

May 29, 1942.

Mr. Donald Burt,
Fort Dodge, Kansas.

Dear Don:

I am very happy to have your good letter of the 23th instant. I too agree with you that it will be a fine thing to work this summer and save all the money that you can. If you have good sales resistance and can earn \$75.00 a month, then you will be well situated indeed to enter the University.

We have sent you the catalog, but I believe the very best thing that you could do would be to sit down with a pencil and paper and figure with Otto Schnellbacher the expense that he has been through this year. Otto can tell you regarding tuition, books, living expense and everything. Otto tells me that he is going to see you this summer, and I will ask him to go over this whole matter with you.

The reason that I am suggesting this method is because Otto will know exactly what it will cost and you can have much more confidence in the expenditure of a student who has just experienced a full school year on Mount Oread than you would have in receiving figures from an oldster, even though we would endeavor to cover everything in the way of expense that a student is subjected to. The catalog, of course, gives all that data, but I realize that digging these things out is a little more difficult than to get a good first-hand explanation from someone who has just gone through the mill.

Won't you drop me a line from time to time and ask for any information that you are desirous of obtaining?

With all good wishes for the summer, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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May 28, 1942

Mr. F. C. Allen
Laurence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen

I wish to thank you very much for going to the trouble of sending me the catalog and looking on Physical Education.

I have given your letter considerable thought and I believe it would be a wonderful opportunity to get a good start with those extra credits, however, if I plan to attend this fall I had better try to save all the money I can this summer which would be about \$75 a month, and I believe about the best way to do it is to stay around Dodge where I won't have to pay board and room.

If you have time before the summer is over I would appreciate very much if you would send me the approximate cost of getting started this fall in school.

Sincerely yours,
Donald Burt

April 23, 1942.

Mr. Laurence Stanton,
Dodge City, Kansas.

Dear Laurence:

I am enclosing copy of a letter I am sending to Donald Burt. I just wanted you to know that he can be assured of a job if he needs it. However, I always advise against the boys working too much, particularly during their first year. There is a good deal of orientation which is necessary in the transfer from high school to college.

Unless a boy is unusually dependable, he may bite off more than he can chew. But I will give him as much work as he can very properly do, if he needs it. Work at 35¢ an hour is a pretty expensive way to spend his time if he fails in his academic work.

I hope that Donald is planning on coming to the University.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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Mr. James B. ...

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing you a copy of a ...

I am sure you will find it ...

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Yours truly,

James B. ...

1881

April 23, 1942.

Mr. Donald Burt,
Dodge City, Kansas.

Dear Donald:

Otto Schnellbacher dropped into my office and we had a fine conversation regarding you. He told me he had talked with you about coming to the University and that you felt it would be necessary to have some work while you are attending school.

You can count on work, Donald, and when we promise you work we mean that. Every boy who has an opportunity to come to the University, whether he makes it or not, if he needs work we will give it to him. But I know that you will make it because you have been so well trained under Coach Stanton. And you will have many friends here who will help you out when you need advice.

By the way, Otto Schnellbacher was just elected president of his fraternity, Delta Chi, which is a fine honor to come to a first year man. He is not only a fine athlete, but he is a fine student and a great leader on the campus. I predict a great future for him, not only in athletics, but he has what it takes. He is the type of athlete we like. I have never gone for the fellow who is just a great athlete. I think that is a mistake because after his college life is over he is forgotten. But when a boy learns the sources at the University, learns where to find avenues of knowledge, makes friends and learns how to apply the law, then he is a successful and educated man.

I have always told all the boys that athletics only introduce you favorably to society and business. You have still got to have the stuff to make good after the introduction. And when his playing days are over, the vitally necessary thing - education - is what the boy needs for a success.

I hope you are planning on attending the University. I am sure that from the way you have been so highly recommended in other ways that you will not disappoint your friends and well-wishers.

Have you any notion what you would like to major in - journalism, law, medicine, business, education, coaching? We will be glad to send you a catalog and any other special literature pertaining to the course you might select. The College of Liberal

Arts and Sciences gives a general cultural and classic education. Of course, you may specialize in any one of several fields, and get your A. B. degree. The School of Education also has many specialized courses, one of which is the field of Physical Education and coaching. We have a major in the Department of Physical Education.

I suggest that you talk to Coach Stanton, if you haven't already made up your mind.

I shall be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

May 19, 1942.

Mr. Donald Burt,
Dodge City, Kansas.

Dear Don:

I am very happy to have your letter and to know that you are coming to K.U. next year. I am sending a copy of the University catalog to you so that you can have full information about the cost of attending the University.

I am also enclosing a booklet describing the courses in our Department of Physical Education.

I am wondering if you would be interested in attending Summer School during the mornings and working at the Eudora Ordnance plant from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. This would be a good source of income because they pay well out there, and at the same time you could get a few hours of University credit. Many of the boys here are planning on this sort of a program. If you would be interested, let me know, because I am sure I could help you get a job at the plant.

If you have further questions, please write me again.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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May 12, 1942

Mr. Forrest Allen
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen

I had a talk with Mr. Stanton and I was inclined to agree if I could raise the money to attend K.U. next year instead of attending the Junior College at Dodge for one year as I was planning on doing and then going to a four year college.

I would appreciate very much if you sent me some information on the approximate cost if I took a Physical Director course and also a catalog on this course.

I was very pleased to hear the news about Otto and I agree in every way what you said about him for he is a very fine boy.

Sincerely yours

Donald Burt

June 17, 1942.

Mr. Alton Redus,
Route 2, Box 181,
Kingsville, Texas.

Dear Alton:

I am happy to have your letter of June 12, and glad to know that Mr. Isenberger has recommended the University of Kansas to you.

I imagine, however, that you are interested in obtaining a scholarship. I understand that Rice and many of the other schools have scholarships which provide for room, board, tuition - if there is any, and also spending money for the athlete. Here at the University of Kansas we have never had such scholarships. The tuition for non-residents is treble what it is for residents of Kansas, and unless you had enough money saved to take care of your expenses you would find it rather hard to earn what you would need.

I believe with your baseball skill you would find places where you could obtain a scholarship - perhaps the University of Texas. I regret very much that we have nothing of the sort here to offer you.

We do appreciate Mr. Isenberger's friendship and we would like to have you at the University of Kansas, but there are other schools where baseball is appreciated more than it is here. I am glad to send you a catalog of the University of Kansas, and if under the circumstances you decide to come we shall be happy to have you here.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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Route 2, Box 181
Kingsville, Texas
June 12, 1942

The University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas
Board of Athletics
Head Baseball Coach

Dear Sir:

Your school has been recommended to me by one of your old ex-students and my friend Mr. Isenberger of Corpus Christi, Texas. He set it out as one of high scholastic and athletic value.

I attended Schreiner Institute at Kerrville, Texas for the term from September 16, 1941 to May 27, 1942. I earned a major letter in football and made the basketball team but was forced to discontinue it because of studies. I had previously lettered three years in high school at Kingsville, Texas. Baseball is the sport in which I am the most interested in as I am more qualified for it than the others because of experience. I have played two years of Semi-Pro baseball in the Gulf Coast League of South Texas. The League was dissolved at the close of the past season and I would not know who to refer to for references. Is there a try out camp in which I could attend? I am eighteen years old, 5'10" in height and weigh 182 pounds. I bat and throw right handed and have been playing at short stop but have pitched some also.

I have no college hours to my credit as I have just finished high school. I have a class average of a high seventy.

I would appreciate it very much if you would sent me a bulletin of your school as I would like to consider the possibility of entering for the 1942-43 term.

Yours truly,

Alton Redus

June 19, 1942.

Mr. Ray Thayer,
Hoisington, Kansas.

Dear Ray:

Our Chancellor, Deane W. Malott, had written me concerning your outstanding qualifications as an athlete, and your academic achievements. Somehow, your name was transmitted to him as Ray Fair, and we wrote to you using that name. Your superintendent of schools, Mr. Kroesch, has been kind enough to write me giving your correct name.

We understand not only from the Chancellor, but from your friends in Hoisington that you are a very desirable student, both scholastically and athletically. I want to assure you that we will be very happy to have you enter the University of Kansas this fall. It would be a great pleasure to have a chap like you on my squad.

I have always been more concerned in athletes who were exceptional students than I have in students who were exceptional athletes. It is like putting your money in a sound bank. When you teach a boy the fundamentals you are quite sure that your work is of some avail when you realize he is a good student. We have been fortunate in having on our varsity basketball team men who have been outstanding students.

If there is any way in which I can help you please let me know. Be sure to come in my office when you get come to Lawrence, and say hello so that we may get better acquainted.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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June 19, 1942.

Mr. Edward D. Kroesch,
Superintendent of Schools,
Hoisington, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Kroesch:

Thank you for your kindness in writing me concerning Ray Thayer. He seems to have very desirable qualities, and we will be indeed happy to welcome him here at the University of Kansas. I am enclosing a copy of the letter I have written him.

Thanking you for your prompt reply to our letter, I
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Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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HOISINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HOISINGTON, KANSAS

June 18, 1942

Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Director
Physical Education and Recreation
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

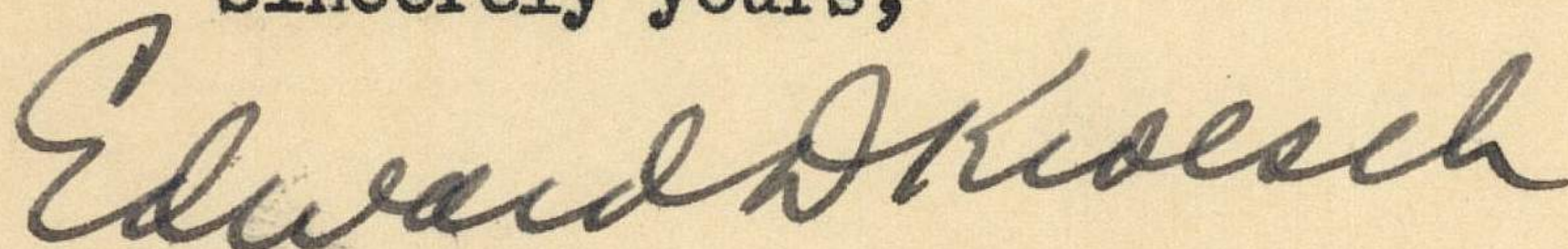
Dear Dr. Allen:

The boy whom Dr. Malott was undoubtedly speaking about is Ray Thayer. He graduated this spring in the 1st honor group was active in school organizations, Hi-Y, Student Council, music group, dramatics and journalism. He is a very talented boy and hopes to go into some form of engineering.

He has been one of the outstanding basketball players in this section in the last two years although he has grown up with the game. He handles himself easily on the floor and in most games has been the leading scorer. I cannot tell you what his average has been but I am confident it was rather high.

I believe he has already made application for entrance in one of the boys' dormitories. That indicates somewhat the position in which the family finds itself. I believe they will be able to give him some help but he has always been a boy who has had a job while going to school and I think he feels a certain responsibility in this line. I think it would be very fine if you could write him because I know he will be a very desirable student both scholastically and in athletics.

Sincerely yours,



Edward D. Kroesch, Sup't
Hoisington, Kansas.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

May 27, 1942.

Mr. Ray Fair,
Hoisington, Kansas.

Dear Ray:

Our Chancellor, Deane W. Malott, has written me concerning your outstanding qualifications as an athlete, and your academic achievements. The fact that you play football and basketball and compete in track, and still achieve the honor student status, shows to me that you are an exceptional individual.

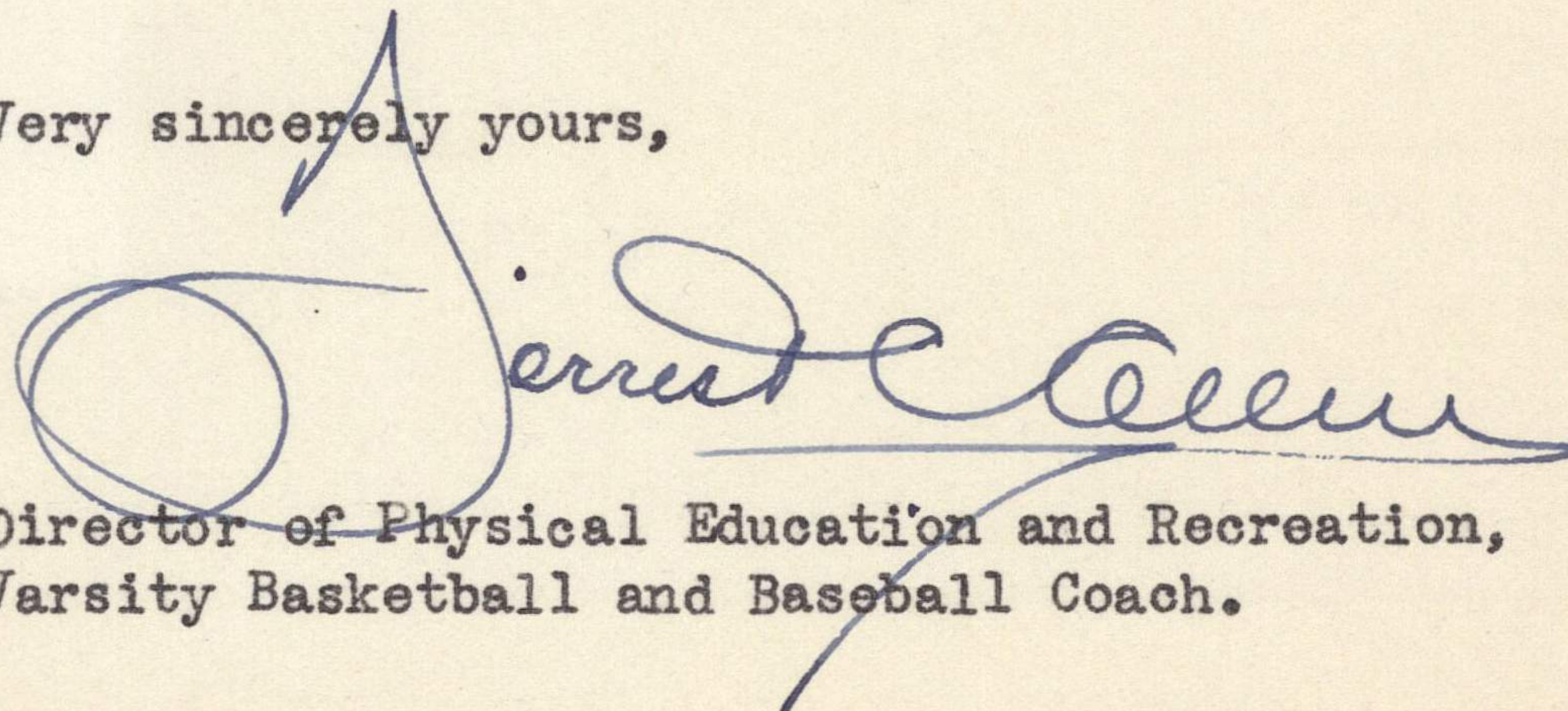
I would be very happy to have you enter the University of Kansas. It would be a great pleasure to have a chap like you on my squad.

I have always been more concerned in athletes who were exceptional students than I have in students who were exceptional athletes. It is like putting your money in a sound bank. When you teach a boy the fundamentals you are quite sure that your work is of some avail when you realize he is a good student. We have been blessed on our varsity basketball team with outstanding students. I believe that is the reason if we have made a record, it is on account of their basketball fundamentals as well as their academics. From year to year you get the benefit of your training because you are always eligible.

In what do you expect to major? You may not be interested in Physical Education, but if you are if you will write me I will be very glad to send you all the information you desire concerning this course. If you are interested in some other branch if you will let me know that also I will see that catalogs and proper information are sent you.

Assuring you it would be a great pleasure to have you matriculate at the University of Kansas this fall, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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June 19, 1942.

Chancellor Deane W. Malott,
University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Malott:

On May 23 you wrote me about a boy, Ray Fair, of Hoisington, who was interested in coming to the University this fall, and on May 27 I sent him a letter. This letter was returned, unclaimed.

Then I sent a letter to the superintendent of schools at Hoisington, asking him if he would be so kind as to send me the address of Ray Fair so that my letter would reach him.

This morning I received a letter from Superintendent Kroesch saying that the boy's name is Ray Thayer. Doubtless when the name was transmitted to you it sounded like Ray Fair. At any rate, I am writing Ray Thayer assuring him that we will be happy to have him here.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

June 17, 1942.

Superintendent of Schools,
Hoisington, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Chancellor Deane W. Malott, of the University, recently informed us that one of your Hoisington boys - Ray Fair - was very much interested in coming to the University of Kansas next fall.

I wrote to Ray Fair, assuring him that we would be happy to have him here, but the letter was returned to us unclaimed.

I am wondering if you would be kind enough to give me the address of Ray Fair, so that I may write him again.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

May 27, 1942.

Chancellor Deane W. Malott,
University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Malott:

Thank you very much for taking time from your busy existence to write me concerning Ray Fair, of Hoisington. I am writing him today encouraging him to enter the University of Kansas. It will be a pleasure to cooperate in any way we can in enlisting students for the University this coming year.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

OFFICE OF
THE CHANCELLOR

May 23, 1942

Prof. F. C. Allen
105 Robinson Gym
Campus

Dear Phog:

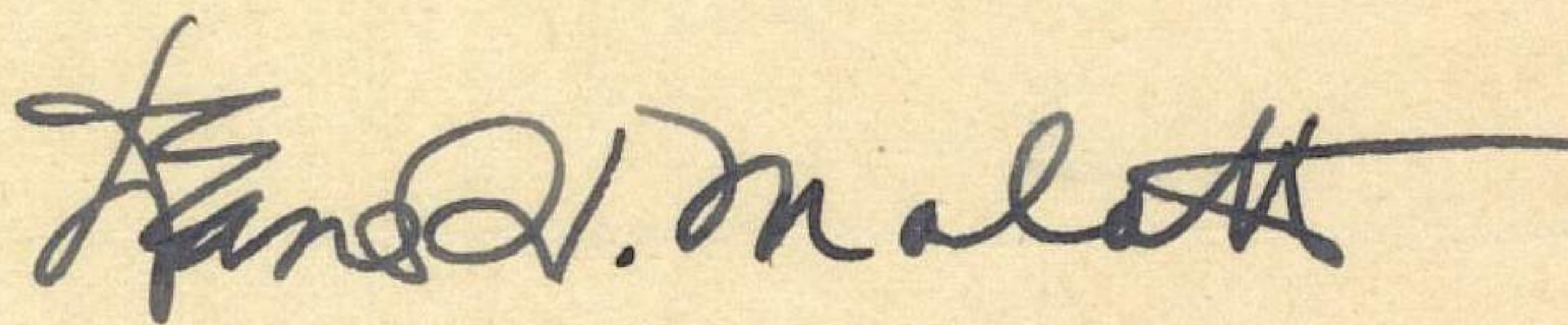
I talked with a chap in Hoisington last night, one of the honor students, by the name of Ray Fair, who is a football, basketball and track man who wants to come to K. U. next year to play basketball under you.

He looks like good material. Wayne Replogle has interviewed him and asked him to come down sometime this month.

I thought you would want to confer with Wayne about him and drop the lad a line. The address is just Hoisington, Kansas.

The school principal there is a K. U. man who is trying to get him to come to K. U.

Sincerely yours,



Deane W. Malott
Chancellor

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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June 29, 1942.

Mr. Richard Pfister,
Hiawatha, Kansas.

Dear Dick:

As soon as I received your letter of June 25th I called the Dean of the Engineering School and asked that you be sent catalogs and information concerning the courses of study in that division. You doubtless have received this material by this time.

I am delighted to know that you are seriously considering entering the University this fall. As far as work is concerned, we will be glad to give you work in the towel room at 35¢ an hour for two hours a day. That is the maximum amount of time you are allowed to work if you are carrying a full school load. If you do not need to work, however, I wouldn't advise you to take on too much at the beginning. In fact, you would be better off if you did not need to work during your first year, but you can have the work any time you want it.

Engineering is pretty tough, and in the orientation from high school to college it is stiff but no stiffer here than any place else. This University is for the ordinary student, and if a boy studies he never has any difficulty. "Hutch" Walker and Marvin Sollenberger, of Hutchinson, Kansas, two members of our varsity basketball team, both made the honor society in the Engineering School. They are both ordinary boys bent on giving the best they have in athletics as well as engineering.

If I can be of any further assistance to you, please write me again.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Hiawatha, Kansas
June 25, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I plan to enroll in the University of Kansas this fall - that is in September.

Would you please send me some information about the University regarding the courses, tuition, etc.? I am interested in engineering although I don't know what division of engineering to take.

I would also appreciate any information as to how I would be able to obtain a job.

Yours truly,

Richard Pfister

June 30, 1942.

Mr. Ellis Nicolet,
Cimarron, Kansas.

Dear Ellis:

Pardon my delay in answering your good letter of the 22nd instant. I assure you that I did not misunderstand your letter, but there are so many coaches in the country that picture college life nothing but a succession of sports and games that I wanted to be sure that I would not do so.

I believe you when you say that your greatest ambition and purpose is to become a good student and successful man after you graduate. Of course, it is perfectly natural, too, to expect that you want to be a fine athlete and there is no reason why you should not fulfill those dreams. Athletics introduce the individual to society and business, but it is the brains and the personality plus the incentive that causes a man to make good in later years.

You are right. A great deal of appreciation should be shown to the parents who see you through. I am glad that your grades are of such high order, and all of that is in your favor, of course.

Regarding your basketball ability, I am quite sure that you will be able to make the varsity because most of my boys who play on my varsity are boys who come from small Kansas towns. If you have the incentive to train and to study, then I am sure that the boy with more than ordinary ability, as you have, can make it.

Now, another thing. It is not necessary to make the team to hold your job. We have many boys on our working force now who started out but did not continue because their studies got tough, and they were fine prospects. I did not cut them off the squad. I have never cut a man off the squad unless he breaks training, and then I am very reasonable in giving him another chance if he really wants to make good.

I am taking the matter up with the Department of Journalism and asking them to send you the necessary information and any special pamphlets they have which might interest you.

With all good wishes, and anticipating the pleasure of your enrolling at the University, I am

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Lincoln, Mo.

June 22 - 42

Dear Doc. Allen:

I must say, that I was quite thrilled at receiving your letter.

I take it that I didn't emphasize "education" and put too much on "sports" from your letter.

I do want you to know that my greatest ambition and purpose is to become a good student and a successful man after I graduate. I am sure that my folks have a lot of confidence

in me or they wouldn't put me in college and I intend to satisfy them in every way by being a good student and in later years be able to show my appreciation towards them for putting me in school. My grade average for high school was between a B-b and there is no use denying the fact that I didn't study as much as I should of and I want to make up for that in college.

My second ambition is to make a college basketball team. I'm not sure that I can but I

country. With coaching and self-confidence I might fool myself.

If I do go to K.U. I will probably work part of the time.

I have heard from almost every coach — "Oh, if you go there, you've got to make the team, now if you come to my school, why —" I suppose this is true, but maybe I can work out something.

I mentioned in my other letter that I wanted to major in journalism and if it isn't too much trouble, I would greatly appreciate some information from the journalism

department.

I have been practicing pivots and shots this summer and have been studying English. I work at the swimming pool and have time to do both in the evening.

I hope I have made it clear to you that my first thought is of an education, after all, that is one's greatest chance and I don't intend to throw mine away.

I thank you very much and I hope to make good at K. U. - providing I enter there.

Very Sincerely Yours
Ellis Yiolet

June 13, 1942.

Mr. Ellis Nicolet,
Cimarron, Kansas.

Dear Ellis:

I was very happy to have your letter of recent date. Yes, I remember meeting you with your father. I am happy that Otto Schnellbacher had an opportunity to visit with you. I am sure that he likes the University of Kansas pretty well because he has done excellent work in an academic way. He is tops - personally and athletically. The professors here are very fond of him and the coaches, of course, think he is the ideal student athlete. It is such fellows as Schnellbacher that we are particularly interested in.

I would be very happy to have you consider the University of Kansas. After your talk with Schnellbacher you can get an idea about how we conduct athletics here at the University. We encourage that type of student and discourage the fellow who comes only to play ball. We know that the latter type will not stay long and will not do himself much good, nor the University.

If you are interested in coming to the University we will be glad to help you in the way of work for the hours that you are able to work.

I want to congratulate you on your fine athletic record. If there is any further information that I can give you I will be happy to do so. Won't you write me and tell me what school you are particularly interested in, then I will send you a catalog of that particular school. I am asking the Registrar to mail you a copy of the general University catalog.

You will hear a lot of things about "high-hat" students at the University, but Schnellbacher is a typical type of student athlete that you will find on the athletic teams, certainly on our basketball team.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

FCA:AH

Pimaron, Kans.

Wednesday - 9 A.M.

Dear Doctor Allen:

Otto Schnellbacher was up to Pimaron the other day and told me to write you, so - I'm doing so.

I met you in Kansas City at the N. C. A. I don't suppose you remember me or my father as there were so many introductions made to you that evening, but anyway, I am very much

interested in going to school
at K. U. I am also very much
interested in basketball. I love
the game. I eat, sleep, and
talk, basketball. I played 3
years of Jr. High ball on the first
team and 3 years of Senior High
ball on the first team. This
year, my average per game, 23
games, was 16 points. Our team
went to the semi finals of the
regionals and my junior year,

we lost to Sublette in the finals,
due to the fact of a nice passing
team. I really told me to tell you
my average so I do hope you
don't think I'm trying to say.
I could make your team. On
the contrary, I rather doubt it as
tonight I was looking at a N.Y.
picture and you lost I believe, four
men. My average the junior year
was $13\frac{1}{2}$ per game and 24 games.

Snelly said he talked to you
about me. I suppose he told
you that we have had no coaching
what-so-ever the last five years.
What we made in the way of a
record was mostly due to the fact
that our first five all live in the
same block and have played together
for years. I'm not slamming our
coach for he is one of the swellest
fellows I have ever known. He
is a wonderful football coach

and is going up into tougher
competition as he will be head foot-
ball coach at Wellington. We are
all wishing ^{him} loads of luck. He
admitted that he was no basket-
ball coach. Please don't take me
as a - know it all - but he
really didn't, and said he didn't.

I believe that if I had better
coaching, that I might develop into
a fair player, yet after seeing
the N. C. A. A. games I have

my doubts. What I really would like to do is to go out for ball at K. U. and if I improve and I am up at the top of your Freshman list, then continue, but if I see I'm not going to ever be good enough, stick to studies.

Our coach here is trying to put me in C. U. and while at Kansas City I talked with "Frosty" Cox. He is a very nice fellow. I also have talked

with Jim Leager several times and
I think both men tops, but I be-
lieve in going where you think
you'll enjoy and receive a better
education and that's why I'm
interested in K. U.

I want to major in journal-
ism. I am not too strong in English
but I am studying this summer.

Doc, Allen, would you please,
if you have time, let me know

what you think. I played center
in high school but was always
forced to play guard because
of the difficulty our guards had
in getting bottled up. I am
6'1" I weigh between 170 + 75.

If you wouldn't mind would
you write. I believe Snelly has
probably written too, about me.

Thank you very much

Ellis Nicolet

Pimaron, Mo.

Very sincerely Yours
Ellis Nicolet