

Lawrence, Kansas
March 18, 1940

Mr. Ray Evans,
503 Barnett,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Ray:

I am terribly sorry that your Wyandotte High School basketball team did not win first place in the state tournament. I have watched you play and I have observed your teammates. I think you have a wonderful basketball team.

Apparently the post man caused your team too much trouble. I would liked to have been in attendance and offered any helpful suggestions on how to play this fellow. I believe I know how to stop the post man without giving him such an advantage as he ordinarily takes. Anyway, you had a wonderful season and you played marvelous ball.

Of course we want you to attend the University of Kansas, and I assure you of my hearty cooperation and best friendship should you decide to attend the University. Some time I would like to talk with you and portray to you the great benefits as I see them by attending the University of Kansas.

With all good wishes and kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.

Boys who were here Saturday morning, April 20, 1940

Harley King, Iola	"Bill" Roller, Ellis
Ray Evans, K. C. K.	Gilbert Sollenburger, Hutchinson
Leo Headrich, K. C. K.	Frank Stuckey, Hutchinson
Bill Brill, K. C. K.	Ralph Parks, Miller
John Bortka, K. C. K.	Lee Cripps, " "
John Noone, K. C. K.	Lewis Cripps, " "
Paul Turner, Shawnee Mission	Lawrence, Johnson, " "
Kenneth Love, Hutchinson	
Bill Cochrane, Salina	
Jimmy Hamilton, Weir	
Jack Broadhurst, Pittsburg	
Joe Mzhickteno, Holton	
Bob Dole, Russell	
Leon Mai, Russell	
Bud Smith, Russell	
Bob Fletcher, Holton	
Eldon "Red" Hawks, Hutchinson	
William-Risley, -Niekerson-	
Jack Beck, Dwight	
Glenn Mize, Bonner Springs	
Burrett Tomlinson, (Westport High)	
Bob Sheridan, " "	
Jack Ballard, K. C. Mo.	
Kenneth Dugan, Circleville	

High School Boys Invited for
Saturday Morning, April 20.

H.M.M.

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X Harley King, Iola

Burnell Olsen, Chanute

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Gerald Tucker, Winfield

Jack Weddle, Winfield

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Clifford Sickles, Winfield

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X Ray Evans, K. C. K.

X Leo Headrich, K. C. K.

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X Bill Brill, K. C. K.

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X John Bortka, K. C. K.

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X John Noon^e, K. C. K.

Rudy Rauh, Rosedale

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Stan Cyhel, (Ward High)

X Paul Turner, Shawnee Mission

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Dale Covert, El Dorado

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X Kenneth Love, Hutchinson

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Bill Engelland, Nickerson

Levi DeWeese, Medicine Lodge

Lee Jones, Pretty Prairie

J. T. James, Arkansas City

X Bill Cochran, Salina

X Jimmy Hamilton, Weir

Max Kissell, Portis

X Jack Broadhurst, Pittsburg

Harry J. Foresman (Ottawa, Ill.)

Letters of Acceptance

Joe Mzykietens, Hutton Kan.
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Bob Dale Russell

Leon Mai Russell

Bud Smith " "

X Bob Fletcher, Holton

X Eldon "Red" Hawks, Hutchinson

William Risley, Nickerson

X Jack Beck, Dwight

X Glenn Mize, Bonner Springs

X Burrett Tomlinson, (Westport High)

X Bob Sheridan " "

X Jack Ballard, K. C. Mo.

Kenneth Winters, Wentworth

Fred Kohl (Paseo)

Fred Boldin (Westport)

Howard Thorp (Paseo)

Chuck Campbell, K. C. Mo.

Conway Leary, K. C. Mo.

Blaine Hibler

Jim Sealey, Hutchinson

Albert Wagler, Hutchinson

Darren Schneider, St. Francis

X Kenneth Dugan - Circleville, Mo.

X H. King - ~~...~~

X "Bill" Roller - Ellis, Mo.

X Gilbert Sollenburger - Hutch. Mo.

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X Frank Studey - Hutchinson, Mo.

X Ralph Parks

X Lee Cripps } Miller

X Yvonne Cripps }

X Lawrence Johnson

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from the K. U. NEWS BUREAU

■ KANSAS UNIVERSITY

■ LAWRENCE, KANSAS

■ RAY HEADY, Director

Gerald Tucker, Winfield

For the second consecutive year, Gerald Tucker of Winfield was the best high school basketball player in the state. When I first saw Tucker play in the tournament this spring my feeling was that he was better than ever, but his teammates were not playing with him. In the final game with Wyandotte, his mates finally forgot their petty jealousies and played with Tucker the way they should have all season. The team was a super-team that night and Tucker stood out like a beacon. Not only did he lead the team in scoring, but he likewise led the team in every other department of play. His defense was superb, on rebounds he got all that Winfield got and that was a large number. His generalship left nothing to be desired. He led the team and was the team too. Tucker is at least 6 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 190 pounds or more. The criticism of Tucker by Ralph Miller and others last year was that he was not active enough, but they should have seen Gerald in the finals. He feinted, dodged and jumped around like a wiry halfback. Tucker led the Ark Valley in scoring two years, which is quite a feat in a league as tough as that. In comparing his scoring with Ralph Miller or anyone like that, it is necessary to remember that Winfield plays a very conservative brand of basketball, one which is not conducive to high individual scoring. Consequently Tucker had to make his points on a limited number of shots. Miller played on a fast break team which was willing to trade points anytime. I don't rate Tucker as the equal of Miller as a high school player, but I do consider him one of the best of all time. His performance against Wyandotte was a truly great showing. Tucker showed a tendency toward conceit in the tournament, but I believe that he will be easier to work with and straighten out than some other men I can think of. Tucker is a fine rebound man now and should make a wonderful college rebounder under the kind of training you can give him. His work on defense also is fine and he has a fighting heart, which it seems to me rates high in an athlete's assets.

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■ RAY HEADY, Director

Ray Evans, Wyandotte

Probably the finest burly basketball player I have ever seen in high school is Wyandotte's star, Ray Evans. Although he is built like a professional wrestler, Evans handles the ball with the skill of an artist. He is one of the greatest high school "feeders" I have ever seen. His ability to get the ball in to a closely guarded post man is a revelation. The first tournament game with Colby saw Evans at his best in this respect. Trailing by eight points at one point in the third quarter, Wyandotte rallied to win by five or six points. Standing out in this rally was the sensational passing of Evans. He fed his men inside for one bucket after another. In addition he is a crack scorer in his own right. During the season he led Wyandotte in scoring. He is a crack long shot and a dandy on drive-ins. When Wyandotte beat Hutchinson so badly in the semi-finals, Evans shot three times from past the free throw line and hit every one of them. In the final game he tied the score in the last minute of play with as hard a one-hand chance as I have seen in some time. He goes good when the chips are down. His rebounding both on defense and offense is good. He gets up on the back-board nicely.

Evans also stands out for his ability to spark a team. When he was in the game Wyandotte played considerably better than when he was out. Even more so than his physical presence alone would account for. He is a dynamic figure in action, dribbling like a demon, breaking up plays and urging his teammates on. This boy is my kind of a ball player. He never stops battling. Apparently he is not the best defensive man on the squad, inasmuch as he did not guard the opposing team's aces, but on the other hand Coach Elbl may have wanted him out on the front line in order to be able to break fast.

Ray is 6 feet $1\frac{1}{2}$ or 6 feet 2 tall and weighs around 187 pounds. He is a Catholic and Notre Dame and St. Benedicts are interested in him as well as all of the schools around here.

His first year in high school, Evans was a star on the second team. As a junior he won a first string berth on the Wyandotte team and was a real star the last two seasons.

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■ RAY HEADY, Director

Bill Brill, Wyandotte

This lanky Wyandotte senior wasn't a flashy player, but I believe he was the best "coach's" player in the state. His specialties this season were rebounding and defense and how he excelled in them. Before the season was very old, Bill was guarding the opposing team's ~~man~~ best scorer in every game. In the final game of the season, Brill had to guard Gerald Tucker on the best night Tucker ever had, so that although Tucker got 13 points, it was no disgrace for Brill. The night before, Brill had turned in the greatest job of guarding he ever did, in stopping big Guy Mitchell of Hutchinson. Mitchell had scored 10 buckets in each of the first two tournament games, but with Brill guarding him, Mitchell was unable to get a single one. Two free throws were Mitchell's total scoring for the evening. Brill played sensationally, allowing Mitchell only two or three half-way decent shots in the whole game. He did not wrestle with Mitchell under the basket, but instead would play about two feet away from the Hutchinson star, closing in on Mitchell and tying him up when the Salthawk ace got the ball. Or he would jump in front of Mitchell and bat the ball away when he had a chance. It was a brilliant job of guarding. All season long he was stopping one scoring ace after another. I have never heard of anything quite like it. He stopped Stan Cyhel, Ward's big center; Ross Burns, Joplin's 6'5" center; Rudy Rauh of Rosedale, who scored 30 points against Atchison; Junius Penny of Lawrence; and a number of others I do not recall right now.

Brill is 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 175 pounds. He has been on the first team at Wyandotte for 3 years, the only member of this year's team who did that. As a sophomore and junior, he was mainly a shooter, but this year he suddenly changed and became a workhorse. Personally, I think he can play on K.U.'s team or anybody else's. I think his folks are at least fairly well off and that he would not need much help. However I am not sure about this.

July 13, 1940.

Spring Bank
Linnell City
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Mr. C. B. Black,
615 Louisiana St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Black:

I have your favor of the 10th instant written at Topeka, Kansas, regarding your son, Charles, Jr. I endeavored to get you on the telephone today but central informs me that your phone has not been connected as yet.

I desired to talk with you, but at the first opportunity I will drop by and say hello. We apparently are close neighbors-I live at 801 Louisiana, but in this day and age it seems as if we do little visiting. So if Mrs. Allen and I do not come in the warm weather you will know it is because we have four of our grandchildren visiting with us, and a lot of other company. It seems as if our summer has been tremendously full.

We do welcome you to Lawrence, and we trust that Charles, Jr., will come to the University should he decide to leave Wisconsin. I am happy regarding the encouraging news that Charles might come back to live with you. I hope so, because frankly I believe he is very much better off in this area with you and your acquaintances here. If you were in the Big Ten territory, and if your influence could be lent in making friends and opportunities for him there, I am sure in that case he might be better off. But since his family lives in this part of the country I believe that he will be happier with the whole set-up in this district.

I am sure that Charles would be a very definite help to our athletic situation here, and I am sure that the University could do much for him. I was especially attracted to him by his modesty and his background. It would be a pleasure to have him with us.

I hope to have an opportunity to visit with you and Mrs. Black in the near future.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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PAUL FRANK, TREASURER

Written at Topeka Kas
July 15th

Mr Allen
Director of Athletics
Kansas University

Dear Mr Allen:

First thing I
want to do is apologize
for not answering your
letter. Kept holding off writing,
expecting to hear from
Chas Jr. that he would be
willing to leave Wisconsin.
I resumed we moved to
Lawrence thinking we
could get Chas back
and then in another
year we will have a
daughter & son
finishing high school.

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PAUL FRANK, TREASURER

Written at

Chas, of course was working
for his Freshman Numerals
in Basket Ball & Track.

Just a few days ago we
received word from him
that he might come back
to us. I want you to
know that both Mrs Black
& I appreciated your
interest in Chas and
if we do get him home
we would like him to
enter K.L. and of course
anything he might be
able to do to help on
his expenses ^{would be appreciated} he is a
very willing worker.

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Yours very sincerely
C. B. Black
615 Louisiana
Lawrence Kas

August 26, 1940

Mrs. C. B. Black
615 Louisiana Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Black:

I am sending you a carbon copy of a letter that I have just written Charles Junior.

I am indebted to you for any inspiration I might have in writing Charles. Somehow I feel that the maternal love emphasized itself in such a degree that I was stimulated thereby. I feel it would be a happy solution all around for Charles and his family and for us. For that reason I am cooperating to the nth power in having Charles with us.

Upon my return from Louisville about September 9th, I will communicate with you and I am hopeful that Charles will be home by that time so we can have a nice visit with him and fix up matters and he will be happy and enthusiastic about his attending the University of Kansas.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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July 5, 1940.

Mr. Ray Blacker,
Blacker Milling & Grain Co.,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Ray:

My secretary just called my attention to the fact that I wrote you on March 23th saying that as soon as the rush of the N.C.A.A. basketball tournament was over I would write you. Well, the rush is over, but I am having some difficulty with one of my good Phi Psi brothers who handled the publicity down there and the program adversiting. It seems as if I am having trouble making contact with him, and since there is quite a bit of money outstanding perhaps I had better arrange a time real soon to come down to Kansas City and see about it.

Possibly I could combine this matter with seeing you and talking with Kenneth Winters. Leo Brady also called me up and said he and Larry Winn had talked to Jack Ballard's father and they wanted me to talk with the old gentleman.

On April 17th I received a letter from Kenneth Winters regretting the fact that he could not accept the invitation to the Relays and to work out in the gym shooting a few baskets, giving as the reason that the annual government inspection was on at Wentworth Military Academy and they did not permit any absences at that time. He seemed very appreciative, and it would be a pleasure for me to see him and you at your convenience, if you will let me know so that I might work out my rather difficult schedule. I am teaching two classes every day and handling the recreation here in the Summer School, which makes it rather difficult for me to break away at times unless arrangements are made ahead of time.

With all good wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Lawrence, Kansas
March 28, 1940

Mr. Ray Blacker,
Blacker Milling & Grain Co.,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Ray:

Thank you very much for your kind letter
of the 23rd instant concerning Kenneth Winters.

Just as soon as this rush is over with
the N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament I shall be glad
to see Kenneth and point out to him some of the advantages
in enrolling at the University of Kansas. If you could
arrange a meeting some time in Kansas City at Kenneth's
convenience I would be happy to come over there and
talk with him. It would be a pleasure to talk with him.

Thanking you for your interest, and with best
wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.

Blacker Milling and Grain Co.

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Kansas City, Kans.

March 23, 1940

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

Dear "Phog";

I want to draw your attention to a boy who shows some signs of being a good basketball player.

His name is Kenneth Winters, he is now on the Wentworth Military Academy team and was the high point scorer on that team with seventy-three points. In the Kemper, Wentworth game which is their big game, Winters made five baskets and three free-throws for a total of 13 points. He is supposed to be very fast and have a lot of enthusiasm.

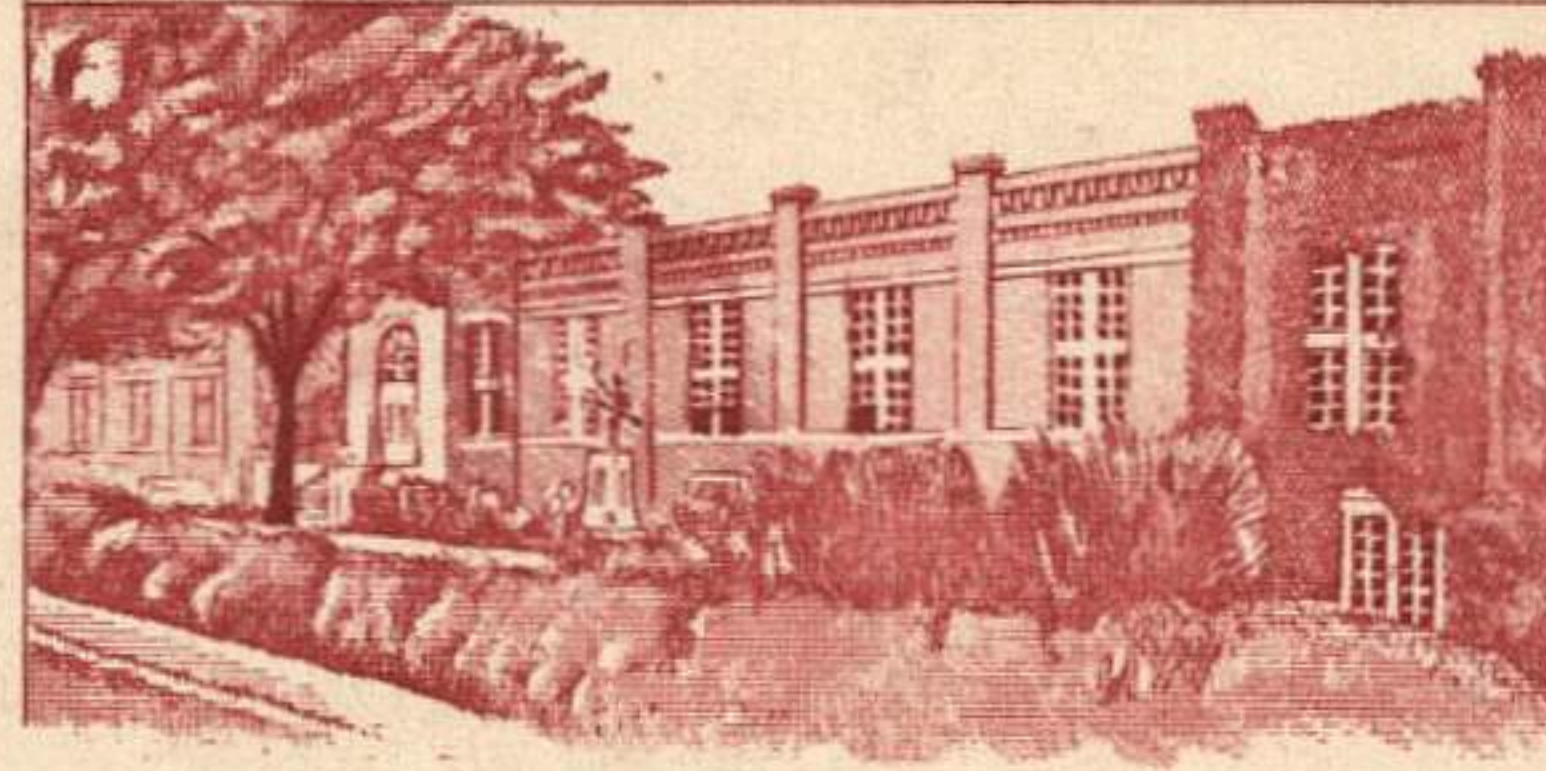
He is the son of Mr. E.C. Winters who lives in the Mission Hills district of Kansas City, and intends entering the University of Kansas next year. I thought you might be interested in this information.

I saw your game against Rice last night and certainly thought your boys did fine. With the writers best regards, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Ray Blacker

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WENTWORTH MILITARY ACADEMY
LEXINGTON, MISSOURI

April 17, 1940

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

Dear Sir:

I am sorry to say that I cannot accept your invitation to the relays and to workout in the gym, because at this time our school is having its annual Government Inspection and since it is a honor military school it will not permit anyone to leave the school during the inspection. I thank you very much for the invitaion and I cannot think of anything I would rather do than to shoot a few baskets.

I have high hopes of coming to K.U. this fall and hope that I may meet you at that time.

Thanking you again I remain--

Sincerely yours

Kenneth J. Winters

Kenneth J. Winters

August 26, 1940

Mr. Charles B. Black
Spring Bank
Tunnel City, Wisconsin

My dear Charles:

I have just returned from Coaching Schools at the University of Texas at Austin and the Kansas High School Coaching School at Topeka. Tomorrow morning I am planning on leaving with Mrs. Allen and our grandson for Louisville, Kentucky to visit my daughter and our grandchildren.

This morning I called your mother and had a nice visit with her. She told me that you had gone to the above address to work a little while in your new location. First, I want to congratulate you on making your numerals at Wisconsin. The University of Wisconsin has long had a great reputation in academics and in athletics. I know how difficult it is for a boy to work and make a grade at Wisconsin, and the fact that you have done that stamps you as the stickler of detail and a boy of exceptional ability.

Somehow I have always felt that you belonged to Kansas and I have not been able to change my opinion, even up to this date. We would welcome you here because this is your home. To be with your family, to be able to get the food mother cooks, and to be in this environment somehow makes me press the urge that you return and go along with us for four years. I would be glad to help you get a position whereby you could earn spending money and other necessities, and further than that, I would love to have you work out against our varsity team. It would not be necessary that you report for freshman practice because you have had enough of that, but I would like to have you scrimmage against our varsity as you would give them good competition, and incidentally, you would learn our style of playing.

Our fundamentals are different than Coach Fosters'. They use a type of a roll and our pivot is employed differently than the pivot employed by Wisconsin. We are having some exceptional prospects for freshmen but they are all boys from the State of Kansas. Ray Evans, captain and star of the Wyandotte team, and Bill Brill, also a star from the Wyandotte team, are enrolling this year. We have a number of outstanding freshmen and we would love to have you with us. I am sure that with your experience at Wisconsin and with your further experience this basketball season that

you would be in an enviable position to make your varsity next year. This is not in the way of boasting, but rather to show you that from 1922 until 1940 inclusive every boy who has played three years on the varsity at the University of Kansas is wearing a conference championship gold basketball on his watch fob. So if you enter Kansas this year I feel reasonably certain that you will be on a championship team before you graduate, if we are able to attain our past record, and of course, boys through those years have played on three championship teams in succession. If our material is as good coming up as it has been, I feel that this assurance is not without some foundation.

Just one word regarding your attending school in this area. If you expect to live in this part of the country, athletics introduces you favorably to business and society, and for that reason I feel that it would be to your benefit to attend school in a location in which you are well and favorably known. The fact that your father is in business and covers a wide territory should add further to your possibilities of being placed in a very strategic location when you have finished.

I want to assure you that I feel you would be a very definite contribution to our athletic situation here and it would give me a great pleasure to coach you. It would also be an added pleasure due to the fact that Dr. Taft and your Dad were classmates in college, and since Dr. Taft is a very warm friend of mine it seems as if I have known the Black family for quite some time.

I will be in Louisville for about a week visiting my son-in-law who is Lee Hamilton at Anchorage, Kentucky. Anchorage is a small suburb of Louisville and if you would care to write me at the above address I would be happy to hear from you. I expect to leave Louisville for Chicago the 4th or 5th of September where I meet with the Executive Committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association regarding a discussion of the national basketball tournament for next year. I expect to return to Lawrence about the 8th or 9th of September. If you should be in Lawrence at that time it would be a great pleasure to discuss with you your possibilities for the future.

This year we have a very fine basketball schedule. We play Fordham in Madison Square Garden on December 28; Temple University at Philadelphia on December 30; and Loyola in Chicago on January 2. We are also playing the University of Texas on December 9th and 10th, then we play the Oklahoma Aggies, a home and home series. In addition to our conference schedule we have one or two other non-conference games. We feel as if we have a pretty good chance to be near the top in our conference when the season ends.

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With all good wishes to you and trusting that you decide
on the University of Kansas as your Alma Mater, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

July 6, 1940.

Mr. Bruce Holman,
201 N. 9th Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Bruce:

I have just had a splendid letter from Joannie Corrigan regarding you. I know it would make you very, very proud to read what he has to say concerning you as a man and an athlete.

When you come to school I want you to ask me to show you this letter. I would be glad to give it to you for your scrapbook. I know that it would make you very happy to possess it. It will make me happy to give it to you.

I will be very glad to help you, Bruce, because you have come highly recommended, and I know that you are coming for a real purpose. So do not be afraid but what you will receive very special consideration because you are worthy of the trust that people place in you.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

July 6, 1940.

Mr. Johnnie Corrigan,
Powhattan, Kansas.

Dear Johnnie:

It was swell of you to write me regarding Bruce Holman. Your recommendation means much to me, and I assure you that I have read no letter that I have enjoyed as much recently as I have your epistle. I will be very happy to help Bruce in every way that I can, and the fact that he has been under you causes me to believe that you have done much for him educationally and athletically.

Thanks for your fine tribute. I assure you my affection is reciprocal.

Wishing for you and yours the best in health, wealth and longevity, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Powhattan, Kans.
June 27, 1940

Doctor Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Educ.
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doctor Allen:

In regard to Bruce Holman I will say that he is a very fine boy, above average in his class work, a good athlete and a gentleman at all times.

I rather hesitate to do any commenting on Bruce as an athlete. You probably hear plenty of that from enthusiastic coaches who are sincere in their judgment or I should say sincere in their belief but wrong in their judgment in regard to the merits of their respective athletes; however I will say that Bruce is the best basketball player that we have ever had in our school--he was also quarterback on our foot ball team but when he goes to college he will not play foot ball as basket ball is the sport he lives 365 days out of every year. In our Atchison Regional we were in Class B and Wyandotte was in Class A. Of course they did not have Evans but critics distinctly thought Holman was better than any thing Wyandotte had. Mr. George Cleland, principal of Atchison High School and a former star at Baker was one who was firm in that belief. The boy is a money player and goes best under pressure. In our State tournament at Hutchison the paper was abundant in their praise of this boy and Chili Cochran who was there scouting for Kansas State thought him the best boy in the tournament----of course Cochran did not tell me he was scouting and I did not see him contact any of the boys but he was not there on a picnic. In fact some of the sport minded followers of Kansas State took him down to Manhattan on one week end to allow him to see the school but most boys and older people too considers the University and especially the Coach of basket ball as the last word and authority on that sport and naturally if possible every basket ball minded boy would like to be a part of that team.

Holman is not an extremely tall boy, only around 5 feet 11 inches tall but he is a good jumper on both backboards, a good passer with a vision of team success.

As busy as I know you are I apologize for taking an undue amount of your time in reading this lengthy letter; however insomuch as you inquired in regard to Holman as a scholar and athlete I have made an honest attempt to enlighten you the best I can. I am not trying to unfairly describe the boy to you. I am and shall always shall be deeply interested in the basket ball teams of the University of Kansas--at least as long as they are in charge of Doctor Forrest C. Allen.

Sincerely, *Johnnie Corrigan*
Johnnie Corrigan

P. S. Any other information you should ever want I will be more than glad to give it

June 24, 1940.

Mr. Bruce Holman,
201 N. 9th Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Bruce:

I am very happy to have your letter of June 18th and I assure you we will be very glad to give you some work here in the fall, winter and spring. I note that you think you will be able to save about \$100. That should be a fine start for a young man, and we always encourage all of our boys with work.

Of course, if you are carrying a full load of class-work you cannot work more than two hours a day, with a full fifteen-hour enrollment. After you get oriented, so to speak, then it may be your studies will come easier and you can carry more work without sacrificing the quality of your school work. We pay 35¢ an hour, which will give you 70¢ a day, and then if a fellow is a good hustler he can get work Saturday mornings and afternoons. There is always work to do here on the golf course or around the stadium. A good many boys get jobs selling drinks and eats at the football games, and they do mighty well.

I am sending a carbon copy of the letter I am writing you to Johnnie Corrigan, and am asking him to write me regarding your ability to do good work academically. You do not mention what record you made in your school work, but I take it that you are very much interested in getting an education because you are out working now during the summer so that you will have enough to start on.

Bruce, we do not spend as much time hunting good athletes as we do making inquiries regarding the boys' studies. I assure you we will be glad to help you, and the fact that you are one of Johnnie's boys makes it all in the family. Johnnie has made a fine record at Powhattan as a coach and he made an excellent record here both in his studies and in his athletics. Having been under Coach Corrigan, I know that you have the right conception of

the place of athletics in the school. And if you have the right conception and the desire to succeed, nothing can keep you from doing that thing.

I am wondering what you expect to major in. Could we send you catalogs and bulletins for you to read when you have a moment's spare time from your work?

Assuring you that we will be glad to have you here at the University, and feeling that you will be indeed happy in your quest, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Phoenix, Arizona.
June 18, 1940.

Mr F. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas,

Dear Sir:

I graduated from Powhattan,
Kansas, high school last May.
I want to enter college some
where next fall. I am working
here in Phoenix this summer,
and hope to be able to save
about \$100.⁰⁰ As I have to work
my way through college, I will
have to have some work during
the winter, also. Do you think
it would be possible to get

enough work through the college to meet the rest of the cost for the first year?

We enjoyed a successful basketball season last year. I lettered four years in basketball. We were eliminated, by two points, in the state Class B Tournament, in the semi-finals, by the state champions. I was named on the all Tournament Honor Roll, also Jim Reed's Class B All State team.

For further information please write to Coach,

Johnnie Corrigan, Powhattan
Kansas.

Sincerely,
Bruce Holman,
201 N. 9th Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

June 24, 1940.

Mr. Johnnie Corrigan,
Coach,
Powhattan, Kansas.

Dear Johnnie:

I received a very nice letter the other day from Bruce Holman, expressing a desire to enroll at the University. He will need some work to help with his expenses. I am enclosing a carbon copy of the letter I have written him, and I wonder if you would be kind enough to tell me regarding his ability as a student.

With best wishes to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

July 10, 1940.

Mr. James R. Blacker,
Blacker Milling & Grain Co.,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Black:

Glad to hear from you regarding Kenneth Winters.
The way the time is flying, August first will soon be
here, and I will be happy to meet Kenneth and his dad,
along with you.

If, in the meantime, I have an opportunity to get
to Kansas City I will let you know and we will drop in
and see Kenny's dad.

Thanks for your prompt reply.

Faternally yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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July 8, 1940

Mr. Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Phog:

Your letter regarding Kenneth Winters received.

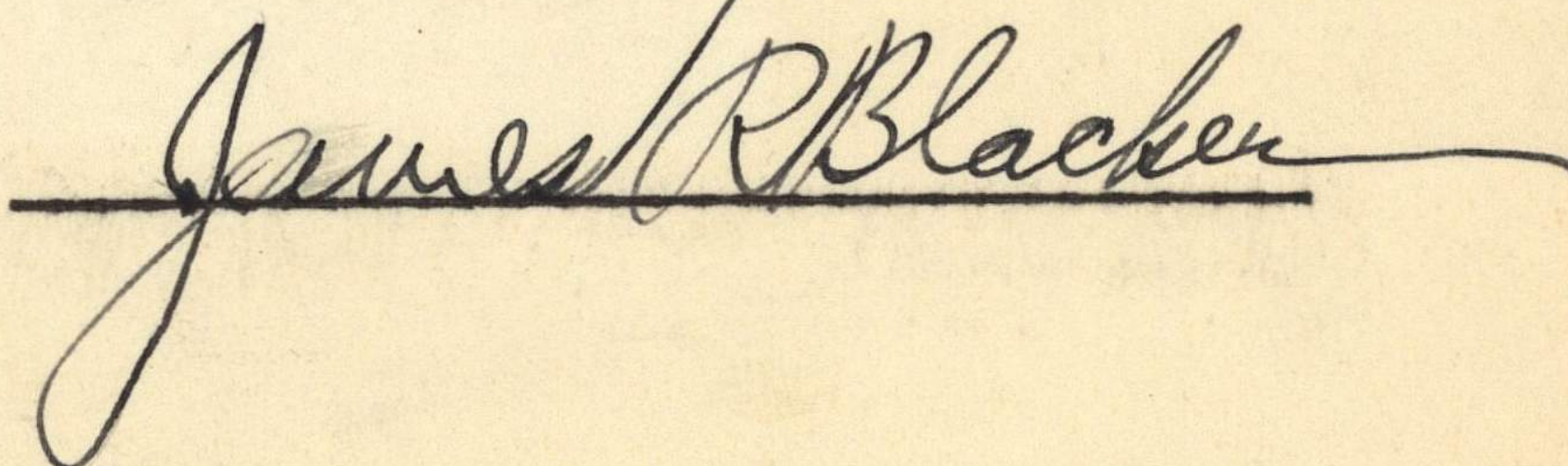
I tried to get you and Kenneth together when he returned from Wentworth but he was only here a short time and our plans did not materialize. Now, he has gone to Camp SoSo, Big Bay, Michigan.

I called his father this morning, he tells me he expects him back about August 1st and that he will inform me when Kenneth arrives and we can make our plans then. However, if you come to Kansas City at any time please call me or drop me a line and we will go see Mr. Winters, Kenneth's father. I think you will enjoy meeting him and it might do some good. Although, I talked to Mr. Winters Saturday night and impressed upon him that a year or two of Physical Education under Dr. Allen would be the best thing that could happen to his boy and he is inclined to agree with me.

I anticipate no trouble in getting Kenneth to come to Kansas, at the same time let's not go to sleep on the job.

Hoping to hear from you, I remain

Fraternally yours,



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