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Mr. Jean Fisher,  
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Dear Jean:

Milton gave me the information regarding Bob Powell, and I want you to know that I appreciate your interest in him. As you know, Ernie Vanek coaches at Topeka High and he is one of my star pupils and one of my good friends. He is in school here this summer and has a class under me, so I discussed it with him this morning confidentially.

Ernie said that Bob Powell and George Beverly both want very much to come to K. U., but of course they will need work. Ernie stated that Dee Erickson got them a job at the bomber plant along with the other three seniors that graduated this year from his high school team. Dee is endeavoring to get the entire group to enter Washburn and of course is working strenuously in that direction. Ernie cannot say or do anything, but naturally he wants to be loyal to Topeka High School and he certainly would not advise the boys to the detriment of Washburn or K.U., but he says that both Bob Powell and George Beverly want to attend K.U. very badly.

He states that Bob Powell lost his father last winter and it will be necessary for him to work, as it will be necessary for Beverly to work. Now that is where I come in. I can give the boys work and will be glad to. The work is not on account of their athletic ability, because there are many boys who do not go out for athletics who are partially self-supporting and work their way through school. Therefore, if you see Bob Powell or George Beverly tell them this, as I will tell them, that with the money they earn in the bomber plant they can certainly go to K.U. if they desire. Just because Dee gets them a job is no reason why they should be forced to attend Washburn. I have gotten a lot of boys jobs, but they went to other schools. But the jobs that I get them are not because they are athletes, but workers.