

Kenneth Love, Hutchinson Junior College  
Bill McCloud, Newton High School  
Mike Vargon, Wyandotte High School  
Kenny Johnson, Topeka High School  
Hugh Haire, Herrington  
Johnny Short, Salina  
Earl 'Pug' Harrison,  
Hutchinson

May 9th, 1941

Mr. Hoyt Baker  
Peabody, Kansas

Dear Hoyt:

It was a pleasure to have had you at our Third Annual Basketball "get-to-gether," at Robinson Gymnasium on the morning of our Kansas Relays.

I trust that you enjoyed the Kansas Relays in the afternoon. I know that our boys on the Varsity and Freshmen team greatly enjoyed meeting you and having you with us as our guest.

Have you definitely decided where you are going to college this next fall? Of course, you're too young for the draft, so I'm sure that every young man who has an opportunity to go to college will be thinking seriously of doing so.

I'll be happy to hear from you as to whether there is anything I can do in giving you information concerning your college course.

Trusting you will come again, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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

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Bill Forsyth, Medicine Lodge  
Herbert Borgman, Athol  
Glenn Talle, Yates Center  
Otto Schnellbacher, Sublette  
James Roderick, Wetmore  
Horace Higgins, Junior College  
Coffeyville, Ks.  
Stanley Mollhagen, Lorraine  
Alton Wylie, Seneca  
Paul Walker, 1253 Woodrow  
Wichita, Kansas

William Erickson, Leavenworth  
Don Maison, Lyons  
Junior Bennett, Ottawa  
Curtis Hinshaw, Lawrence  
Harold McSpadden, Eldorado



September 8, 1941.

Mr. Dell Davidson,  
Stadium.

Dear Mr. Davidson:

Will you kindly put Gifford Roux to work with your crew at the stadium? He is here to go to school, and is ready for work before school starts. His time is to be charged to Physical Education.

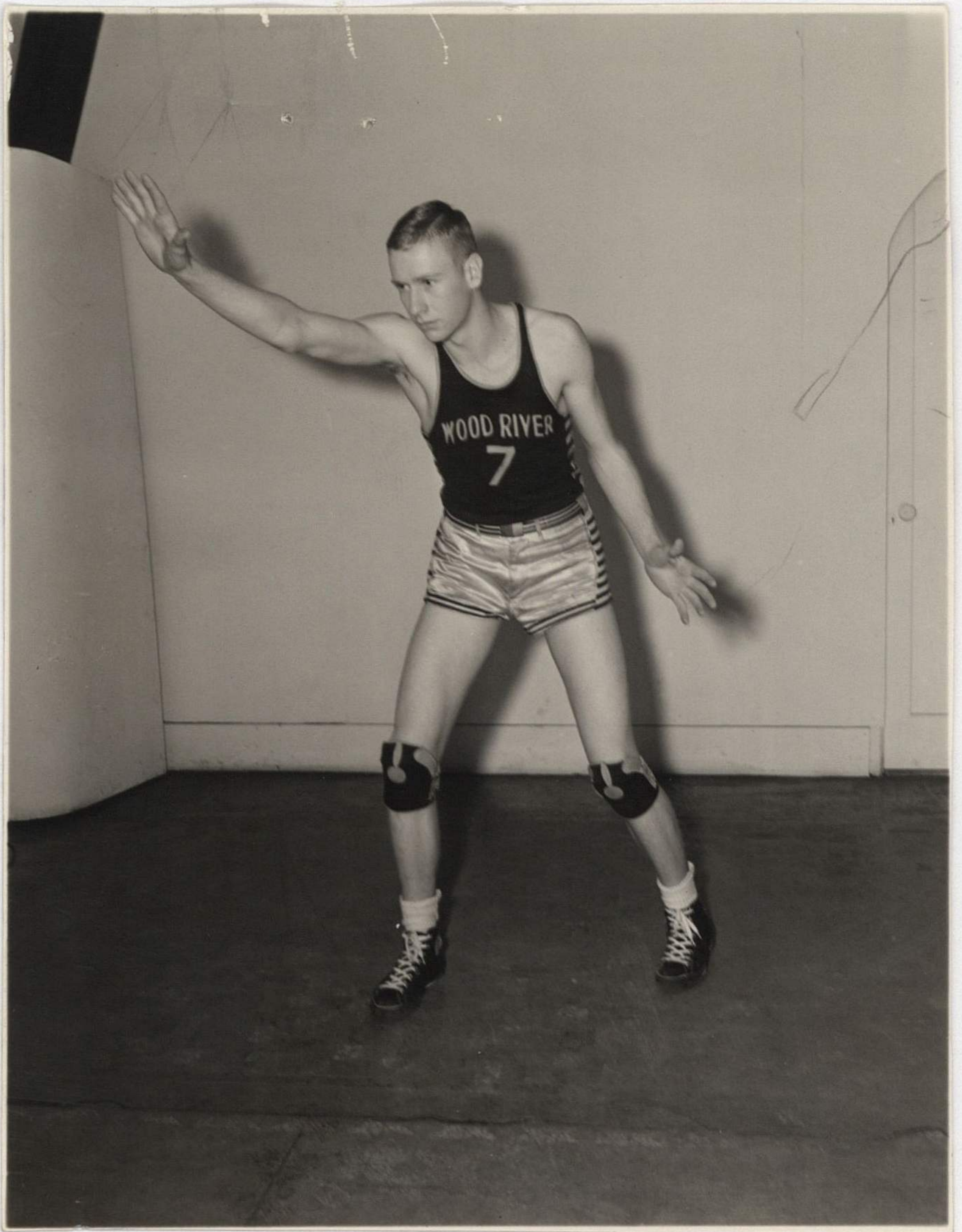
Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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

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Gifford Roux

age 18 Height 6' 3" weight 175



July 21, 1941.

Mr. Gifford Roux,  
Roxana, Illinois.

Dear Gifford:

I have your two letters of July 9th and 18th, and want to assure you that we will give you a job at 35¢ an hour for two hours a day. Then of course you will have your Saturdays for additional work.

Congratulations on the very fine, intelligent letter that you have written. I am glad to see that you are in earnest about wanting to come to the University of Kansas to get your education.

I should advise you to come to Lawrence a few days early, if you can, and upon your arrival if you will come directly to my office I will be glad to help you in any way possible. Of course, you have doubtless sent your official high school transcript to the Registrar's Office by this time.

I am looking forward to seeing you this fall, and believe that you will enjoy a very profitable year.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Roxana, Illinois, July 18, 1917

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

Dear Mr. Allen;

I wrote you some time ago stating that I intend to enter the University of Kansas this year. I asked you some questions and also asked for advice. I have not heard from you. Maybe I am overanxious, but I thought it might be possible that you did not get my letter. I am getting along fine working at the Lannery. I got my first pay check today. I hope to hear from you soon.

Very respectfully,  
Giffardoux



256 Elm Street  
Roxana, Ill  
July 9, 1941

Mr. Forrest C. Allen  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

I received your letter a few days ago and now that I have also looked over the bulletin that you spoke of I would like to clear up some other questions. I am working at the International Shoe Company factory this summer and shall save my money to pay fees for the first semester. If I understand the bulletin my fees will be about \$107.<sup>04</sup>. That will be about the limit that I can save. My father will take care of the fees for the second semester. Am I right, or is there other items of expense? Will you be able to take care of my room and board expense from the beginning? (I will be able to start working)

When shall I come? Do I need to be there a few days before hand?

As you probably know I don't know any too much about college and I will appreciate all the advice you can give.



I am not an excellent student but I am confident that I can make comparatively good grades in my courses. I want to take Social Science, Physical Education, and Education along with the required courses. As far as I am concerned you can depend on my being there this fall. I thank you for your interest and help and for future information and advice.

yours truly  
Gifford Rany



July 2, 1941.

Mr. Charles L. Summers,  
Wood River, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Summers:

Thank you for your good letter of the 30th ultimo enclosing a photograph of Gifford Roux. I am writing Gifford today and sending a carbon copy of my letter to you. I am also asking that a catalog of the University be sent to him. I am sending him a pamphlet of our course in Physical Education, also. As soon as I find what he desires in an academic way I will be able to work with him more intelligently.

I am glad that he has started work in the International Shoe Company. The fact that he will have enough money to pay his own tuition will make it possible for me to give him a job that will pay his room and board. That is as much as we do for any of the boys. As I look at it, the pay-off comes on the other end of the line. I would rather get a boy a good job than to try to make an easy job for him while he is in school. If we can aid a boy in equipping himself with an education then he has something that will carry him through life on the higher plane.

I appreciate your interest and I assure you that you would be a most welcome visitor should you ever come to Lawrence. And I will also appreciate your advising Gifford in the things that are best for him as to his future.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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July 2, 1941.

Mr. Gifford Roux,  
Roxana, Illinois.

Dear Gifford:

Your coach, Mr. Charles L. Summers, of Wood River, wrote me June 30th telling me that you were interested in coming to the University of Kansas. He states that you are starting work in the Tannery, and that you will have money to take care of your tuition.

Some people may promise tuition but I have never made any promises like that because I believe that a state institution that spends \$242.00 per student of the taxpayers' money, in addition to the tuition that an individual pays, then I believe the state is doing its share to educate the young people.

If you are interested in coming to the University of Kansas I will be glad to get you a job connected with me in my department so that you can earn enough money for your board and room. That is about all that I feel a student going to college and participating in athletics can earn.

Mr. Summers enclosed a photograph of you in the Wood River uniform. I see that you wear the lucky number, No. 7. May the good luck continue with you all through your life. Mr. Otto Rost of St. Louis and Mr. Summers have said some very fine things regarding your ability as a player and also your qualities of manhood.

I am asking the University authorities to mail you a catalog and I am also sending you a bulletin from our Department of Physical Education. Not knowing what you desire in the way of specialization I await your letter informing me what you hope to major in at the University.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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June 30<sup>th</sup> 1941

Dear Coach Allen,

Having just returned to Wood River after being away a couple of weeks I have your letters of June 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>

I am glad Otto wrote to you about Sifford Roux. Otto generally works a game or two each year for us. He is a good basket ball official and I know you respect his judgement of athletes.

Yes, Sifford Roux has been approached by a number of near by schools but his mind is still set for Kansas U. He was very happy this morning when I drove over and told him I had heard from you and that you were interested and willing to help him.

He starts to work this afternoon at The Tannery (International Shoe). He will have some money of his own and probably will be able to take care of his tuition. However



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he will almost have to have a room and board job or at least that.

Again let me repeat what I know I did in my other letter. He is worthy of all we can do for him.

I would like for you to write to him, sent him a Catalogue or bulletin on Kansas and rather ~~giving~~ give him a understanding of what help Kansas could offer him. You know anything you think should be explained to him. No such an approach would make him vain. He just wants a College education and to be able to play basket ball because he loves the game.

His address is just Roxana, Illinois. I know pictures don't speak any truth but I am sending you one of the boy anyway.

Sincerely Yours  
Chas. L. Summers



June 19th, 1941

Mr. Charles F. Summers  
Coach of Basketball  
Wood River, Illinois

Dear Coach Summers:

Pardon me for not answering your good letter of April 15th, sooner. I find that your letter was mislaid in a mass of correspondence and since I coached baseball immediately after my basketball season, and further since I have had forty two consecutive nights of speaking dates here in the Grapefruit and Lettuce League or Commencements in Highschools as well as the University Commencement, I'm sure you can partially pardon me for my delay.

You are very kind to write recommending Gifford Roux, and I assure you that I would indeed like to have him with me. The University of Kansas does not provide any scholarship but of course, I would be very happy to give him work.

Everyone is forced to pay tuition at the University of Kansas. No one escapes. But, I am interested in him and will do anything I can to help him. Will you write me again and inform me if Gifford Roux has made any plans for next year? Certainly I would not blame him at all if he had because I had failed to answer your letter with any degree of promise. I assure you, however, it was not intentional.

With deep appreciation, I am,

Sincerely yours, •

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

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Wood River, Ill  
April 15, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Basket Ball Coach  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas.

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Dear Coach,

I am writing to you concerning a boy, Gifford Roux, who is a great basket ball player and wants to play for "Phog" Allen at Kansas.

Now I could write several pages telling you how good this boy is and what he could do. I won't do that because you know I would never send a boy over 500 miles away from home where I know competition is tough when there are many good universities closer.

Some descriptions of the boy are as follows 18 years old (will graduate in June) 6'3", 170 Never knows when to quit and will give, give and give. An excellent set shot or one handed on the move shot. Can play any position equally well. He has all the fundamentals



of basket ball. Write to any one who has followed Ill. high school basket ball Near St. Louis and they will tell you about the boy.

Now I am not asking you what you can give him to come to Kansas. I know you don't do things that away. However what aid can be given him to help him earn his way through the university. He is rated in our school as above average (Not an A student)

I am writing for "Giff" because I think so much of him. He comes from a poor home and will appreciate any thing done for him.

Really I think you are getting something real thrown right in your lap.

Sincerely yours,  
Coach Chas. L. Summers



April 26, 1941

Mr. Charles L. Summers  
Coach of Basketball  
Wood River, Illinois

Dear Coach Summers:

Your letter of April 15 regarding Gifford Roux  
has been received.

Dr. Allen is out of town at the present time  
on baseball trips. As soon as he returns your letter will  
be brought to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen



June 20, 1940.

Mr. Charles Summers,  
East-Alton Wood River Community High School,  
Wood River, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Summers:

I have written you only a few days ago, and in this morning's mail I received a letter from Otto Rost highly recommending Gifford Roux, the young man that you wrote me about.

I greatly appreciate your interest in young Roux's behalf, and I pledge you my full cooperation in helping this boy in every way that I can.

Won't you write me and tell me if there is anything that I can do to further his coming to the University of Kansas?

Awaiting your valued letter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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May 23, 1941

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Mr. Otto Rost  
6405-A Potomac Street  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Rost:

Since you are a Kansas University graduate you would like to do something for dear old Kansas no doubt.

Well, here's what you can do that will be a good turn for Kansas and me too.

One of the greatest ball players I have ever had wants to go to Kansas U. to play basketball for "Phog" Allen. He is Gifford Roux, one of my boys last year. He is 18 years old, 6' 3", and weighs 170 pounds. Really Rost, he will be a great college ball player. There isn't any need for me to say any more about the boy to you.

I don't know whether you worked any of the games he played in or not. Ask your brother Bruce at Lowe & Campbell, he has heard about the boy.

I have written to Coach Allen, but I know if an alumnus would show interest in the boy, it would carry more weight.

Sincerely yours,

*Chas. L. Summers*

Charles Summers

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September 8, 1941.

Mr. Dell Davidson,  
Stadium.

Dear Mr. Davidson:

Will you kindly put Otto Schnellbacher to work with your crew at the stadium? He is here to go to school, and is ready for work before school starts. His time is to be charged to Physical Education.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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

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August 30, 1941

Welda, Kansas

Dr. V. C. Allen  
Dir. of Phy. Ed.

Dear Mr. Allen:

I recieved a letter from the  
N. Y. H. office stating that I  
would be un. able to get on N. Y. H.  
unless there is a vacancy later

When Mr. Corder, of Welda,  
and I were up to see you, in  
July, you said you would give  
me a job and I just thought  
I better write you and see if  
I can still depend on the job.

very sincerely yours,

Robert Boots  
Welda, Kans.



September 8, 1941

Mr. Dell Davidson,  
University of Kansas Stadium.

Dear Mr. Davidson:

Will you kindly put Robert Boots to work with your crew at the stadium? He is here to go to school, and is ready for work before school starts. His time is to be charged to Physical Education.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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

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August 29, 1941.

Mr. Robert Lloyd,  
Princeton, Kansas.

Dear Robert:

Dean Martin had spoken often to me about you and your baseball ability and he stated that he was going to endeavor to get you to matriculate at the University of Kansas. Of course, we would be happy to have you here and I am sure that you realize that the great opportunity would come to you in getting an education.

We pay 35¢ an hour for work and it is always possible for all students to work two hours a day and carry a full academic load. But if a student works three hours a day then the deans curtail the number of hours to 12. A full load is 15 hours. Personally, I think that a boy makes a mistake to work too many hours and thereby loses the opportunity to carry a full course.

The Big Six rules state that an athlete must have passing work in 27 hours the two preceding semesters. If a boy carries 15 hours a semester his total accumulation would be 30 hours, and if a boy should have a little bad luck and fail a course, which I hope you won't do, then he would fall below the 27 hours required for him to participate in athletics.

Now you will understand, Robert, that while I have mentioned the required number of hours for athletic competition, I do not believe that athletics are the most important part of your school life. In fact, it is the most unimportant part. In ten or twenty years you men who graduate from the University will be running this state. I say that with no flattery intended because I can remember when I was in college with Alf Landon, Roy Roberts of the Kansas City Star, Tom Grant of the Business Men's Assurance of Kansas City, Maurice Breidenthal, president of the Security National Bank, Tom Sweeney, president of the Peoples State Bank, Walter Thiele, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge Hugh Means, and so many others too numerous to mention. These men then were just youngsters like you and Dean Martin. But before long these chaps got into places of trust and the old-timers went the way of all life. It was then that these fellows took over and they are in very important and responsible positions.



So the first thing is your studies, and the next thing is getting acquainted with the leaders at the University. Your athletics introduce you favorably to society and business. You make friends, but you have got to have the ability to deliver the goods to keep your friends, because a winner likes a winner. And winners move with winners. That is why athletics are evaluated as highly as they are by the educators. You train and scrap and fight and play for a goal, which is the game that you try to win. But the educators are not interested in the fellow who only wants to play and doesn't want to get the main things that the educators hand out to the youth, and that is an education.

Robert, you can talk to Dean and he can tell you about what it cost him. And I can promise you a job. If you can work extra hours we can give it to you, but I do not want you to count on working too many hours which would prove to be a detriment to your school work. I do not believe that your parents would want you to do that. Doubtless you have saved some money this summer, and while you might make the most of your expenses, there is a thought in my mind that you might get ill and not be able to work, and then you would be cutting your cloth too closely.

I am not writing to Mr. Maynard Cox because Dean Martin told me that you were a fine boy and that you wanted an education.

I do not go out after athletes because I realize that the University's reputation has been builded by great educators and great teachers, and it is not the coaches who build the reputation of the University. And too, I do not want to confuse the boy with the idea that he is in a position to do much for the University at present. He only honors the University when he graduates and goes out into the field and makes a success. Then naturally he honors himself and reflects honor to his school.

Princeton is not far from Lawrence and if you have an opportunity I would be glad to have you come up any morning and have a talk with me. Doubtless you could ride up with Dean some time soon. I am in my office each morning and would be happy to be advised ahead of time if you plan on coming. I think a conversation would clear up many things that letter-writing sometimes fails to do. I am having a catalog of the University sent to you, and I am mailing you a brochure on physical education which you can look over. Perhaps you may want to take engineering, journalism, law or medicine. Let me know what you have in mind.

Sincerely yours,

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

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Princeton, Kansas  
August 18, 1941

Dear Mr. Allen,

I understand that you are now the baseball coach at K. U., as well as the basketball coach and I've been advised to write to you in regard to coming there to school. I received a letter from a member of your baseball team, Dean Martin, in regard to coming up to school & have talked with him since and he advised me to get in touch with you.

In regard to athletic ability, I have lettered four years each in baseball & basketball. Concerning baseball, I have never lettered less than 400 for a seasons play and last



year was invited to come to Kansas City for a professional tryout with the New York Yankee organization but was unable to attend. I play first base and am left handed.

In basketball, during the past season I scored three hundred and twenty five points & better than two hundred and fifty for each of the two seasons preceding that.

In order to come to N. Y. I would have to have a job that would pay for my room, board and laundry, and I thought perhaps you might be able to help me in finding a job.

I would be very grateful if you could help me in any way & also would like to hear as soon as possible if there is a chance for any work.

In case you wish for verification of what I have written or any further information write to Mr. Maynard Cox who is a teacher & assistant coach at Princeton High School.

Sincerely yours  
Robert Lloyd



Dr. Allen

2511 N. 34<sup>th</sup> Kansas City  
Kans.

Aug. 28, 1941

(Mrs) Alberta Hutten,

Sec. to Dr. F. C. Allen,

Dept. of physical Education,  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence Kans;

Kind Madam:-

In reply to your letter saying Mr. Allen might not be in Lawrence Sat. Aug. 23 I must write to tell you Mr. Emery, Ronald Emery's father, began his vacation that day. We left Kansas City that evening, and have been traveling since. We hope to be back in Kansas City



back in Kansas City by the  
6<sup>th</sup> of Sept.

Just as soon as we are  
back in Kansas City we will  
come to Lawrence. We are  
very grateful to Mr.  
William L. Butler for his  
interest in Donald. It was  
all his idea.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. R. Emery.