable to attend college. That is a tough break for him and for us because I am very sure that had he been permitted to attend the University he would have made Henry Shenk and the rest of us a very valuable man.

I appreciate the interest that you have taken in him and in us, and I assure you that if at any time you feel you have a young man who is desirous of attending the University we will be very happy to cooperate with you, and in addition, we will further appreciate your kindness in informing us.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL

ANTHONY, KANSAS

CLARENCE R. SPONG  
PRINCIPAL

JUNE 15, 1943

DR. FORREST ALLEN  
DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

DEAR DR. ALLEN:

IN REGARD TO HORACE MENASCO AND ATTENDING COLLEGE, HE PASSED ARMY NAVY CLASSIFICATION TEST AND WENT TO KANSAS CITY TO TAKE THE NAVY V12 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION. IN THAT TEST HE WAS DISCOVERED TO BE SLIGHTLY COLOR-BLIND. THERE FORE HE'LL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND COLLEGE UNDER THAT PROGRAM AND IS NOW WAITING THE JULY DRAFT CALL TO DETERMINE HIS STATUS UNDER SELECTIVE SERVICE. WE ARE SORRY THAT THIS OCCURRED TO HIM AND WERE HOPING THAT HE COULD ATTEND KANSAS UNIVERSITY AND KNEW THAT HE WOULD BE A VERY FINE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT.

I DECIDED TO GIVE YOU THIS INFORMATION SO THAT YOU UNDERSTAND WHY HE WILL NOT BE GOING TO K.U. AT THIS TIME. BEST OF REGARDS.

*P.S. Thanks for  
the interest shown*

SINCERELY,

*Clarence R. Spong*

CLARENCE R. SPONG  
PRINCIPAL

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