

April 2, 1942.

Mr. Jimmie Sherman,  
Independence, Kansas.

Dear Jimmie:

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 the 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 with the boys 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 outstanding Kansas Relays. We will have a ticket ready for you for the Relays in the afternoon.

Our purpose in having you here is to give you an opportunity to meet our varsity players. I trust that it will be possible for you to come. Your coach and principal have written me of your interest in the University, and if there is anything I can do to make your visit to Lawrence profitable and pleasant I hope you will let me know. It will be a pleasure to have a chat with you.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH



April 2, 1942.

Mr. Ira D. Stockbrand, Coach,  
Independence Junior College,  
Independence, Kansas.

Dear Ira:

Thank you very much for your letter of March  
27th telling me about Jimmie Sherman.

It has been our custom to invite a few of the  
outstanding high school seniors to the Kansas Relays,  
and to work out in the gymnasium in the morning with  
our varsity basketball players. We have extended such  
an invitation to Jimmie Sherman, and I trust that he  
will find it possible to come. It will be a pleasure  
to meet him and talk with him about his plans.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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



THE INDEPENDENCE JUNIOR COLLEGE

E. R. STEVENS, DEAN  
J. S. MILLIGAN, ACTING ASSISTANT DEAN  
INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

March 27, 1942

Coach Forrest C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear friend Phog:

In regard to one of our senior boys, Jimmie Sherman, who plans to attend Kansas University next year.

Sherman has been on the high school team the past two years and is an average boy. He requested that I write you this letter.

I saw your team play in Kansas City and enjoyed the game very much.

Your friend,



Coach Ira D. Stockebrand  
Independence Junior College  
Independence, Kansas

IDS:RP



April 2, 1942.

Mr. F. E. Barngrover,  
Basketball Coach,  
Independence, Kansas.

Dear Coach Barngrover:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 28 concerning Jimmie Sherman.

It has been our custom to invite a few of the outstanding high school seniors to the Kansas Relays each spring, and to work out in the gymnasium in the morning with our varsity basketball players. We have extended a similar invitation to Jimmie, and I hope he will find it possible to come.

It will be a pleasure to meet Jimmie and talk with him about his plans for the future.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



THE INDEPENDENCE JUNIOR COLLEGE

E. R. STEVENS, DEAN

J. S. MILLIGAN, ACTING ASSISTANT DEAN

INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

March 28 - '42

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

I have been requested to write to you about a boy who would like to attend the University.

I have had him on my basketball squad for three years. He likes basketball very much, in fact lives it. He has been an average player. He wants to see you this week end, and ask your advise on school and basketball. He has been a good student scholastically.

The boy is Jimmy Sherman and I would appreciate any help you could give him.

Sincerely,

F. E. Farnsworth  
High School Basketball Coach



March 27, 1942.

Mr. E. R. Bevan, Vice Principal,  
Independence High School,  
Independence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Bevan:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the  
25th telling me of Jimmie Sherman.

We are writing the boy and inviting him to be  
our guest here at the University and see the Kansas  
Relays. It will be a pleasure to meet him, I assure  
you.

With appreciation of your interest in the  
University, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



THE INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOLS

E. R. STEVENS, *Principal*

J. S. MILLIGAN, *Acting Vice Principal*

E. R. BEVAN, *Vice Principal*

INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

March 25, 1942

Coach "Phog" Allen  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am writing to you at the request of Jimmie Sherman, a boy who is to graduate from our high school this spring, and who plans to attend Kansas University next fall.

Jimmie is a better than average student, and a boy who lives and breathes basketball. He is a pretty fair player who wants to continue in the game at your school. He has possibilities as a basketball player and wants to make your acquaintance.

Jim plans to call at your office around April 3, and if possible, I hope you can arrange to see him personally.

Very truly yours,

*E. R. Bevan*

E. R. Bevan, Vice Principal  
Independence High School  
Independence, Kansas

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P.S. I coached here for a few years, and had Jim only as a Freshman. However, I've been a close observer of his progress since that time.

*E. R. Bevan*



April 3, 1942.

Mr. Herbert Ramsey,  
East High School,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Herb:

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.

Our purpose in having you here is to give you an opportunity to meet our varsity players. I trust that it will be possible for you to come. Please let me hear from you at your convenience. If there is anything that I can do in the way of giving you information or rendering you any service that you should need, it will be a pleasure to have you call on me.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

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April 3, 1942.

Mr. Kenneth Bass,  
North east High School,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Kenneth:

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.

Our purpose in having you here is to give you an opportunity to meet our varsity players. I trust that it will be possible for you to come. Please let me hear from you at your convenience. If there is anything that I can do in the way of giving you information or rendering you any service that you should need, it will be a pleasure to have you call on me.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

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April 3, 1942.

Mr. Bill Whaley,  
East High School,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Bill:

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Our purpose in having you here is to give you an opportunity to meet our varsity players. I trust that it will be possible for you to come. Please let me hear from you at your convenience. If there is anything that I can do in the way of giving you information or rendering you any service that you should need, it will be a pleasure to have you call on me.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH



Dodge City Kans.  
April 30, 1942

Mr. Forrest Allen  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

I received your invitation. I thank you a lot for the same.

Very sorry I can not come because I am only a junior this year.

Thanking you again I remain.

Donald Gerner



Fredonia, Kansas  
April 8, 1942

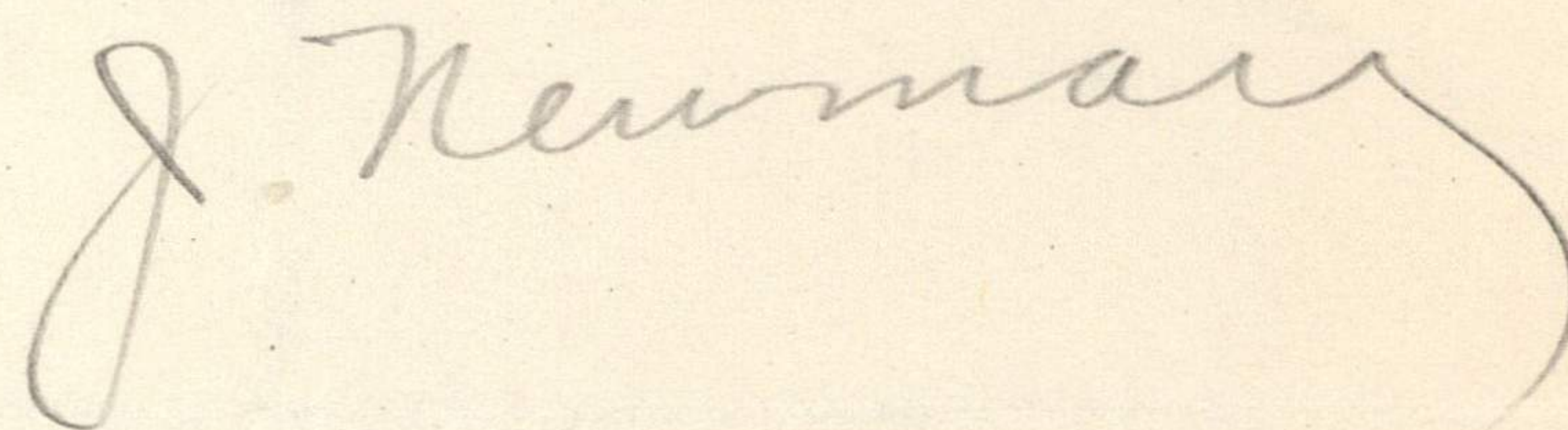
Forrest C. Allen  
Director of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

Received your letter in reference to the Kansas Relay. I certainly appreciate this opportunity of meeting the Varsity squad and shooting goals with them.

I will be at Kansas University, Saturday morning, April 18, Thank you for the invitation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Newman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed word "Sincerely,".



April 10, 1942.

Mr. John Dewell,  
Newton, Kansas.

Dear Johnny:

I am very happy to have your letter of the 8th instant and to know that you are interested in coming up to our basketball mixer on Saturday morning, April 18th.

As soon as your letter arrived I called Coach Hurt and he said that there were some friends of the University who are interested in you and they would be very glad to take care of your transportation. So you may consider that definitely taken care of.

Our high school meet is on Friday, and perhaps you might be interested in coming up if you could make arrangements for your school work, or even come after school on Friday afternoon.

I have heard many fine things about you both as to your athletic ability and as to your leadership in other activities. It will be a real pleasure to meet you and talk with you regarding your future. I assure you that we would be very happy to have you select the University of Kansas as your alma mater.

When you come to the campus either call Coach Hurt or come to the gymnasium and you will find me in the office of the Director of Physical Education. I know you are going to have a lot of fun Saturday morning. The varsity boys just have a good time shooting goals and later they run through a few fundamentals, but it is for you boys that the morning is planned.

Anticipating the pleasure of your coming, and looking forward to meeting you, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH



4/8/42

Mr. Forest C. Allen

Lawrence, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I am sorry that I am so late in writing but I have been very busy lately.

I don't know whether or not that I will be able to come for the relays or not. I would like to very much, but the doctor wants to take out my tonsils that week.

Mr. Kurt said that if I ever wanted to visit H. U. that he would take care of the expenses. Would that be done in this case? I want to come and I think it can be arranged. I would like very much to talk to you about attending school there next fall. I would like to hear from you again in regard to my question or otherwise.

Sincerely yours

John Dewell



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April 11, 1941

Mr. Bill Forsyth  
Medicine Lodge High School  
Medicine Lodge, Kansas

Dear Bill:

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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 our Relays, April 19, about 10:00 o'clock, and work out with our Varsity and Freshmen 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 10:00 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 outstanding Kansas Relays.

We will have a ticket ready for you for the Kansas Relays in the afternoon. Our purpose in having you here is to give you an opportunity to meet our Varsity players.

I trust that it will be possible for you to come. Please let me hear from you at your convenience.

If there is anything that I can do in the way of giving you information or rendering you any service that you should need, it will be a pleasure to have you call on me.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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April 11, 1942.

Mr. Dick Pfister,  
Hiawatha, Kansas.

Dear Dick:

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 16, 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.

Our purpose in having you here is to give you an opportunity to meet our varsity players. I trust that it will be possible for you to come. Your Coach Corrigan has written me about you, and I want you to know that we are looking forward to meeting you. If there is anything that I can do in the way of giving you information or rendering you any service that you should need, it will be a pleasure to have you call on me.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH



April 11, 1942.

Mr. Johnnie Corrigan,  
Principal, Powhattan High School,  
Powhattan, Kansas.

Dear Johnnie:

Thank you for your two letters of April 9th and 10th regarding Dick Pfister. I am enclosing a copy of the letter that I am sending him.

I am glad to know that you are planning to bring Dick to Lawrence next Saturday. We are looking forward to greeting both of you. I am sure that Dick will have a lot of fun with the boys.

Sincerely yours,

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



# POWHATTAN RURAL HIGH SCHOOL

JOHNNIE CORRIGAN, Principal

POWHATTAN, KANSAS

April 10, 1942

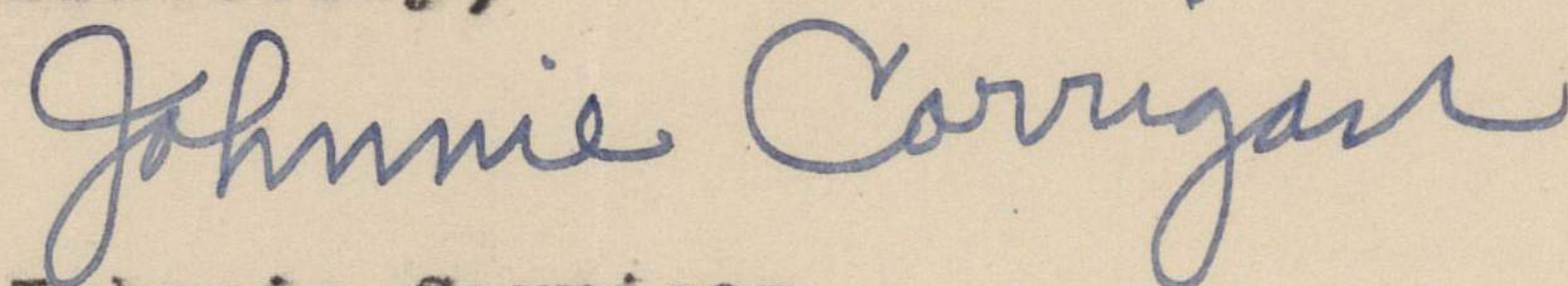
Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Director of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doctor Allen:

In regard to your inquiry about the Pfister boy I will state that his first name is Richard. He is called "Dick" by ninety-nine percent of the people including his folks. His Address is Hiawatha, Kansas % R. F. D. 4.

Pardon my neglect for not giving you this information without you having to ask for it.

Sincerely,



Johnnie Corrigan

Powhattan, Kansas



POWHATTAN RURAL HIGH SCHOOL  
JOHNNIE CORRIGAN, Principal

POWHATTAN, KANSAS

April 9

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

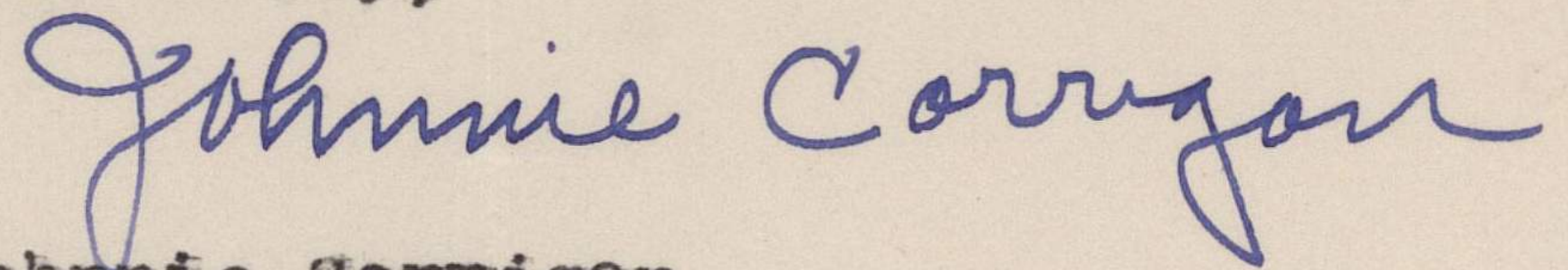
Dear Doctor Allen:

The father of our boy Pfister says he is too busy to take him to Lawrence on April 18 but I am going to personally conduct the young man to Lawrence to accept your invitation for a practice with other high school boys.

I will have him take his suit along and I will get him there plenty early for the practice; however I do not know the exact time of your practice.

If there is any information that I should know I will appreciate a line to that effect.

Sincerely,



Johnnie Corrigan

Powhattan, Kansas



April 8, 1942.

Mr. Johnnie Corrigan, Principal,  
Powhattan Rural High School,  
Powhattan, Kansas.

Dear Johnnie:

I find that I do not have the first name of your boy Pfister. I wish to write him personally to extend an invitation to work out with our boys on the morning of the Kansas Relays, and I would appreciate it if you will send me his name so that I may address him correctly.

Very sincerely yours,

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



March 31, 1942.

Mr. Johnnie Corrigan, Principal,  
Powhattan Rural High School,  
Powhattan, Kansas.

Dear Johnnie:

Thank you very much for your interesting letter  
of the 26th.

Each year we invite some of the outstanding high  
school basketball players to come to Robinson Gymnasium  
for a work-out on the morning of the Kansas Relays. We  
are glad to send such an invitation to young Pfister.

I appreciate what you say about Bruce Holman, and  
I feel disappointed that he came so close to entering the  
University. I should like to have had him wearing one of  
these gold basketballs.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH



## POWHATTAN RURAL HIGH SCHOOL

JOHNNIE CORRIGAN, Principal

POWHATTAN, KANSAS

March 26

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

In reply to your letter I will say "that I think our boy Pfister is a good one." The name is pronounced like it was spelled Fister. One can never tell definitely what kind of a college player a boy will make; however this boy has the ear marks of a good basket ball player and is good under pressure. I do know that several college coaches at Hutchinson liked him very much and will be making passes at him; however this will not spoil him and he will probably go to school any place his folks decide. He will probably have to work a little but he is definitely not looking for the highest bidder. He can be helped some by his folks. As for his I. Q.--the best student we have had in the 16 years I have been here. His grades are straight A and I am very disappointed with the Summerfield Scholarship Committee that they seem to hold their examinations when we are in the thick of our basket ball tournaments. I planned all year to enter this boy as he is the only boy from our high school in the last number of years that I thought had a chance but we could not do this as we were having our Regional at the time and I could not have him both places.

I ask the boy this morning this question----- if your father would have to send you college tomorrow where do you think he would send you and his answer was probably K. U. I do not know what that means but that was his answer. The boy is sort of a frail build altho he takes care of himself in good fashion. He is six feet tall with his shoes on. He played high school foot ball but would not play foot ball in college. He absolutely does not smoke or drink, a quiet sort of a boy and not a darn bit interested in the girls.

Smiley of Halstead, a large boy six feet five, was given quite a bit of play by the college coaches. I am told he had dinner with Lance. The boy appears to be sort of a grand stander but I believe it is because he is self conscious and I feel sure you can take that out of him. He is almost impossible to guard on a man to man defense. As for his guarding ability I cannot say as they kept him near his free throw line on a zone defense. About the only other outstanding boy was Olsen of Erie. His father told me definitely that his boy would attend Junior College next year in order to keep him at home as long as possible.



# POWHATTAN RURAL HIGH SCHOOL

JOHNNIE CORRIGAN, Principal

POWHATTAN, KANSAS

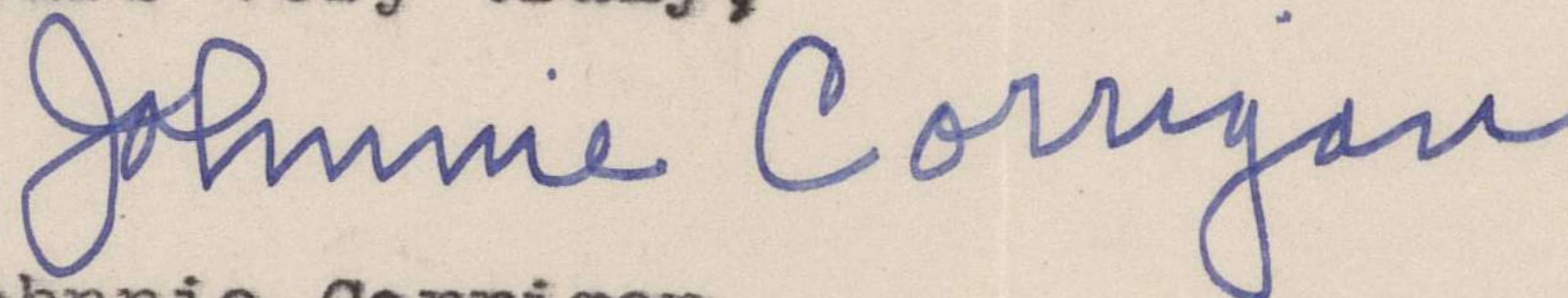
March 26

As for Bruce Holman he is a dandy boy who planned three days before school started to enroll at K. U. but some how or some one roped him in down at Kansas State the very last minute. Bruce's father is dead and he has to scratch for every cent of his education and no doubt some one convinced him at the last moment that he could do that at Kansas State easier than at any other place.

Thanks for your congratulations and I will pass them right back to you for the good teams you always have. If I have had any success in coaching I attribute it to the things I stole from you when I was a Freshman basket ball player and later in watching your practices every evening and also in attending your coaching class for two or three summers. I think your personality traits in handling men and boys, your frankness and firmness have been great goals for me to shoot at and without a question have enabled me to handle many problems which I might have not solved had I not had those valuable contacts.

If you desire any other information in regard to this Pfister boy or any one else in this part of the State feel free to demand my service.

Yours very truly,



Johnnie Corrigan



# POWHATTAN RURAL HIGH SCHOOL

JOHNNIE CORRIGAN, Principal

POWHATTAN, KANSAS

March 28

As for Bruce Holman he is a dandy boy who planned three days before school started to enroll at K. U. but some how or some one roped him in down at Kansas State the very last minute. Bruce's father is dead and he has to scratch for every cent of his education and no doubt some one convinced him at the last moment that he could do that at Kansas State easier than at any other place.

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If you desire any other information in regard to this matter or any one else in this part of the State feel free to demand my service.

Yours very truly,

*Johnnie Corrigan*

Johnnie Corrigan



March 25, 1942.

Mr. Johnny Corrigan, Principal,  
Powhattan High School,  
Powhattan, Kansas.

Dear Johnny:

A Washburn alumnus out at Medicine Lodge has just written me stating that he saw Pfeister, your good red-headed boy play at Hutchinson in the Class B Tournament, and also said that "he was easily the best ball handler and dribbler in the tourney and in addition to that managed to make about 15 points a game in addition to being a ball hawk of the first degree. The boy looked to me like the type that would enjoy the Relays so I thought I would call him to your attention and perhaps he could be invited some way."

Johnny, I am sorry we lost Bruce Holman. He would have fitted into our team play in a most admirable fashion and I am very sure that he would have had a better chance to win a gold basketball with our returning gang than he will be able to do with Jack Gardner's returning outfit.

Won't you write me confidentially and tell me what sort of an I.Q. this boy Pfeister has and what his family's financial status is? As you know, I am always willing to help a boy help himself, and if Pfeister needs work or any other reasonable aid you can count on my helping him.

I have not changed my position in the least of refusing to go after boys and kid them into the belief that making a basketball team is getting an education. I am still old-fashioned enough to believe that while athletics are fine they serve only as an introduction to the bigger and better and more durable things of life.

I will appreciate a line from you very much, and I wish to congratulate you on the fine team that you had again this year.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

I am

Sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH



March 25, 1952.

Mr. Leaford F. Cushenbery,  
Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Cushenbery:

I appreciate very much your kind letter of March 23rd. I am writing at once to Johnny Corrigan, a K.U. graduate, coach of Pfeister and also Bruce Holman who played a great game for Kansas State this year. Johnny and I are good friends and he told me about Holman, but Holman did a lot of shopping down in the Southwest Conference and finally wound up at Kansas State. Now, it would be furthest from my mind to even insinuate that anyone at Kansas State ever offered Bruce Holman anything but a fine education. Jack Gardner never does anything like that, so Mr. Tucker says.

I am asking Johnny Corrigan to use his friendly influence with this boy, and we are hoping that the University can present its educational claims strongly enough to have him choose the University as his alma mater.

Thanking you for your kindness in thinking of us, and assuring you that we think Bill Forsyth is o.k., I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



LAW OFFICES

TINCHER, RALEIGH & CUSHENBERY

PHONE 62

MEDICINE LODGE, KANSAS

J. N. TINCHER  
CLYDE RALEIGH  
LEAFORD F. CUSHENBERY

OFFICES AT  
MEDICINE LODGE, KANSAS  
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

March 23, 1942

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
Physical Education Dept.  
Kansas University,  
Lawrence, Kansas

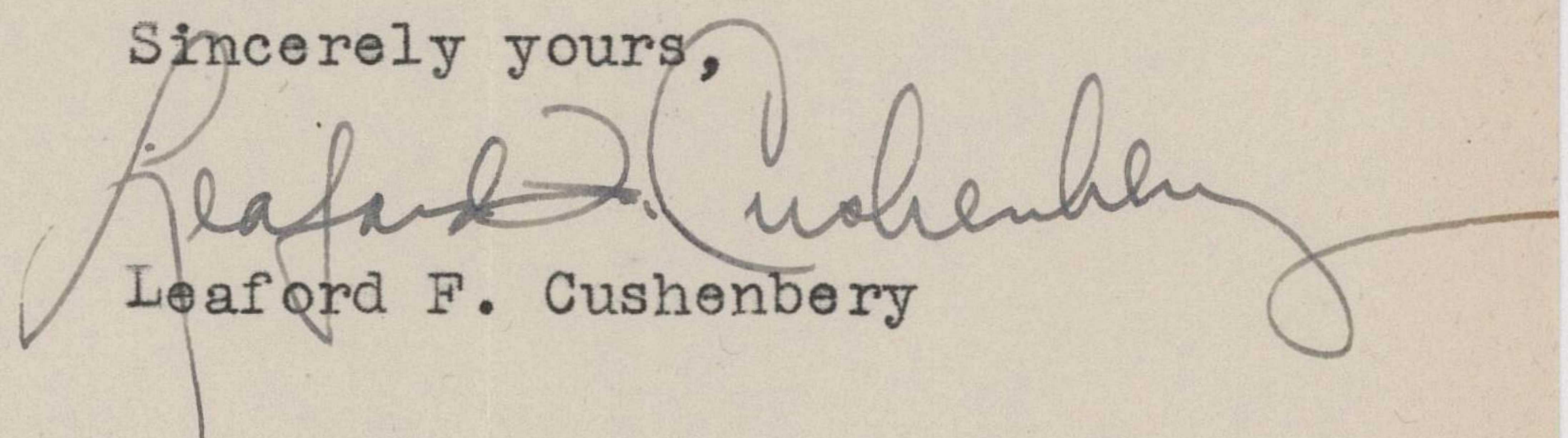
Dear friend:

By some chance of fate, I found that I had a lot of work to do in our Hutchinson office last week, and it was not my fault that the Class B tournament was going on at the same time and that I attended each session.

I was fascinated by a boy named Pfeister (pronounced Feaster) who played with Powhattan and who I understand is a Senior this year. He is sort of a funny looking red haired fellow, cool as a cucumber and smart as the Devil. He was easily the best ball handler and dribbler in the tourney and in addition to that managed to make about 15 points a game in addition to being a ball hawk of the first degree. I was told that he was almost as proficient as a Junior.

The boy looked to me like the type that would enjoy the Relays so I thought I would call him to your attention and perhaps he could be invited some way. I am writing this on the theory that you have not decided that I misrepresented Bill Forsyth too much; at least I hope that is true.

Sincerely yours,

  
Leaford F. Cushenbery

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