

July 29, 1940

Mr. Bob Abrams
5228 Kensington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Bob:

Your good letter of July 19 was received and immediately I called Mrs. E. L. Wellhausen, 1329 Vermont Street, regarding a room. Mrs. Wellhausen is the mother of Al, one of our Kansas players who came up from McKinley High several years ago. Of course, you have seen Al play in St. Louis, have you not?

Mrs. Wellhausen is a very fine and brilliant woman. She was a court reporter before she was married. Her husband is employed here at the University and she keeps boys at their home. She is a wonderful mother to them. I am sure that Mrs. Wellhausen is going to write your mother and I know your mother will feel very happy that you are in the home of another St. Louisian. When I told Mrs. Wellhausen that you lived on 52nd and Kensington she said, "Oh my, I know where that is", and of course she did. We are looking forward to your happy associations with the Wellhausen family.

Mrs. Wellhausen charges \$7.00 a month for each boy, two boys in a room. I think that is quite reasonable. She has a lovely home and she takes so much interest in the boys that you will feel you are in a very splendid environment.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellhausen live at 1329 Vermont Street. The University is on 14th street on a high hill. The town of Lawrence is divided by a street that we call Massachusetts. The streets east of Massachusetts are the names of the Colonies and the streets west like Vermont, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana, Mississippi, etc. are named after the states as they entered the Union. So you see that Mrs. Wellhausen living at 1329 Vermont Street, and the University located at 14th and Indiana puts you 5 blocks up on the hill. That will be good for your legs and your wind. The center of the down town district is at 8th Street and Massachusetts. So you can get a general idea about the location. You will like it very much I am sure.

I would suggest that when you get to town you go directly to Mrs. Wellhausen's. The taxi fare is 15¢ from the station, which is down near the Kaw or Kansas River. With your luggage I would say that it would be economical to take a taxi at 15¢ because from the station there are about 15 blocks and they are long ones. Then you can call me at my office, K.U. 83, from Mrs. Wellhausen's home. We will be happy to see you and help you in any way possible.