

March 21, 1941

Mr. M. V. Beason  
Superintendent  
Mulvane Public Schools  
Mulvane, Kansas

Dear Supt. Beason:

Thank you very much for your fine letter concerning Keith Oliver. Keith certainly is an all-round athlete and a versatile student. I do not believe that any boy in Kansas could have had a finer recommendation than the one you have written for Keith.

Keith's team has made a wonderful showing against opponents of exceptional ability. You stress Keith's ball handling, which in my opinion is one of the most important things for basketball players. The fact that he is a brilliant student pleases me as much or more than any other one thing.

I am writing Keith and inviting him up for the morning of the Kansas Relays, April 19, where these high school seniors shoot goals with the Varsity players and have a good time. There is no attempt on our part to high pressure any of these boys, but we check out equipment in the gymnasium and the boys go up for an hour and one-half and have a lot of fun shooting goals and getting acquainted. I trust it will be possible for him to come and I do thank you very much for writing me.

We are always especially interested in boys with a high I.Q. rating. It is like putting money in a sound bank. If a coach spends his time on a good student he can be reasonably certain that the boy will continue in college and the time that he has spent in training the boy certainly is never lost like it is when a boy flunks out of school. We are interested in exceptional students and good athletes.

We are very enthusiastic about helping a boy help himself. If Keith needs work to help defray his expenses through college we are always very happy to give him such work in the towel room of the Physical Education Department, or some like job, in which he can earn 35¢ an hour and work about two hours a day. This will net the boy enough money to pay his board and if he is an exceptional student it is possible for him to get additional work without endangering his academic record.

Again thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach