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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