October 17, 1940 Dr. W. C. Jessen Peabody, Kansas Dear Dr. Jessen: Your favor of recent date has been received. We will be glad to meet Hoyt Baker and his parents when they come in Saturday morning. I will endeavor to be in my office in the gymnasium at that time. I will also see if we cannot arrange with Gwinn Henry, Victor Hurt, Wayne Replogel and Harry Lansing, the football coaches, to be present. It may be impossible for them to be here, but if it is at all possible, I am sure they will be happy to meet Hoyt Baker and his parents. Very cordially yours, Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach FCA:18

W. C. Jessen, D. D. S. Peabody, Kansas

Laurence, Kauses Dear Mr. allen! In reply to your letter of det. 5 Hayl Baker and his parents have accepted gover kund invetation to attend the football game Sat. Och 19. They rull aving un Laurence around 11 9. m. Dann makle to bring them as I have six in my ear, huch I will meet them & me will com to your office if that is convenient

W. C. Jessen, D. D. S. Peabody, Kansas with you. If is at all possible they should meet Elwinn Heury as Houst is also an outstanding Jost Lall planer. He has theen invited to manhattan to meet the coaching stoff there on Och. 26. The Wichita Beacon placed him on the all Karisas High Ichalltain Lost year. Lookenia forward to Reeving your on Sat. Sincerely yours W. Czessen

Yes, indeed I remember having a good visit with you in the Wichita Union Station and I enjoyed the same very much I assure you.

I would be very happy to invite Hoyt Baker and his family up for a football game this fall. Since you are coming up to the Nebraska game I am wondering if you will be kind enough to extend the invitation for me. If you could bring them up I would be glad to have you come to my office with Hoyt and his family and we could have a good visit.

I would appreciate it if you would contact the family and then write and let me know. I will be glad to have them as my guests.

I munt to thank you for the interest you have shown in this boy and in the University.

With all good wishes, I am,

Simoerely yours.

Director of Physical Education and Recreation Versity Basketball Coach

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Peabody, Kansas Vet-4-40. Dr. Fourt allen. Dear Doctor allen. 2 talked to you about Hays. Baker. last wenter in Wichela at the Union Station while you were waiting for your Basket Ball team. oblahoma U. far sent a man up to see him. 2 would lette To see him legre Kansas. why not invite him and his family up to a Foot-Ball Game 2 cm coming up to the metrarke game. 2 could bring some of them with me. with me.

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FORREST C ALLEN, DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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Rev. Robert A. Hunt 1527 Massachusetts Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Ir. Hunt:

We have a young man named Hoyt Baker, who is in high school in Peabody, Kansas, and who is reputed to be the best basketball player in that part of the country. In fact, Dr. Jessen, the Dentist at Peabody, wrote me that he is much better than Engleman. Well, all I have to say is that if he is much better than Engleman he is a dandy.

Hoyt has a brother, Heath Baker, who attended Baker University until this semester when he transferred to the University here. Heath is now enrolled here and is staying at Battenfeld Hall. I had a talk with Heath last Monday morning and he is quite anxious that his brother come to the University of Kansas. However, Notre Dame, Colorado and Oklahoma have made Hoyt definite offers.

Last Saturday Oklahoma paid his expenses to Norman for the Oklahoma-Nebraska game. They had promised him a proposition that would net him \$40.00 per month. Of course, he saw Nebraska score 25 points in 13 minutes on the Sooners, and I guess that did not help the Oklahomans cause any.

I am not using the type of strategy the other fellows are using. The Baker family are fine people. Both boys, the father and the mother have been in my office and I have talked to them on a straight educational basis. The fact that Heath is staying at Battenfeld Hall proves positively that he is an outstanding student, and the appeal to brains is one of our strong points that we are using.

Further than that, I am told that the Bakers are strong Methodists. The father, Paul Baker and the grandfather, Harry Baker, live at Peabody, Kansas. Dr. W.C. Jessen, the Dentist, called me by phone and said if the religious side could be stressed somewhat it would be helpful. The Bakers are coming up here on March 7 to see the Kansas-Oklahoma game, and in the group will be Dr. W.C. Jessen, Mr. Paul Baker, Mr. Harry Baker, together with Hoyt.

I believe we have a pretty good chance to enlist Hoyt, but I am only promising him work at 35% an hour and no bonanza.

I am wondering if you would be kind enough to write the father, Mr. Paul Baker, and advise him regarding the background that he can expect if his boy comes to the University. I am sure that you as Methodist Minister, and the fact that you have had a son, Robert, on the basketball team, and further, that you have been inclose touch with the situation, would help immensely.

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#### Wichita High School North

GROVER C. DOTZOUR, PRINCIPAL Wichita, Kansas

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
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ROY G. GROE
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Feb. 19, 1941

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION GIRLS'

EVA LYMAN
JUANDA HAWKINS
ESTHER PFLEGER
ANN THEILEN

Dr. F. C. Allen
Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Doc"

ERNEST J. VANEK

I was glad to receive your letter finding out that you had written to Paul Walker. I will certainly do my best in gettinghim up for the Relays. I'll see to it that the boys out at the A.T.O. house take care of him over the week-end, so he will not have any expense there. You probably want to know a little more about him.

He is probably one of the finest athletes to graduate from North High. Paul is not only an athlete, but a darn good student in school. By the looks of his grades, he will make the National Honor Society. His parents are swell. Mr. Walker is a K.U. graduate, an old baseball player.

Paul is 6'2" tall and weighs about 185 lbs. He is the hardest working boy I ever hope to have the pleasure to work with. He made the end position on the All State Football team that was selected by the Topeka Capitol. In basketball I played him at a guard position. He was a mid-semester student, so I lost him at the end of the first term. He is now taking some post graduate work, and helping me out with my second team.

You see Paul had only played two games of basketball before he entered high school. Through his hard work and determination, he has become a darn good ball player. He still lacks the ability of being able to relax out there on the floor, but he was rapidly over coming his tenseness. I certainly wish I could have had him for another year. You see he is only 17 years old.

"Doc" I think in another years time he will develop into a swell ball player.

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He wants to take up Medicine. I have been talking K.U. to him off and on. He is going to take an examination for West Point in the near future. The Aggies and O.U. have been corresponding with him. For some reason O.U. does not appeal to him. I think they write to him about ever other week, and he is pretty well fed up with them all ready.

There is more to tell you about him, but I think I will wait until I see you again. There are a couple of other boys I wish to let you know about.

At Peabody there is a boy by the name of Baker. I have talked to him a couple of times. His brother is transferring from the Aggies to K.U. this semester. Baker is a darn nice football and basketball player. He is about 5'9' tall and weighs around 175 lbb. The boy has been scoring around 20 points per game. His coach, Bob Lawrence, is a Notre Dame man. This is his first year at Peabody.

Horace Huggins is the other boy. He is playing his second year of Jr. College basketball at Coffeyville. The boy stands about 6'5" tall, an A student and is considered one of the best B.B. players in that Conference. I understand that Frosty is trying to get him. Mr. K.W. McFarland, Superintendent of Schools would be very glad to give you any more information on the boy that you might desire.

"Doc" if there is anything further that I might be able to do on any of these boys please do not hesitate about letting me know. Here's wishing you lots of success for the remainder of the season.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest J. Vanek

Mr. Hoyt Baker Peabody, Kansas

Doar Hoyts

Thank you for your letter of April 15. I em glad to know that you plan to be with us on the morning of April 19.

We are asking the boys to meet our Varsity and Freshmen here in Robinson Gymnasium from 10:00 to 12:00. It will not be necessary for you to bring any clothes or equipment; we will check all that out to you here.

Heath was in my office this afternoon inquiring about a job for you this summer. I have written to Vic Hurt about the matter and I am sure we will have a definite answer for you when you come up Saturday morning. I am just now getting ready to leave for Norman, Oklahoma where we play baseball.

It will be a pleasure to see you on April 19.

Sinoerely yours,

Mirector of Physical Education and Recreation Versity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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P.S. It was necessary for Dr. Allen to leave town before this was written and he asked that I sign the same and forward it to you.

Peabody, Kansas. April 15, 1941. Dear Dr. allen, Im planning on coming to Laurence This week-end and attending the Kansas Relays. I am also expecting to be with you Saturday morning. I was wondering what time you were going to have your practice? I hould I living my gym clothes along? Dr. allen me really enjoyed having you here in Pealvody a few meeks ago and I hope you enjoyed your wisit. I'll see you & aturday morning

Sincerely yours,

Flagt Baker

June 16th, 1941 Mr. Robert Bell Highland, Kansas Dear Robert: I acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 12th, and I'm very happy to hear from you. We will be glad to have you at the University of Lansas, and I will do all in my power to help you arrive at your desire, that is, of playing on the University of Ransas basketball team. I am very sure that as you train and study diligently that you will achieve that desire. I'm glad that you are more interested in an education than you are in other activities, because after all when you train your brain, that training is good for fifty years. When you train your muscles, it's good for eight or nine years at top speed. So, you can see the intellectual motive in training your brain. We will be glad to give you work commensurate with your desires and ability. A chap who is a good student can work more hours than a boy who is an ordinary student. If you work more than two hours a day, you can not carry a full load in Kansas University. This is a University rule. That is not up to you or to me, but up to the University authorities. We shall put your name on our list as soon as you come to the University and have your physical examination and get enrolled. We will endeavor to fit your work to agree with your schedule. This is the plan we have for all students. Assuring you that it is a pleasure to meet you and to know that you desire to make the best of your capabilities, I am with kindest personal regards, Sincerely yours, Director of Physical Education and Recreation-Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach. FCA: rc

Highland, Kansas June 12, 1941 Dear M. Allen, Thank you for your time Monday. I would like very much to work in the gym this winter even though of cannot hope to play ball. There isn't much that I can sag about myself. I lettered four years in high school and two years in junior college. I have an impressive record during the 40-41 season but if you consider the competition seekaps it isn't so much after all. I averaged 17 points per game with about Thirty fouls. The played 25 games. The played 14 games in a of M. C. a. League in Atchison. The ended in a 3-way tie for place. I averaged around 20 points Joer game there. I love basketball and am willing to train and work hard. Ill do my hest. I am really more interested in an education than any thing else even though I am interested in baskettall. Thank you again and I hope I can work under your direction nuht gear. Robert Bell

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Mr. Leslie Forsyth Medicine Lodge, Kansas

Dear Mr. Forsyth:

It was mighty good of you to write me as you did in your letter of the 12th instant. I assure you I appreciate what you had to say and I assure you further that I will give your son the very best of attention. I rather make a family affair out of my basketball team. I always have done it and I find that it gives me much more pleasure to work with the boys in this fashion, and I also find that the boys like it very much better.

Last year I bought the boys fatigue shirts which they used in traveling. What I mean to say is that I bought them out of my own pocket because the Athletic Association did not feel able to purchase them. They were the cleverest things that had been worn by a traveling college outfit when we took the trip to New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, etc. These boys were really set up. They appreciated it more than if I had made a personal gift to them.

The three seniors, Howard Engleman, John Kline and Bob Allen, of course, were presented with theirs because they had played three years on the Varsity. Each year when a player has served the Varsity three years he will get one of these shirts. Replacements, of course, will be made each year to the supply.

own money to give the boys something that they could not have otherwise, they deeply appreciate it, and they do things for the school and the coach that they want to do. It is just their democratic way of saying thank you.

So you can count on my taking a personal interest in these boys from the time they are freshmen to the time they graduate. I meet the freshmen quite often and do not wait until the boy has had one year of college life, which is the most valuable one, before I contact him.

I am sorry that I did not have an opportunity to talk with you after the dinner. But I promise you when I get out in your part of the country again this summer I will make it a point to have a visit with you and Mrs. Forsyth; or if you and Mrs. Forsyth should be coming to Lawrence, nothing would delight me more than to have a visit with you people and have you go over the things that you desire to talk to me about concerning Bill.

Bill has a fine background of basketball appreciation and you have had a lot to do with it. The fact that Bill picked Jack McCracken shows me that he picks the clever boys and not any other kind. Mr. Cushenbery certainly thinks Bill has the stuff and the fact that he is a leader in his school work in addition to his athletic skills confirms that belief.

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Dr. F.C. Allen Lawrence Ns.

Dear Sir: Leaford Cushenburry let me read your letter this morning. Livant to Chank you for your fine compliments to my wife, son and myself. Leaford has been very much interested in Bills atheletic career and is quite a booster for him and for that matter, any other boy that plays the game Livant to complement you on your fine talk. Lenjoyed it a lot and was very much surprised to find that you had been speaking for over a hour It was very entertaining and instruction. and in particular the angle albout sports not being every thing in callinge. That is the way due ful about the matter, exactly, we believe in sports for their sake and think they have an important place in the scheme of things. But a callege education is with to a boy of he is going any place in the world today. I have had the idea for several years

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February 25, 1941

Mr. James Roderick Wetmore, Kansas

Dear James;

last year Mr. Frank Mandeville spoke to me regarding your academic and athletic ability. He said then that you were a very promising junior and would make a fine student at the University of Kansas. Mr. Mandeville dropped in again today and mentioned the fact that you were interested in the University. He told me that you had saved up some money to be used as a nestegg in helping you through the University.

It is such students as you that we are interested in. The boy who is a good student and a good athlete, who will train, is the fellow that we like to work with. We hire a good many students in the Physical Education Department, some working in the towel room, and we pay 35¢ an hour. We generally find that it is easy enough for a fellow to work two hours a day and still carry a full academic load of 15 hours, and then that leaves Saturday open so that a boy can do extra work on that day. I tell any student that if he has \$150.00 or \$200.00 as a nestegg and has the energy to work and the ability to make grades, that there is no question about his ability to go through college here and graduate.

I do not know what special course you are interested in, but I am asking our Registrar to send you the catalogs of the University of Kansas so you may study them.

Now this is the point that I wish to bring up. Many boys read about the University of Kansas Basketball Team and become afraid that they cannot make the team. I want you to know that most of our star players have come from small schools in Kansas. I much prefer a boy from a small school than a large one because the smaller schools really develop athletes who train better than the larger ones. There are too many diversions in the larger places.

I will the the boy who really wants to make a letter and wants to get ahead. For instance, Vance Hall and Jim Arnold come from Downs, Kansas. Engleman is from Arkansas ity. Bobby Allen is from Lawrence. Kline is from Hutchinson. T. P. Hunter is from a little town down in Texas, too small almost to be on the map. Walker and Sollenberger are from Hutchinson. Blair is from Ottawa, and Ed Hall from Sublette. Through all the years most of our best players have come from small towns. Last year Bruce Voran came from Pretty Prairie, and Don Ebling came from Lindsborg. So you see that the smaller towns do contribute very definitely to our basketball teams throughout the years.

Please write me, James, and tell me what your aims and intentions are in an educational way. What do you expect to specialize in, or have you as yet made up your mind?

During our Kansas Relays which will take place this year on April 19, we have been asking certain Seniors of the high schools in Kansas to come in and shoot goals on Saturday morning with our Varsity and Freshmen. We would like to invite you to come up and be our guest at the Kansas Relays and practice with our fine group so that you will learn to know them better. We will await your reply, trusting that it will be in the affirmative.

With all good wishes, I am, Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach

Ammiting the pleasure of your visit, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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Wetmore, Kansas February 28, 1941

Dr. F. C. Allen Dept. of Physical Ed. University of Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I was pleased to receive your letter of February 24 and consider it a pleasure to tell you my intentions.

During the last three years I have been trying to decide where to attend college. Upon receiving your letter of information concerning my possibilities of obtaining work at Kansas University I have become more interested in the University. I am pleased to hear that Mr. Frank Mandeville spoke to you regarding me and I consider it thoughtful of him.

It is my present plan to attend the medical school at Kansas University and it is toward that end I am working. I would like very much to continue my basketball participation in college and it is with this in mind that I accept, with pleasure, your invitation to come to the Kansas Relays on April 19.

Thank you for your kind letter, your invitation, and for asking the registrar to send me catalogues of the University.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. James Roderick,
Box 81,
Wetmore, Kansas.

Dear Jim:

It was a pleasure to see you again and greet your dad and Mr. Bixby, your superintendent.

I em doing everything that I can toward helping you make your stay at the University most profitable and pleasant. If you should come in a few days early we will have some extra work for you, if you desire work before the regular school starts. I would suggest that you bring some old clothes along.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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#### THE COURIER-TRIB

#### Has Made 292 Points

Alton Wylie, six-foot-five-inch center on the Seneca Tiger basketball team, who scored 26 points Friday night against Goff, has made 292 points in 13 games this season, average of 22 and six-thirteenths points per game.

The Seneca team has lost a game.

#### BERNARD W. KAMPERT The Renall Store

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W. C. Jessen, D. D. S. Peabody, Kansas March - 6-1941 Forrest Callen Director of Physical Ed and Recreation Varsity Basket ball Coach. Dear. Vr allen. H roads are not rampassable will see you to morrow. I was over at new ton last week. talking with a group of fire men. about Barbet Ball. Frur of the Jun . said Baker was The best. High fehret School player they had ever seen. When you take ento consideration. The Boy's The ark. Valley Las turned ont. Jan con see why 2 say he should be an all american. I will keep zon infamel on the newton tournet also. When Newton will be there. If 2 can We Jessen