

517 West Olive s
El Dorado, Kansas
June 28, 1939

Dr. F. C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I have been checking into the possibilities of taking over Harold Long's job next year and I find that I can only make up to \$15 per month. It looks as if I will be able to have help from home to about that same amount.

As you may see, this will prove an insufficient amount. I am sincerely desirous of attending the University of Kansas to get my degree and to participate in basketball for the University if my ability warrants it. Harold told me that there was a possibility that you would be able to line up some sort of job for me that would allow me to attend the University.

I shall be very happy to hear from you as soon as is convenient so that I may complete my plans for the coming year.

Very sincerely yours,

Larry E. McSpadden
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June 2, 1939

Dear Sir,

I was very happy to hear from you and your interest in me.

I am very much interested in attending the University and I am planning strongly on attending next fall.

Perhaps Harold told you that I must have a job while attending school as my parents are not financially able to send me, unless I help myself in some way.

I ~~intend~~ intend to spend the summer vacation working to earn enough money to start out + to buy

the necessary articles as clothes and
so on.

I thank you very much for
your interest and I shall
write you as soon as I have
made definite plans

Yours very truly,

Larry E. M. Spadden

May 29, 1939.

Mr. Larry McSpadden,
Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Larry:

Harold Long has told me of your interest in attending the University of Kansas next fall, and I want to assure you that it will be a pleasure to have you here.

We are especially interested in young men whose academic rating is excellent and who also possess the qualifications of being a leader and a real athlete. And from what Harold has told me of you I am sure that you are this type of young man.

Harold has said that it will be possible for you to take over the job that he has had here in Lawrence. If there is any way possible that we can help you, let us know. I shall be very glad to hear from you and to know your plans.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

LARRY McSPADDEN, Eldorado, Kansas

6', 150 lbs.

National Honor Society

Pres. Student Council

Captain High School Basketball Team

(Second in Ark Valley and 2nd in state)

Has been working part time during past
year. Will need a little help.

(Suggested by Harold Long, 615 W. 3rd, El Dorado)

(Howard Engleman also interested.)

August 14, 1939.

Mr. John Buescher,
301 West 7th Street,
Beardstown, Illinois.

Dear John:

Dick Harp has inquired about you and wants to help you all he can, as does Don Ebling. I believe that you are an earnest type of boy who will work and be honest in your school work.

I have every expectation that you will win your place on the varsity basketball team. I feel sure that you will keep yourself eligible, and will keep yourself in good condition.

Give my regards to John Glenn and Mrs. Glenn and the Kuhl's.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

August 7, 1939.

Mr. John Buescher,
301 West 7th Street,
Beardstown, Illinois.

Dear John:

Your very welcome letter of the 25th ultimo has been received and I assure you the entire Allen family was very pleased to hear from you. I am glad that you feel you have pretty good possibilities of entering the University of Kansas. I assure you that you would be most welcome here, and I know that you would like the group that attend school on Mount Oread.

We had a fine visit with Mrs. Glenn and Mr. and Mrs. Kuhl. They had some nice things to say concerning you, John. The fact that you have such good friends is a great asset, because, after all, friends can do a fellow a lot of good. Before I forget it, I want to emphasize the fact that I want you to give John Glenn my very kindest regards. I think that he is a grand fellow and he is a marvelous young business man. The fact that John has taken an interest in you means much, and I am sure you will always cherish his friendship and his kindness.

Let me suggest that you save all the money that you can because a dollar will go a long way when a fellow is in school. I always laugh when I think of the joke that they told at Washington's homestead on Mount Vernon. We stood on one side of the Potomac River and a fellow said that this spot is where Washington threw that silver dollar across the Potomac. One of the men in the group said, "I don't believe Washington or any other man could throw a dollar across the Potomac River from this spot," and then the wisecracker said, "Well, you want to remember, young man, that a dollar went much further in those days than it does now." So, John, remember that a dollar saved now really goes a long ways later on.

Yes, I do think that you are worthy of being a member of my squad and I would be very pleased to have you. I am now making some inquiries to see just what arrangement I can make regarding a job for you.

You do know, John, that a man comes to school for an investment. He invests money to get training so that he can in later life go out and make a livelihood for himself and his family. I am very sure that you have thought of this and you would not expect me to get you a job that would pay all of your expenses. You would not be making any investment in that case. I think of many poor unfortunate people today who would work their fingers to the bone to get room, board and living expenses, and a job that they work at full-time. When you consider that a fellow goes to school and indulges in an investment that should pay him many thousand dollars, then I am sure that you will see my point.

Remember that when a fellow carries a full load in school he doesn't have as much time for work that would generally pay all of his expenses. But I am communicating with some of the boys that you met here and I assure you that I will present your talents in a most favorable light. As soon as I hear from them I will write you again.

I am sure that you have read of some of the struggles of Abraham Lincoln to get an education. In my opinion, Lincoln became the great man that he was because he struggled and knew hardships; and the boy who is not willing to sacrifice much will not attain much. Do not think, John, that I am preaching to you and that I am inferring that you will not do what necessary sacrificing there is to do. On the contrary, all of us think that you are a fine boy and unspoiled, but I am putting the whole picture before you so that you will see that most every man of every household and every mother in that household makes many sacrifices and struggles much for the loved ones that they have in that home.

I am not sure that I have digressed from my original point too much for you to understand me, but I am trying to say to you, John, that if you want an education you will put up with a few hardships and not expect everything to run smoothly without some little unpleasanties. Life just isn't like that.

It was good to hear from you and I assure you that you will hear from me again as soon as I have more definite information.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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301 West 7th Street

Beardstown, Ill.

July 25, 1939

Dr. Forest Allen, Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Many pleasant memories linger in my mind of the many courtesies and interests shown me during my recent visit to the University of Kansas campus. I can well understand why our mutual friend, John Glenn, enjoys his visits so much with your family and rates them so highly.

Mrs. Allen surely is a typical hostess and so far as the students I met are concerned, they are really swell fellows. I surely would like to come to school at the University of Kansas next year and I am more than willing to work hard to make good as a student and also do my

best as a basketball player if I had the opportunity to play under your guidance.

I have worked steady this summer for the Glenn Ice and Fuel Company and I have saved what money I could, however, with the additional funds my parents could furnish plus a board job and some additional work that you might be able to give me at Lawrence, I am sure that the financial part of my college career would be a success.

Please let me hear from you if you think I am worthy of being a member of your squad and also if you could arrange a board job and some extra work for me.

Sincerely,
John Buescher

August 7, 1939.

Mr. Richard Harp,
1501 West Campus,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dick;

I am sending you a copy of a letter that John Buescher wrote me from Beardstown, Illinois. I would like to talk to you about this boy. He wants to come to the University very badly and I am wondering if your group would be interested in him.

Your house was the only one he visited while he was in Lawrence and he was so set up about your group over there that I know he thinks you are tops. The Bueschers are first class people. I learn from John Glenn and Mrs. Glenn, and my prediction is that Buescher will make a wonderful basketball player. He writes well and I believe will make a fine contribution to the University.

I would like to know what you think about the situation before I write him definitely. I would be glad to give him a job that would enable him to pay a part of his expenses through school. I think he is the right sort. Won't you let me hear from you at your earliest?

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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June 5, 1939

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Dr. Forest C. Allen
Varsity Basketball Coach University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen,

Yesterday afternoon I discussed the financial situation with Mrs. Buescher in regard to her son John's entering the University of Kansas next fall.

The Buescher family is an unusual family in many respects. Mr. Buescher, a farmer and owner of a shoe repair shop, is not a believer, at the present time, in higher education for his son John. On the other hand, John's mother, Mrs. Buescher also an extensive land owner, believes in giving her son an opportunity for higher learning. It is my personal opinion that after their son has been in school a period of time, Mr. Buescher will change his attitude and, consequently, will contribute toward his boy's education.

When John left Beardstown to practice with your squad a few weeks ago, he was unaware of the college "pay-off" system and scholarship offers for athletes, but after staying at the S. A. E. House he seemed to get the spirit of a "tramp" athlete much to my regret.

The outcome of my discussion yesterday seems to be that Mrs. Buescher will make monthly contributions to John's education, but he desires some sort of work and also a board job.

Before John's trip to Lawrence he had never been away from Beardstown over a distance of thirty miles, naturally, his trip and association with you was one of the high-lights of his life to date. It is with this same enthusiasm that I think will carry him through college. Your inquiry concerning the outcome of the first year's progress of our local star, John Musgrove, who attended the University of Colorado this last year

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appears to be timely. From all reports from good sources at Boulder, it is learned that John made a great hit on the basketball court only to fall down in his studies. With a boy of 17 entering college, spending from 3 to 4 hours a day on basketball, social activities, and miscellaneous affairs, you can see what our local product was up against.

I am already looking forward to next March when Kansas City will be the basketball capital of the United States. Perhaps I can arrange to spend a few days at the tournament and renew my friendship with some of the coaches. If you can arrange to have me aid you in any official way in putting over the tournament, please feel free to contact me as it would be a treat to work with you in any way that you might think I could be of assistance to you.

We were all glad to learn that Jane had secured a position in Kansas City with an outstanding firm in the design field. I am sure that she will enjoy her work and bring renown to the Allen family.

Mother and I are looking forward to your stopping in at Beardstown the first opportunity you have in passing through this territory.

Sincerely yours,

John H. Glenn
JOHN H. GLENN

JHG:CK

York's a

Buescher

Hurls 3-0

Shutout

Mac's and Keiper's Are Losers in First Games Under Glimmers

Last Night's Results

Yorks 11, Mac's 7.

Glenn's 3, Keiper's 0.

Games Tomorrow Night

C. B. & Q. vs. Factory.

Cline Girls' All Star game.

The opening games in the Beardstown softball league were played last night at the Recreation Park diamond under the lights before a large crowd. York's team defeated the Mac's Clothiers 11 to 7 in the opener, and Glenn's shutout Keiper's 3 to 0 in the nightcap.

Although both teams were even on hits at eleven each, the York outfit was able to make better use of safe bingles, and took advantage of a rather ragged Mac's defense. The winners counted eight runs on three safe hits in the first inning, walks and errors being utilized to pile up the total. The Clothiers put on their best scoring effort in the fifth making four runs on three hits and four walks.

Hardesty twirled for the losers and Boice did the moundwork for the winners. The leading hitters were Rodgers, and Murray for Mac's and Avery, Perry, Franks and Myers for York's.

The Box Score

York's	AB.	R.	H.
Boice, p	4	1	0
Avery, 3b	4	2	2
Swan, c	3	1	0
Perry, 1b	4	1	2
Cook, lf,	4	1	1
Walters, 2b	3	1	1
Franks, cf	3	1	2
Myers, ss	3	1	0
Alebath, sf	0	0	0
Fourdyce, sf	3	1	2
Ramsey, rf	3	1	1
Totals	34	11	11

Mac's	AB	R.	H.
Dodgers, 2b	4	1	2
Wells, 1b	3	1	1
Swis, cf	3	1	1
Murray, c	4	1	2
F. Hardesty, sf	4	1	1
R. Anderson, ss	4	1	1
Vallery, lf	3	0	1
Wright, 3b	3	1	1
Hoena, rf	3	0	0
Hardesty, p	3	0	1
Totals	34	7	11

Glenn's Win Shutout

The second game of the evening was a stiff, well worth watching was a tiff, well worth watching came in for the greatest credit by letting the Keiper boys down with four hits, one in each of the last four innings. The winning team marked up seven safe hits off Dufelmeier.

Glenn's scored one run in the second on a long hit, a timely double by Chitroske after Riley and Ryan walked. Two runs crossed the plate for Glenn's in the sixth on hits by Schweer and Ragan and a walk to Ross.

Box score:

Glenn's	AB.	R.	H.
Anderson, 2b	0	0	0
Chitoske, 2b	4	0	2
Rahn, ss	3	0	1
Riley, lf	3	0	1
Ross, 1b	1	1	0
Brady, 3b	3	0	1
Ragan, cf	3	1	1
Schweer, sf	3	0	1
P. Riley, c	2	1	0
Ryan, rf	3	0	0
Buescher, p	2	0	0
Totals	27	3	7

Keiper's	AB.	R.	H.
Schirm, ss	3	0	1
Schaefer, 3b	3	0	1
Laughery, 2b	3	0	0
Hagerty, 1b	3	0	1
Hierman, lf	3	0	0
Dufelmeier, p	3	0	0
Krohe, rf	3	0	1
Goff, cf	2	0	0
Kiser, sf	2	0	0
Keiper, c	2	0	0
Totals	27	0	4

Buescher to Try Out at Kansas University

Will Work Out Under the Famous
Phog Allen.

John Buescher, former Beardstown high school basketball star, will leave Tuesday for the University of Kansas, where he will spend several days as the guest of Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen, director of physical education and varsity basketball coach.

Buescher has been recommended to Allen by John Glenn, and will participate in the spring basketball practice sessions to be held in the next few weeks.

Allen is one of the foremost basketball authorities in the business today and has a nationwide reputation for his ability as a coach.

301 West 7th Street
Beardstown, Ill.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I certainly appreciate the opportunity you have given me by my being able to spend a few days in Lawrence and to practice with the University of Kansas Varsity Basketball team. According to my present plans, I will arrive in Lawrence Tuesday night May 9. I am looking forward with pleasure in meeting you next Wednesday morning. I am interested in coaching very much.

Very truly yours

John Buescher

April 28, 1939.

Mr. John F. Buescher,
301 West 7th Street,
Beardstown, Illinois.

My dear John:

I have returned from two trips to California, and today I am leaving for New York to attend the National Rules meeting, of which I am chairman from this Fifth Collegiate District. I am also on the N.C.A.A. and the Olympic Committee, and we are planning to play the regional championship in Kansas City next year on March 22 and 23.

At that time we plan to have the National Basketball Coaches convention in Kansas City, as well as the Rules Body meeting. So I will have a busy time in New York getting things arranged. I only mention these details to you so that you can see that Kansas City will be the basketball capital of the U.S. next year here at the play-off.

Now, answering your good letter, I want to assure you that I appreciate your interest, and also the interest of our mutual friend, John Glenn. I am sure that he has told you a lot of things that perhaps are exaggerated regarding the prowess of the Kansas team. John was our good luck charm last year when he sat on the bench and talked to the boys between halves at the time we whipped the Oklahoma Aggies. Give him my kindest regards, will you, please?

I expect to get back from New York about May 6th. We will have basketball practice the next week and a half after that, and if you could come down to Lawrence any time during the week of May 8 or the early part of the week of May 15, we would be mighty happy to have you work out with our boys. Won't you let me hear from you so that your letter will be on my desk when I return from New York?

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

JCA:AH

replied

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

At the suggestion of our mutual friend, John Glenn, I am writing you concerning my matriculating at the University of Kansas next September.

Along with obtaining a good education, I would like to be a member of your basket ball squad providing of course that my ability would merit it. At Beardstown High where I graduated in 1938, I played regular guard two consecutive years with an average of eight points per game. In addition, my height six feet two inches proved to be of value to my team in rebound work.

My scholastic record in high school was average, however, I am sure that by applying myself my college work pertaining to my studies can be improved as I know I have a definite goal to shoot toward.

For the last ten months I have been helping my father on the farm and saving a little money so that in the future I might better myself by attending college.

Instead of sending you clipping, etc. John Glenn has suggested that I go to Lawrence and spend a few days with your squad in spring practice so that I might prove my ability to you.

I would appreciate hearing from you in regard to the suggestion mentioned above.

Very truly yours

John F. Buescher
301 West 7th Str.
Beardstown, Ill.

March 30, 1939.

Mr. John F. Buescher,
501 West 7th Street,
Beardstown, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Buescher:

In the absence of Dr. Allen I am taking
the liberty to acknowledge your letter.

Dr. Allen is at present in Sioux City,
Iowa, attending the Central District Physical Education con-
vention, and from there he will go to San Francisco where he
speaks at the convention of the American Association for
Health, Physical Education and Recreation, April 3-6. I ex-
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Your letter will be brought to his attention
immediately upon his return, and I am sure you may expect to
hear from Dr. Allen soon thereafter.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen.

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Sincerely yours,

Alberta Hulteen

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen.

*Has Dr. Allen written me?
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April 22*