

March 20, 1941

Dr. Robert Hunt  
1527 Massachusetts St.  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Rev. Hunt:

I have delayed in acknowledging your extreme kindness in writing Mr. Paul Baker of Peabody, Kansas regarding his son, Hoyt Baker.

I appreciate very much your interest and assure you that it will always be a pleasure for me to reciprocate your many kindnesses.

Again thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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new teacher -  
I hope this letter  
describes the facts.  
why not look at a boy  
named Robert on the Olivet  
Team. Robert says he is one of the finest prospects he has seen.

Robert could give you some information.  
The Olivet team has been winning for years.  
R.A.N.

February 28, 1941

Mr. Paul Baker,  
Peabody,  
Kansas.

My dear Mr. Baker:-

I feel that I need no introduction to you because I have been told you are a Methodist, and there is always a bond of friendship between Methodists even if they have never met.

I have been told that you have a son who is contemplating attending Kansas University next year. I thought perhaps a word from me might be helpful in making your final decision in this matter.

I have been the Minister at the Methodist Church here in Lawrence, Kansas for ten years, and am in a position to know something about the moral and religious influences in and about the University. My son and daughter were graduated from Kansas University last June. My boy was on the basketball squad and made his letter, also made a letter playing shortstop on the University Baseball team. I know something about the scholastic standing of the school, also much of the background of the athletic set-up.

Dr. Forrest Allen, our Basket ball coach, is a member of the First Methodist Church, on the Official Board, and every fall for a period of time is a regular teacher in the University department of our Sunday School. I consider him one of the finest moral influences I have ever known in any athletic department of any school. My boy played under him and respects him highly. I have had occasion to watch him work with his boys many times and any boy will be more of a man when Dr. Allen gets through with him than before. There is a complete absence of roughness of speech and looseness of character many times found in the athletic programs of some schools. Dr. Allen attends the Methodist church and oftentimes is accompanied by some of his basket ball boys. Every year they are the guests of the church at a service in their honor.

Howard Engleman, Bobby Allen and Ralph Miller are members of the Methodist church here, and T.P. Hunter, (another member of the team) while not a member here never misses a Sunday service. Dr. Allen attracts the men of character.



Every Sunday we have large numbers of University Young men attending our Worship services. In fact the young men attend church much better than the young women of the University. Dr. Edwin F. Price, Minister to students, has been here for 19 years giving his full time to the religious life of students.

I have no hesitancy in recommending the school, the church or Dr. Allen and his athletic program. He insists on character and good grades as well as athletic ability.

If your boy comes to Lawrence next year I shall be happy to meet him and give him every assistance possible.

It may interest you to know that my own son went through the University, also fraternity life and athletics, and came out without smoking, drinking or swearing, and is as clean as a young man can possibly be. He is now teaching and coaching in a High School with marvelous success. He is being complimented highly on the influence he is having with the boys with whom he works.

I know a father's hope and ambition for his son, and his interest in having the most wholesome atmosphere about him. You will always have reason to be thankful, as I have, for the uplifting influence of a man like Dr. Allen.

When you visit Lawrence, I would be happy to meet you and visit with you, and tell you something more about my observations over these ten years I have been here.

With best wishes, I remain,

Most cordially,

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Robert A. Hunt  
1527 Massachusetts Street  
Lawrence, Kansas.



March 5, 1941

Dr. W.C. Jessen  
Peabody, Kansas

Dear Dr. Jessen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 3rd instant. I also have a letter from Mr. Paul Baker. We will be very happy to see all of you here for the Oklahoma game.

We will make it a point to see that our Varsity boys show Hoyt every courtesy and consideration, and of course, they will extend an invitation to Hoyt to stay with them. I imagine, however, that Hoyt will prefer to stay with his brother, Heath, at Battenfeld Hall, one of the men's dormitories.

If it is at all possible, I may try to make a trip to Newton to see a part of the tournament. I have never done this heretofore, but since Mr. Drake is getting around into our State so often it might be well for him to be seen by me and other Kansas coaches. We never take in the Oklahoma or the Missouri tournaments, but the other boys never mind coming into our territory.

Doubtless I will be in the office when you drive into Lawrence, so stop by and say hello

I am taking the matter up with Gwinn Henry regarding his meeting Hoyt. I know Gwinn will be delighted to see him and have a visit and encourage him to come to Kansas.

I am referring the letters you have written to Coach Henry so he can see what you have to say regarding Hoyt's capabilities and possibilities.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg  
cc: Mr. Henry



March 5, 1941

Mr. Paul E. Baker  
The Peabody Hardware & Lumber Co.  
Peabody, Kansas

Dear Mr. Baker:

I was very happy to have your good letter of the 1st instant and we are delighted that your family will be able to see our game with Oklahoma on March 7.

We have made arrangements for the tickets and we will also see that the boys of the squad show Hoyt every courtesy and consideration that a University Squad should show to a prospective student.

You will find this, Mr. Baker, that our boys are a fine democratic group and they are not recruited on account of their athletic ability but more on account of their intelligence and ability to make progress in an academic way in an educational institution. I think after you have looked over the personnel of our group on the floor you will find that what I have just said is very true.

It will be a pleasure to greet you on Friday night; until then, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg  
cc: Mr. Henry



*E. F. Saw this*

# The Peabody Hardware & Lumber Co.

Peabody, Kansas

March 1st 1941

Mr Forrest C. Allen  
Lawrence - Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Received your kind letter of February 25th concerning Heath and Hoyt Baker and happy to hear of your good visit with Heath who is in school at Kansas University and located at Battenfeld Hall.

We surely appreciate your kind invitation to come to Lawrence Friday evening, March 7th for the Oklahoma game. If the weather permits we will try and come. If we cannot come we will send Hoyt anyway by Bus. There will probably be six of us in the party counting Dr. Jessen and his Wife.

Dr. Jessen will probably write to you also about the Oklahoma game.

Thanking you again for your kind consideration and especially your sincere interest in Hoyt.

Very truly yours,

*Paul E. Baker*



February 25, 1941

Dr. W. C. Jessen  
Peabody, Kansas

Dear Dr. Jessen:

Confirming our telephone conversation of yesterday morning and acknowledging receipt of your good letter of the 22nd instant enclosing several clippings, I beg to state that we will be glad indeed to have you and the Baker family here for the Oklahoma game on March 7.

Yes indeed, I do remember Heweit very well. I have seen him play, and I consider him one of the finest players I know. If Hoyt is a cross between Engleman and Heweit he is a dandy.

We will be looking forward to seeing you and the Baker family on March 7 for the Oklahoma game.

With all good wishes, and in appreciation of your cooperation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach



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Box score—Peabody:

PLAYER	FG	FT	F
Baker	9	3	1
Johnsten	6	2	2
Janzen	4	2	1
Sanchez	2	0	4
Bradshaw	0	1	1
Torres	0	0	0
Sanchez, R.	0	0	1

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Box score—Hillsboro:

PLAYER	FG	FT	F
Schroeder	9	3	0
Dalke	5	1	1
Hiebert	1	0	4
Unruh	0	0	4
Eilerts	1	0	3
Pankratz	0	0	1
Klein	0	0	0
Unruh	0	1	0

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Friday night the Warriors play a game with the Roosevelt High team on the home court. Tuesday night, Feb. 18, they journey to Florence for a game there.

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## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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We're a little befuddled as to



d, Kingman, 39-28.

## MARION TAKES A PAIR

MARION, Feb. 21.—Marion high defeated Hillsboro in a double header here tonight. Marion won the second team game, 26 to 17 and the main game, 32 to 30. Bledsoe led for Marion while Schroeder and Hiebert were high for Hillsboro.

## PEABODY TAKES TITLE

**A** PEABODY, Feb. 21.—(A)—Peabody high clinched the league basketball championship here tonight with a victory over Council Grove, 44 to 25. The Victory was Peabody's eighth in league play, without defeat. It has still to play Marion a return game but can lose a game and win the title. Baker led tonight again, with 21 points.

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game with Newton Saturday night with out a scratch and expect to win from North with little trouble. The Redskins have dropped one game to the locals this season.

## PEABODY IS WINNER

FLORENCE, KAN., Feb. 18.—Peabody high trimmed Florence tonight, 40 to 29 in a rough game in which 29 fouls were called. Baker led the winners with 23 points. In the pre-lim, Florence second team won 18 to 17.

## College Basketball

Wichita 52; Emporia Teachers 45.  
 Kansas Wesleyan 55; Baker 42.  
 S. M. U. 45; Texas A. & M. 40.  
 West Texas State 76; Hardin Sim-  
 mons 34.  
 Florida 51; Stetson 42.  
 Clemson 54; Wake Forest 53.  
 Pittsburgh 38; Carnegie Tech 29.  
 Ohio university 61; Miami 20.  
 St. Ambrose 47; Penn 35.  
 Dubuque 32; Wartburg 22.  
 Central 50; Simpson 44.  
 Kearney 44; Midland 26.  
 Texas Wesleyan 61; McMurry col-  
 lege 19.  
 Rice 59; TCU 46.  
 Doane 29; Hastings 26.  
 York 55; Wesleyan 37.

	St'nd.	Kn'l.	Sit.	Pr'n.	T't'l
John Mardock	94	96	97	99	386
J. M. Lawson	93	94	99	100	386
Lawrence Curfman	95	95	95	99	384
Winton Bouray	93	93	94	99	379
Frank Schrader	79	93	99	99	370
L. B. Noble	88	89	92	100	369
C. K. Anderson	78	93	95	99	365
Martin Lentz	76	91	96	98	361
E. W. Yockey	83	89	87	100	359
K. L. Wood	66	86	87	95	334
Joe Rogers	42	82	97	99	320
	Pr'n.	Pr'n.	Pr'n.	Pr'n.	T't'l
Paul K. Good	98	98	95	95	386
Marion Good	93	94	93	90	370

## Allen Sees Better Luck Next Time

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Dr. F. C. Allen, University of Kansas basketball coach, predicted today "we will beat them when they come to Lawrence March 11" upon his return from Stillwater, Okla., and a 30 to 26 defeat by the Oklahoma A & M five.

Allen pointed to the 34 fouls called in the contest and said it was a "typical Aggie-Kansas game."

"It was hard fought all the way and at the half three Aggies carried personal fouls against them which is indicative of the way the contest was played."



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

Feb- 22-41

Forest C. Allen.  
Director of Physical Ed.  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Dear Doctor:

Thanks for nice  
letter enclosing clippings on last  
game.

Maybe you could come down  
for district tournament at new ton.  
There will be some good teams

there.

If I could bring Baker Family  
up for O. U. game. would it be  
possible to get tickets?

Remember Hewitt? of the old Hillards  
and Henerys. Hoyt is a combination  
of him and Engleman. He is a lot  
better defense man than Engleman  
and I think a better shot.

He only plays about 25 minutes per  
game and has better than 20 point average  
Sincerely, W. C. Jessen



February 25, 1941

Mr. Paul Baker  
Peabody, Kansas

Dear Mr. Baker:

It is a pleasure to communicate with you regarding your two sons, Heath and Hoyt. I had a nice visit with Heath yesterday morning for about half an hour, and it was a real pleasure to talk to such an intelligent and progressive young man.

Of course, we are interested also in having Hoyt with us, and I am very sure that with Heath's presence here and with the assistance we can give Hoyt in the way of work, you will make no mistake in having the two boys together at your own University of Kansas.

You help pay taxes on their education, so why not avail yourself of this opportunity? Dr. Jessen talked to me over the phone yesterday morning, and he is planning to bring you and Mrs. Baker and the rest of the family to Lawrence for the Oklahoma game on March 7. It will indeed be a pleasure to see you and we will have tickets ready for you and your group.

Anticipating the pleasure of seeing you again,  
I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach



February 25, 1941

Mr. Harry Baker  
Peabody, Kansas

Dear Mr. Baker:

I have met all of the Baker family with the exception of the Grandfather, I believe.

I talked with Dr. Jessen yesterday morning by telephone regarding the possibility of having you, your son, your daughter-in-law, and your grandsons, as well as Dr. Jessen himself, present for our Oklahoma-Kansas game here on Friday night, March 7. The game starts at 7:30, and it will be a distinct pleasure to have you and yours as our guests for that game.

I had a fine visit with your grandson, Heath, yesterday morning, and I find him a most agreeable and intelligent young man. We are hoping that Hoyt will join him here next fall, and that the two boys can have that fine companionship and association that is enjoyed among brothers who have high ideals. Both of them are gifted with intelligence that should make their standing rank high here at the University of Kansas.

Trusting that you will be present with the rest of the family, and with kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

FCA:lg:mln

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach



March 12, 1941 .

Mr. Hoyt Baker  
Peabody, Kansas

Dear Hoyt:

I received a letter from Dr. Jessen last night during our game with Oklahoma A. & M. It came special delivery, and in it was enclosed a regional tournament bracket, so I am following your schedule closely.

I would like to be down at Newton tonight to see you play Augusta at 10:00 o'clock. Good luck to you in every way! I am counting on your going through and playing the winner in the top bracket Friday night at 10:00 o'clock. I am going to make a definite effort to be there and see you play on Friday. I am sorry I can not make it tonight.

I want you to know that it was a pleasure to have you with us, and we want to extend an invitation for the morning of the Relays. We would like to have you come to Lawrence and work out with our Varsity basketball players on April 19th, so you count on being with us, won't you?

I am glad that you like Vance Hall and the rest of the boys. We think they are a great outfit. But we will talk high school basketball now, and we are hoping you are victorious, and I am further hoping that I will be able to see you Friday. Until then, good luck, and kindest regards to you and your good family. I enjoyed meeting your splendid Grandfather and your Mother and Dad again.

I think Dr. Jessen is a prince of a fellow and you have a great friend and booster in him. I am writing him today.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

FCA:lg:mln

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach



Peabody, Kansas  
March 11, 1941.

Dear Dr. Allen,

I enjoyed my week-end trip up to the University of Kansas very much. Vance Hall came over to Battenfelt Hall Saturday afternoon and showed me around the campus, he is one fine fellow.

We play Augusta Wednesday evening at 10 o'clock in the regional tournament at Newton. If we win Wednesday we play again Friday night



sometime. Thanks again for  
everything you did to show  
me a good time this week-end  
I really appreciated it all. I hope  
you have much success in  
coaching your baseball team  
this season.

Yours sincerely  
Hoyt Baker



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

March 3-1941

Forrest C Allen.

Director of Physical Ed. and Recreation.

Varsity. Basketball Coach.

Lawrence Kansas.

Dear Dr Allen -

Mr and Mrs. Paul Baker  
Hoyt and Harry Baker. will be glad  
to accept your kind invitation to  
attend. O. U. game March 7.

Mrs Jessen and myself will also  
come.

The Bakers are planning. one  
coming home after the game.

Hoyt and my family will stay  
over. Hoyt plans to stay with  
his brother Heath. It wouldnt  
hurt for one of the squad to  
invite him to stay with them.

Bruce Drake is coming up to the  
district Tournament in Newton next



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

week. One of my best friends  
lives in Oklahoma City and he  
is bringing Drake up.

We plan to be in Lawrence  
about 3:30 P.M. Friday.

We should arrange for Hoyt  
to meet Gwin. Henry I think  
his folks I think would rather  
he didn't play Foot. Ball. but  
Hoyt wants to play and he is  
very good.

Find out if Harve Mayo  
from Council Grove talked to  
Henry about Hoyt. He used to  
coach. his brother is at Wichita  
East. he had a boy go to the  
big ten from one of his teams and  
make the all big ten. He says Hoyt  
is a better man. He will see you Friday  
W. C. Jessen



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

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Forest C. Allen.  
Director of Physical Ed.  
Varsity Basketball Coach  
Dear Dr. Allen.

I want to thank  
you very much for the consider-  
ations extended to all of us  
last week. It was a pleasure  
to see you again.

I believe the Baker family was  
very favorably impressed.

Enclosed please find tournament  
brackets for A. and AA teams.

The B teams from this district  
will also be there. I think  
the cream of the crop will be  
in this tournament.

We have a tough one in Augusta.  
we lost our first game to them.  
but are much improved since then



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

I hope you can see your  
way clear to come down Friday  
and stay over Saturday. We  
have plenty of room, and would  
be more than glad, to have  
you stay with us. If you  
desire.

We are all pulling for  
you to beat the aggies  
to-night.  
You sure have a fine bunch  
of boys.

I will wire you Wednesday  
night the out come of game.  
You should come even if we  
~~lose~~ to see Newton and Hutchinson  
and the rest.

Sincerely

W. C. Jessen



February 22, 1941

Dr. W.C. Jessen  
Peabody, Kansas

Dear Dr. Jessen:

I have just returned from Columbia, Missouri where we played the Tigers in basketball last night. I am writing you another follow-up regarding Hoyt Baker.

I was talking to Wayne Replogle this morning regarding Hoyt Baker. He tells me that he stopped at the Peabody High School on either November 3 or 4 and had a nice talk with Hoyt. Again I wish to emphasize the fact that when we merely meet him and visit with him that carries very little weight as compared with offers and visits from other coaches.

You will remember when you were in my office with Mr. and Mrs. Baker and Hoyt and his brother that we discussed almost everything that we could think of pertaining to school and the possibility of Hoyt and his brother attending the University. I told them that we would help him in the way of work. I am wondering what you would advise me to do that we have not already done that would interest Hoyt Baker in the University.

Do you think if I went out to Peabody and talked with his parents that I could add anything to what I very frankly stated to them when they were in my office last year? This was during the time of the Kansas Relays. I would like for you to write me very frankly and give me your idea for landing Hoyt Baker at the University of Kansas.

You suggested that we send Hoyt some tickets for the Oklahoma Aggie game. I am wondering if you will definitely find out if Hoyt will be playing in a tournament at that time (March 11) or if it will be possible for him to attend that game. I would be glad to extend the invitation to you and Hoyt and his family as my personal guests for that game.

I have just arranged to meet Heath Baker, Hoyt's brother, at 10:00 Monday morning for a conference. I will be glad to talk with him regarding the family's desires and possible needs in aiding Hoyt to get an education.

With all good wishes, I am,  
S  
Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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February 20, 1941

Dr. W.C. Jessen  
Peabody, Kansas

Dear Dr. Jessen:

I acknowledge with deep gratitude your very good letter of February 18 regarding Hoyt Baker. I assure you you never have bothered me and I appreciate your kindly insistence that we take more interest than we have shown in this fine boy.

I want to be perfectly frank and honest with you. There is not a member of our basketball team that has been given any special consideration from me aside from work. This goes for my twenty-five years of coaching experience here at the University. The fact that Frosty Cox and Bruce Drake and these other coaches offer staggering propositions to these boys makes it much more difficult for us to keep our boys here in the State.

I want to assure you that I would rather have Hoyt Baker on my team than most any boy that I know. This applies to the crop in the high school in the State of Kansas at the present time.

Steve Hinshaw has not been with the University for some five or six years and there has been no effort to get basketball players to attend the University. The only ones that come here are boys who come for an education or who simply desire to play on the team. There has been no special inducement offered the boys.

But I do want you to know that I am tremendously interested in Hoyt Baker and I will make arrangements to have his brother drop in to see me. I told Hoyt and his folks that we would give him a job, but you can see how difficult it is when someone tells me that he can get a \$750.00 scholarship at Notre Dame.

I plan, sometime when it is convenient, to drop out and see you and have a good talk with you. I also want to see Hoyt's parents because I do want to interest them in an education for Hoyt and not merely a basketball scholarship or a berth where a fellow can take things easy because he is an athlete.

I readily understand the Baker family's problem. The fact that they have five children to educate makes for a real financial problem. I do know, however, that this is his State University and we would be mighty happy to have him here, and I believe it would mean more to him in his own State University than it would if he went some place where he and the family are not known. After all, it is the benefits and the satisfaction that a fellow gets from an education rather than the money that is offered.



I am leaving tonight for Columbia where our team plays the Missouri Tigers and upon my return I will write you another letter amplifying this one.

I saw the Baker family at Wichita and had a short visit with them. I want to assure you that I am interested in Hoyt and it is not through the lack of interest that we do not pay more attention to him. We do not want him to feel that we are bidding for his services. We are unable to offer the propositions that other out of state institutions offer.

Thank you for your good wishes regarding the Oklahoma Aggies and I assure you we will do our level best to fulfill your command to us.

Thanking you for your kindness and interest in this very worthy boy, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg



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

February 18-1941

Dr Foust Allen  
Lawrence Kansas.

Dear Doctor -

I am writing again about Hoyt Baker. after seeing Engleman play. I wouldn't trade Hoyt Baker for him. I would like to make you a wager that he will be an all American in three years.

Doctor I hate to see Kansas loose this boy. and you sure are if you don't get Hinchaw or some one else down here. at once.

He is going to Norman this Saturday. they are paying his train fare and all.

Frosty Cox has been after him



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

for over a year.  
Our coach is a Notre Dame  
man - he wants him to go there  
says he can get him a \$750.00  
scholarship.

I know you have a good  
Fustaman squad. but if  
this boy is on an opposite  
team from yours. you  
will be in for some bad  
nights the next 3 years.

I won't bother you again  
Doctor. I do think it is a  
shame that our State-U.  
lets boys like this go out  
of the state.  
I hope you won the big bar  
title. and beat the Opla aggie  
more than 4 points in Lawrence.  
why not send Hoyt some tickets for that



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

game. I think though  
that he will be playing in  
the regionals then.

He has averaged around  
25 points a game.

He made 23 points in 24 minutes  
against Emporia last week;  
only one other team besides  
ours has beaten Emporia.

Hoyt comes from very fine  
parents they run the Hardware  
here. They have five children  
to educate and it is going to be  
a problem for them to do same.  
They have a son up at Lawrence  
now. he moved up from Baker.

this month.

Hoyt also is a very good Base Ball  
player. and very good at Foot-Ball  
I think he should go out only for Basket  
Ball in college. Sincerely, W. C. Jessen