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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.