

April 11, 1942.

Mr. Ted White,
Lyons, Kansas.

Dear Ted:

It has been our custom in the past few years to invite outstanding seniors who are proficient in basketball to come to the University on the morning of the Kansas Relays, April 18, about 10 o'clock, and work out with our varsity and freshman basketball players in Robinson Gymnasium. It is not necessary that you bring any athletic equipment. We will check out equipment to you, and you will have a lot of fun shooting goals and playing informally from 10 to 11:30.

Our varsity basketball players will be dressed and will put on a few drills, but nothing elaborate. You merely check out equipment and go with the boys on the floor and have a lot of fun shooting baskets, then take a shower, and you are ready for an early start for the Relays. We will have a ticket ready for you for the Relays in the afternoon.

I talked to Max about you the other day, and if you decide to come to the University I know that you could make the varsity squad and it would not be long before you would make a letter. Max tells me that you work in the Chandler bank. With your experience I am sure I could help you out here. I believe that every boy should get a college education, whether he goes out for athletics or not.

I trust that it will be possible for you to come next Saturday when you will have an opportunity to meet our varsity players. Please let me hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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April 11, 1942.

Mr. Kenneth Bounds,
Northeast High School,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Kenny:

I am happy to know that you are planning on being with us next Saturday morning at the "basketball mixer". I am sure you will have a lot of fun with the boys.

You had better bring those size 14 shoes. They are rather difficult to get, and I am not sure that we could fit you here. We will have everything else for you, but you should perhaps bring your own shoes.

Looking forward to seeing you, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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

Kansas City, Mo.
April 8, 1947

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

I received your kind invitation to attend the Kansas Relays on April 18 and also to practice with the Varsity basketball team. I consider this a great privilege and will sure be there.

If you do not have a size "14" basketball shoe please let me know and I will bring my own.

Thanking you again, I am

Very truly yours,
Henry Bounds

April 11, 1942.

Mr. Bob Carson,
McPherson, Kansas.

Dear Bob:

I am happy to know that you will be able to attend our "basketball mixer" next Saturday morning at Robinson Gymnasium. It will make no difference that you are a junior. While we thought you were a senior this year, you will be very welcome, and we will be glad to have you with us.

Looking forward to greeting you, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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

Bob Carson,
McPherson, Kans.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. F. C. Allen,
Kansas University,
Lawrence,
Kans.

4/7/42

Dear Mr. Allen,

I shall be glad to accept your kind invitation to come up to the university on the eighteenth. I am looking forward to both the relays and the basket-ball practice.

Incidentally, Mr. Allen, I am a junior, not a senior as your letter inferred. If this should affect your invitation, please let me know immediately. Sincerely,
Bob Carson

April 11, 1942.

Mr. Delmar Curry,
Kansas High School Activities Association,
National Reserve Building,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Delmar:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 9th instant enclosing the lists of high school basketball players. This will be of great assistance to us in sending invitations to the seniors for the "basketball mixer" held in Robinson Gymnasium the morning of the Kansas Relays.

I also wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th enclosing the clipping giving the all-state class B honor roll.

Very sincerely yours,

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

R. L. Jewell, Jr.

Sedan, Kansas

April 12, 1942

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Department of Physical Education
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

I received your letter of invitation to be present at the Kansas Relays and for the morning session in the Robinson Gymnasium. I am glad to accept your invitation and will be at the gymnasium at 10:00 o'clock on the morning of April 18.

Thanks very much for this opportunity to visit the University.

I am,

Very truly yours,

R. L. Jewell, Jr.

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Sedan, Kansas

April 12, 1942

Dr. Forrest Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I appreciate very much the invitation to come up to K. U. on Saturday, April 18, and I will be there to practice with the Varsity Basketball Team.

Thanking you again, I am

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Bass

Monday,
April 13, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

In regard to your letter of April 1st inviting me up for your basketball clinic and the K. U. Relays, I regret that I will be unable to attend. Because of my being a member of the high school golf team and playing in the week-end golf tournaments, it will be impossible for me to attend. I wish to thank you for your kind invitation, and I sincerely hope, that at a later date I will be able to visit your school.

Sincerely yours,
Kirk Scott, jr.

April 13, 1942

Forrest C. Allen

University of Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen.

I am sorry that I cannot accept your invitation April 18th.

I play on The Topeka High Baseball team and have a game scheduled with Wyandotte High on that date.

In case of the ball games postponed I will gladly be there.

I am looking forward to college but haven't decided where I will go.

Thanking you for the

invitation and hoping to
hear from you in the
future.

Very sincerely yours

Jim Tyree
Topeka High School
Topeka.

April 13, 1942.

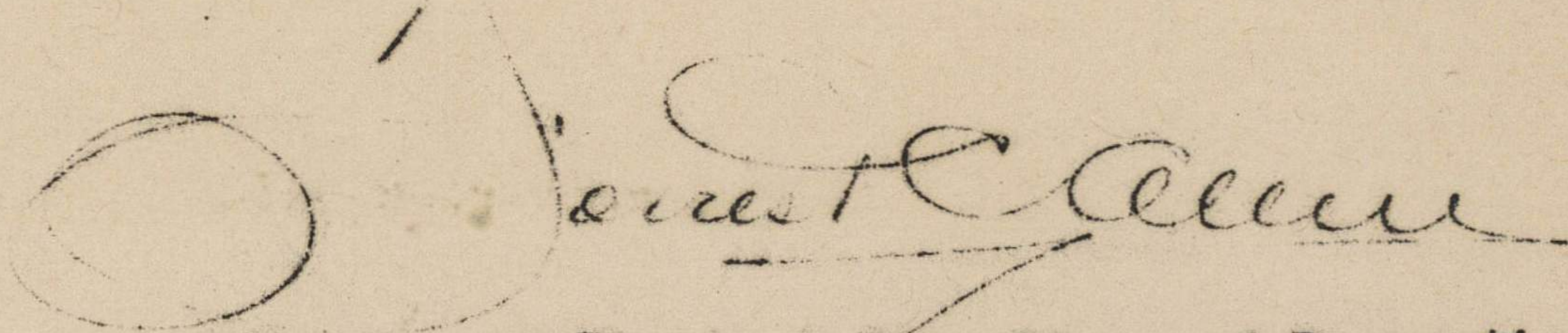
To Varsity and Freshman Basketball Men:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I have recently sent to outstanding high school seniors, inviting them to come to the gymnasium on the morning of the Kansas Relays, April 18, to shoot a few goals and work out with the varsity players. Each of you will be considered a committee of one to greet these boys and help each one of them have a good time.

I would appreciate it if you will keep Saturday morning free for these high school boys. Plan to get here about 9:30 and be dressed in your varsity uniforms by the time the boys arrive. Some of our boys have said that this little courtesy had as much to do with their determination to enter the University of Kansas as any one thing. I want you to know how important it is to our visitors. This "mixer" is something that they will cherish for a long time. The whole purpose of the affair is for the boys to come and shoot some baskets, take a shower, and then get a ticket for the Kansas Relays in the afternoon.

Please stop by my office early this week and let me know that I may count on each one of you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Forest Allen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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

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September 8, 1942.

Mr. Darrell Havener,
5201 Garfield,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Darrell:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter and to know
that you are working at the Sunflower Ordnance Works.

You may count on the additional help that we promised
you, and we will welcome you to the University of Kansas.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Sept. 3, 1942

Dr. Forest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am glad to tell you that due to your kind assistance I am now working at the Sunflower Ordnance Works. I sincerely appreciate what you did and with that help I will be able to attend the University this year.

As I mentioned during our conversation at your home, I would like a job at Lawrence during the school year for further financial aid.

Thanking you again, I am,

Very Sincerely Yours
Darrell Havener

August 27, 1942.

Phone -
Linwood 6398

Mr. Darrell Havenor,
5201 Garfield,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Darrell:

I have asked the University authorities to forward you the University catalog together with an illustrated booklet on the School of Fine Arts.

I also called for Mr. Tom Van Cleave, Jr., the assistant prosecuting attorney of Wyandotte County. I wanted to ask his aid in getting you on at the Sunflower Ordnance Works at DeSoto, but I find that he is in the army encampment and will not return before Friday morning. I have left the call in and will speak to him about 9 o'clock when he returns. At that time I will ask him to help you, and if he thinks he can do so I will give him your telephone number and have him call you.

I have talked to Bill Brill, of 1922 No. 24th, Kansas City, Kansas, today and asked him to call you. He is a member of our varsity basketball team and is working at the S.O.W. He got on by knowing someone with influence and he has promised me that he will call you and attempt to get you on right away.

You can rest assured that I am using every device that I can to get you located. If there is anything else that I can do, please inform me.

It was a pleasure to have you and your dad visit in our home. I always tell a boy that unless he has at least \$150 saved which will take care of his tuition and books and leave him a small nest egg that it is not wise to attempt a University education. While I would be delighted to have you here at the University of Kansas, I am wondering if you have thought of the University of Kansas City for a school if you are not able to make the financial grade here. I am sure they have the reserve Army and Navy offerings there that they have at most other schools, and after all what a boy is thinking about now is getting an education, and if he can participate in athletics so much the better. But the first thing is an education and service to our country.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

August 24, 1942.

Mr. Darrell Havener,
5201 Garfield,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Darrell:

I shall be happy to see you Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday evening this week at my home. I live at 801 Louisiana Street, and my telephone number is 300.

Let me know ahead of time when you are coming so that I can arrange to be at home. It will be a pleasure to see you and talk about your plans for entering the University.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

August 23, 1942

Dr. Forest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have your letter of the 20th regarding my enrolling at the University which you wrote after talking to Lt. Ted O'Sullivan.

I have not definitely decided on any course of study and would appreciate the opportunity of having your advice on this.

Would it be convenient for me to come to Lawrence some evening this week and talk to you about my course and work this year?

I will appreciate it if you let me know if this can be arranged and what evening would suit you best.

Very Sincerely,

Darrell Havener
5201 Gasfield
Kansas City, Mo.

August 20, 1942.

Mr. Darrell Havener,
5201 Garfield,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Darrell:

I was over at Fort Leavenworth aid Charles Black with his enlistment in the Cadet Aviation Reserve. I saw Ted O'Sullivan and he handed me your letter which was written him on May 18.

I am writing to tell you that we will be glad to help you help yourself. I am sure that I met you when I spoke at Paseo High School this past winter. You have a fine academic record and we would be happy to have you here at the University. What are you figuring on studying? If you do not have a catalog please advise me and I will see that one is sent you together with any other available information you may wish.

There is no question about our being able to give you a job if you want it because not only do we have jobs here but the Hercules people are putting on split shifts for the students and there is every opportunity to find all the work that you will be able to do this fall. All our Lawrence merchants are especially short-handed and if a fellow has any aptitude at all he will have no difficulty in getting work. And we have several jobs here at the University that will be open to you and other boys. I have such jobs at the present time.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

May 18, 1942
5201 Garfield
Kansas City, Mo.

Lt. O'Sullivan
Ft. Leavenworth

Dear Sir:

My father told me that you would be kind enough to write to Dr. Allen concerning my attending K. U.

I do want to go to school at K. U., and even more, play basketball, but without some help I will be unable to do so.

While living in Abilene, Kansas, I played basketball in grade school and my freshman year. My sophomore year I played guard on the "B" team at Paseo and guard on the first team my junior and senior years.

I am approximately 6 feet, one-half inch tall and weigh 160 lbs. I have had no difficulties scholastically, having made no grade below "C" in school, being in the

upper one-fourth of my class scholastically.
On the senior aptitude test, a test
given all seniors to see if it is ad-
visable for them to go to college, my
grade was 92%, among the highest 40.

Any help you can give me on this
will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Darrell Havener

August 10, 1942.

Mr. Otto Schnellbacher,
Sublette, Kansas.

Dear Otto:

Thank you very much for your good letter regarding Vern Rutledge. I am wondering if you would be kind enough to look up Dorsey Elliott and Vern Rutledge and find out just how much sold Vern is on the University of Kansas, or if Dorsey is trying to place him.

You know, Otto, my policy is to get good boys like Elton Winter and Otto Schnellbacher ("Thank you, Doc"), and other chaps that have the "go" and the "it". They have got energy, they have got brains, and they have got morale. I would like to help all of these boys, but it is impossible in my limited way to help them so I choose a choice lot and go all out for them, but if these other fellows contact me and show their interest, then of course I will do as much for them as I possibly can. But the help is generally limited by their own inability.

I am delighted to know about Elton Winter. I am writing him at the Gardiner Creamery Company, Garden City, Kansas, congratulating him and offering our full cooperation. His transcript should be sent to Mr. Laurence Woodruff, the Registrar at the University of Kansas. I presume that the principal has done this as they will not send transcripts to individuals at the University. I appreciate the fact that his Junior College coach will do everything of course to keep him at Garden City.

An article appeared in the Lawrence Journal-World last Friday night which will give you plenty of latitude in joining up with Uncle Sam without getting in the draft. I am sending you a copy of it so if you want to enlist in something you can write Registrar Woodruff and be assured of staying in college until you graduate, I think - I hope, at least.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I am writing Elton Winter.

With all good wishes, and hoping to see you in your usual affable and robust self, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Mr. J. C. Allen
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen

I did not know Vern Rutledge was interested in going to college until I read your letter concerning Vern.

Vern is a large lad - 6' 2" tall weighs between 190 to 210 lbs. Vern was a team mate of mine in High school and then I thought he was college material. I do think so yet, but since he has had poor coaching his last year I don't know. All I know about Vern is that his weak points in Basketball ~~is~~ that ~~he~~ doesn't have too much saving ability and sometimes little slow. But he is a good rebound man and a good defense man. a good passer. Also he is a good student - He can make passing grades without any trouble. Personally I think Vern is worth a bid, for he is the type of boy that does not do any thing half way. He does it all the way. But sometimes he has to be pushed to be started. He could play some good ball for he has the desire to.

I have some ~~real~~ news now. Elton Winter just told me about 10 minutes ago

~~over~~ ~~the~~ telephone ^{that} he is going to attend K. C. Next year
and wanted me to write and tell you. He ask me where
he was to send his transcript and I am having him
send it to you. I hope this will be all right with you.

If you want to write him His address is.

Elton Winter

% Gardiner Creamery Co.

Garden City, Kansas.

If you do not receive his transcript within 8 to 10
days from now let me know for the Jr. College
coach is sure giving him a go around - Elton
is to good of a ball ^{player} for a Jr. College. Beside all these
Brains that would be going to waste. You know he
is a very Brilliant student.

As for myself I am still not joined any
service of the U. S. Army and do not plan to until
the draft makes me. No. I have not even thought
about going to the army. See you soon.

yours sincerely

Alb Schnellbach

July 27, 1942.

Mr. Otto Schnellbacher,
Sublette, Kansas.

Dear Otto:

On July 20th I received a letter from Coach Dorsey Elliott in regard to Vern Rutledge. He states that Vern wants to go to school and play basketball. Coach Gwinn Henry also received a letter from Coach Elliott stating that Vern wanted to play football, and wanted to know in what way Gwinn and I could help him.

In my letter I told him that "Otto Schnellbacher is in Sublette and I will ask Otto to get in touch with Vern, and since Otto is here at the University he can tell him just about what it will cost here at K. U. You know, Dorsey, the cost in any school is controlled by the individual student more than anyone else. If a kid cannot hold his expenses down and does not have good sales resistance, of course it will cost him a lot of money. But many boys have gone through the University of Kansas very cheaply and still have gotten a fine education."

Won't you write me, Otto, and tell me all about Vern Rutledge's athletic ability, both in football and basketball? Gwinn Henry was in the office this morning talking to me concerning his answering Elliott's letter. I answered on July 21, so I am anxious to hear from you and have you tell me if Dorsey Elliott is shopping around for Vern or if Vern really wants to come to school and help himself get an education. Coach Henry told me that it was his impression that some of the boys were flirting with Colorado schools out there.

Now, about yourself. How are you getting along, big fellow? Have you lined up in any of the reserves as yet? Someone was telling me that the report was out that you were figuring on enlisting in the active service at once, but there is only one way for me to find out and that is to write you. Drop me a line and let me hear from you.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Sublette, Kansas
July 20, 1942

Dear "Choy":
My letter concerns Vern Rutledge who told me last week that he wanted to go to Kansas University. Vern was a member of Sublette's championship team two years ago and also played again last year. I expect you remember him from the clinic at Dodge City last year as my big forward no. 99. Vern is about 6' 2", ~~or~~ 200 lbs, and, I think, the best defensive ball player I have seen in Western Kansas high schools. His timing is splendid making him invaluable out the backboard and in blocking attempts at the basket. He plays a cool game and is most dependable.

As for his offense, he isn't a point-maker and you can easily understand it since you have Schnellbacher now. Being a large boy Vern was able to make the first five with Otto and the other boys but his job was to get the ball and feed it to Schnellbacher + Winters. He did that so long that he forgot about scoring himself. He has a good eye but hasn't developed the habit of taking advantage of his

scoring opportunities. He averaged about 6 points a game for me last year.

Vern is a good student and has done work about average in school. I think he is one of the best kids we have had in Sublette High school. I'm sure that in weighing the possibilities of your prospective athletes, character & personality mean a great deal so I want you to know that he is a fine boy.

Mr. Rutledge owns a small farm here, but I doubt if he will be able to contribute much to Vern's education. When I talked to Vern last week he said he would have a little money, which I gathered would be his harvest wages, but that he would need a job to earn his own way.

I realize that you will have to provide help for several athletes this fall and if you feel that you can't help Vern, I want you to let me know as soon as possible because I want to help him get lined up in some other school. His first choice is K.U. so I want to help him along with you fellows first.

Sincerely yours,
Dorsey Elliott

July 21, 1942.

Mr. Dorsey Elliott,
Coach, Sublette High School,
Sublette, Kansas.

Dear Dorsey:

Thank you very much for your nice letter of July 20th concerning Vern Rutledge. Yes, I do remember him and I think he is a fine player, and he looked like an excellent chap from my observation.

I am glad that Vern's first choice is K.U., and I assure you we will be very happy to help him. Otto Schnellbacher is in Sublette and I will ask Otto to get in touch with Vern, and since Otto is here at the University he can tell him just about what it will cost here at the University. You know, Dorsey, the cost in any school is controlled by the individual student more than anyone else. If a kid cannot hold his expenses down and does not have good sales resistance, of course it will cost him a lot of money. But many boys have gone through the University of Kansas very cheaply and still have gotten a fine education.

I appreciate your writing me and you can depend on my taking a first class interest in this boy. If, after Otto Schnellbacher contacts Vern and you, there is anything further that we have not covered I will be very happy to hear from you.

With appreciation and all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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