

August 12, 1939.

Mr. Bill Cates, Jr.,
123 West 13th St.,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I assure you that we have no prejudices whatsoever against a two year junior college man. I know somebody has printed or expressed that sentiment, but it is not true. If a one year man can come up here and make the ball club he is as welcome as anyone else, but of course he would have to be good to do it.

My best advice to you would be to talk to John Kline, there in Hutchinson. There never has been a boy that came up here who wanted to work and wanted to study but what got all the work he needed. I do not offer work to boys to get them to come to the University, because they are the ones who benefit from their educational pursuit. We help the boy help himself.

I could no more promise you just how much work you could get than you could promise me how many goals you could throw. When you go into a store to buy a suit of clothes you are not sure whether that suit is worth \$25 or \$40. You must take the word of the man selling the suit and the reputation of the firm that is back of the sale. If you want to enter the University we will be glad to have you and we will be able to give you as much work as you can handle consistently with your studies.

As I say, there is not one boy that has ever come to the University that wanted to work and study but what he got all the work he could do. I promise you that, and that is all that any individual can promise a boy because his schedule of studies must be worked out first before he can know just how many hours he can work. You can easily see that if we promised every boy who wanted to come to the University a job our full time would be taken up in running an employment bureau rather than running a Department of Physical Education and coaching basketball.

We hope that you will decide on the University of Kansas. If you do I am very sure that you will not be sorry if you come with the right attitude, expecting to carry a full load and expecting to meet people who are interested in you on account of your academic ability and your ability to deliver the goods according to the best prescription.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Hutchinson, Kansas
August 3, 1939

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

Dear Sir:

Received your letter of the 31st today and I appreciated hearing from you. In regard to my academic work, I am sure that I understand the situation fully and value it as such. I am sure you will find my scholastic record satisfactory.

m I have saved about 150 dollars from my work this summer to start school on. I believe that would be sufficient to take care of tuition, books, and other expenses which might arise at K.U. I will need help on board and room.

As far as qualification for any kind of work I haven't particularly had any. The last two years I have worked for the commercial teacher of the local Junior College here, doing most of it on N.Y.A. I helped grade Accounting, Marketing, Geology, and Typing papers etc I also have done some Gym work. I have substituted for Coach W. E. Upson of the high school here when he was called away on athletic trips and for other reasons. Otherwise I don't know just what I am capable of doing as yet I have not had the opportunity. I will be glad to hear what help or work I could get and if so, how much.

2--Forrest C. Allen

I don't know just how much use you have for a two year J.C. man but I would be glad to hear from you about the matter. If it were possible for me to work enough I would be interested in going to K.U. three years because I don't believe I can get in all the Accounting that I want and work during two years..

Hoping to hear from you soon and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Bill Cates Jr.

July 31, 1939.

Mr. Bill Cates, Jr.,
123 West 13th Street,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I beg your pardon for the delay in replying to your kind letter of the 5th instant. My teaching duties in addition to the recreational program this summer have kept me so busy that I have neglected some of my correspondence.

I am very glad to know of your interest in the University of Kansas and in our School of Business. If you have saved enough money to pay for your books, tuition and incidental expenses, then I am sure that you will have no difficulty in making the grade here at K. U. I tell the boys that the first thing they must do is get their academic work. That is the thing you go to school for, and you will find that your degree from the University of Kansas will amount to just as much as you put into it.

A boy's academic record is the thing we look at first, and if he is a good student that proves he is a good academic risk. Otherwise, we feel that the boy should not participate in inter-collegiate athletics because that takes more time away from his studies. But, if he is a good student, then his athletics serve as a stimulus to him because his desire to play necessarily fits in with his whole program. A boy has ample time to play because he is a good student.

We shall be glad to help you help yourself, and if you will write me again telling me what kind of work you are capable of doing I will be glad to help you in any way possible.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

123 West 13 th Street
Hutchinson, Kansas
July 5, 1939

Mr. F. C. Allen
Physical Education Department
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I am making this letter a letter of introduction as well as one of personal inquiry. You see I am interested in attending K. U. this coming year if it is possible for me to do so. Unfortunately I am not able to do so unless I am able to obtain some part time work with which I will be able to defray part of the school expenses. I have taken preparatory work in business and wish to continue in the field. Knowing how well K. U. rates in this department I wish to continue my work there if possible. I thought that it might be possible that you would have some work open in your department which would fill my needs. If you have, I would be glad to hear from you about it at you convenience.

For the past two years I have attended Hutchinson Junior College and had previously graduated from the High School here also. Basketball has been my major sport for the past five years. I played 3 years of high school basketball, 2 in Ark Valley competition, captaining the team my senior year. Then these last two years I have played a regular forward on the Hutchinson Junior College team and as you probably know, we won the Junior College State title this year, going through our regular league playing season undefeated and then defeating Fort Scott in the state playoff.

In my first year in J. C. we placed second in the Western division, one game behind El Dorado, the winners; although we had beaten them both times we had met them that season.

2--Mr. F. C. Allen

I was placed on the Western Division All Star team both years. This last year I was fortunate enough to receive the most votes of any other Western Division player and was therefore named captain for the West All Star Junior College team. Our record for the past season was 18 wins out of 19 played games (this includes the state playoff)

If you wish recommendations, scholastically or otherwise, you may write either Coach Charles E. Seshier or Dean C.M. Lockman of Hutchinson Junior College or Coach E.A. Cairns of the Hutchinson High School.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Bill Cates Jr.
Bill Cates Jr.

July 22, 1939.

Mr. Chas. Strickland,
Mason City, Iowa.

Dear Chuck:

Thank you for your kind letter of the 14th instant, enclosing the transcripts of Hyle Lowman and John Siesseger, Jr.

Fred Ellsworth called me this morning, and I told him that I would help these boys as much as we could - not because they are athletes, but because of Charlie Strickland. You will remember I told you this when I saw you.

I am sending a copy of the letter from Chris Johnston to Gwinn Henry, because I am sure he will be interested in Hyle Lowman.

I have been so busy with my summer work here at the University that I have not had time to write you sooner.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
901 Louisiana Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Enclosed please find transcripts of grades for Hyle Lowman and John Siesseger, Jr., both of Clear Lake, together with letters from Chris Johnston, Athletic Director of the Clear Lake Public Schools.

You will recall when I was in Lawrence about a month ago, I talked to you about these two boys, at which time you said you would see to it that they obtained jobs if they entered the University this fall. For your information will say both boys are employed by companies with which I am connected and both will have some money when they hit Lawrence. The parents of both boys will help them to some extent. However, as soon as I returned from Lawrence, I told both Hyle and Johnny of my conversation with you, and, of course, they are counting on the jobs.

If there is any further information I can give you regarding these two splendid young men, do not hesitate to ask me and I will be very happy to furnish same.

With warmest personal regards to you and all the family, I am

Fraternally yours,

Chas. E. Strickland

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June 21, 1939

Mr. C. E. Strickland

Mason City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Strickland:

I am writing you with reference to one John Siessiger who is interested in going to Kansas University.

John is one of the most popular students that has ever graduated from our high school. He was president of the senior class and several honor societies. He played forward on my basketball teams for the past two years and was in a large way responsible for the record that we have made.

He is still growing and is close to six feet tall. We used both the slow break and the fast break type of offense and he led my scorers in both types of game. I believe that he is one of the best defensive players that we had on the team this year. He is the aggressive type and will never give up. In one of our games this year with the score 20 to 13 against us with $3\frac{1}{2}$ minutes to play he scored two baskets to tie the game and scored the basket in the sudden death overtime to win 23 to 21.

I believe the Johnny will be a good college basketball player and a good student.

Hoping to be of any assistance that I can in helping these boys from Clear Lake lined up I remain

Very sincerely,

Chris Johnston

Athletic Director

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June 21, 1939

C. E. Strickland,
Mason City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Strickland:

I am writing you with reference to one Hyle Lowman who is interested in going away to college. He is interested in Kansas University.

I feel free in giving this boy one of the best recommendations that I have ever given an athlete in the thirteen years that I have been coaching. He is an aggressive, clean living type of boy who has the desire to win.

I believe that he would make any football team in the country. My reason for this statement is because he can do the things that it takes to be a great player. He is a good blocker, sure tackler, passer, punter and a fine ball carrier. He played fullback for me the past two years. He weighs around 170 and will weigh more as he matures a little more. He is also a basketball, baseball and track man. He is at present playing on the town team in baseball and is hitting 435%. This past spring he hit 452% on the high school team.

From a scholastic standpoint he will never be ineligible for he is a good student. The school that gets this boy will probably get his younger brother who is a straight A student and an excellent football player as well.

If you have any questions regarding this boy I would be glad to answer them for you at any time. Hoping the boy can get lined up at Kansas I remain,

Very sincerely

Chas Johnston
Athletic Director

July 22, 1939.

Mr. Gwin Henry,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas.

Dear Gwin:

I am sending you a copy of a letter that was sent to me by Charlie Strickland regarding Hyle Lowman. Charlie Strickland is a K. U. graduate, and is now at the head of several utility companies in Iowa. He is interested in having Lowman enroll at the University this fall.

Hyle Lowman is a nephew of Guy Lowman, whom I am sure you will remember as former athletic director at Kansas State.

I thought you would like to see what Lowman's coach has to say about him.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

49 So. 19th Street
Kansas City, Kansas
June 6, 1939

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have your letter of May 29, asking for information regarding the financial condition of Don Hancock and Charles Green, students for the past year in the Joplin Senior High School.

First I talked to Don Hancock about coming to K.U. and he informed me that he did not think he could afford it. I told him to write you a letter, and I thought that you would do everything possible to help him.

I think that Don will find it necessary to be wholly self-supporting while at the University. I know that he is working this summer as a life guard at one of the swimming pools at Joplin and may be able to save a little money from his work there. I believe that his father is a laboring man, and is not financially able to support him while in school.

It was through Don that Charles Green became interested in attending the University. I have had very little contact with this boy during the past year in high school. I do know, however, that he is an excellent basketball player and was selected as an All State forward. I believe that he is also a dash man.

Both of these boys seem to have very fine characters, and I believe both of them would be willing to do any type of work which they might have the opportunity to get.

Let me thank you at this time for the interest which you have taken in these boys. I feel sure that they will prove worthy of your confidence. If there is any other information I can give you, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Cunningham
Robert L. Cunningham

May 29, 1939.

Mr. Robert L. Cunningham,
Joplin Senior High School,
Joplin, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

Thank you so much for your splendid interest in writing me concerning the prospect that you spoke of in your letter of May 12. However, you failed to mention his name.

I received a letter from Charles Green and also one from Don Hancock, both desiring to attend the University of Kansas. It is very nice of you to stimulate the interest in these boys in higher education and I appreciate your calling my attention to their talent. I have written both Charles Green and Don Hancock assuring them that it would be a pleasure for me to help them.

Charles writes that he is a son of a Methodist minister and of course will not have much funds to attend the University. I am wondering if you could write me and give me the definite information on the financial status of these two boys as I assure you I want to help them in every way for them to help themselves. Eighty per cent of the students here at the University are, as you know, partially or wholly self-supporting. So it is quite the usual thing for an individual to work his way partially or wholly through school.

Thanking you for your kindness, and awaiting the information that I have asked for, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Joplin Senior High School

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May 12, 1939

Dr. F. C. Allen
Director of Athletics
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

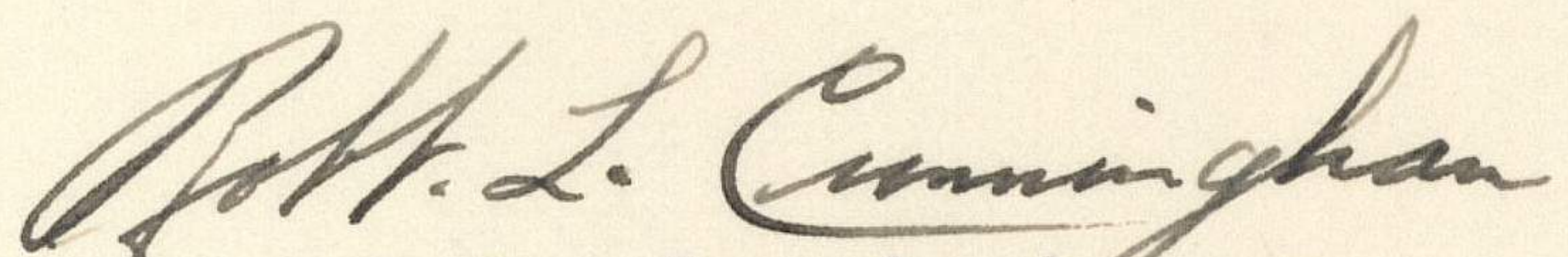
Dear Dr. Allen:

I am writing this letter in the interest of one of my students here in the Joplin Senior High School who is very anxious to come to the University of Kansas upon completion of his high school work this year. I myself was a student of the University of Kansas and graduated from there in 1936.

The main reason that I have encouraged this young man to go to K.U. and his main reason for wanting to go to K.U. is because of his interest in athletics, particularly basketball. Knowing of the excellent basketball ^{training} that young men receive at the University of Kansas, I can think of no better place for him to go.

I have never been an athlete or basketball player, but it is my candid opinion that this young man is an unusually fine prospect for the basketball team at the University of Kansas. I certainly hope that I will be able to see him attend K.U.

Very truly yours,



Robert L. Cunningham
Instructor of Speech

RLC:ER

May 17, 1939.

Mr. Don R. Hancock,
1810 Moffett,
Joplin, Missouri.

Dear Don:

I am very glad to have your letter of May 11th, and to know that you are interested in attending the University of Kansas. I appreciate your very frank letter, and will be glad to help you in every way possible.

I am asking that a catalog of the University of Kansas be sent to you, and we are also sending you a bulletin showing the courses in the Department of Physical Education. This will give you some suggestions and information about the courses at the University.

I wonder what you are going to do this summer. If you will write me and tell me what you are especially proficient in or what you have done in high school in the way of work that might be a source of income to you, it will be a pleasure for me to help you in any way that I can.

I am calling the attention of Mr. H. W. Hargiss, our track coach, to your letter, as I know that he will be interested in your track activities.

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. I shall be glad to hear from you again.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

1810 Moffet

June 5, 1939

Dr. Forest C. Allen
Department of Physical Education
University of Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am sorry I delayed
so long in answering your letter,
but I have been working -
for the last two weeks at
a place about three miles -
from the city. I am very
grateful to you for your kind
letter.

During my high school days
I have worked at any mis-

cellaneous jobs I could
get included; grocery ends
mens clothy store, filling
station attendant, and as a
delivery boy for a cleaners.

At the present I am employ-
ed as a life guard at a
pool here in Goplin. This
is a position I held last
year, and although I am
not entirely satisfied with
it, it is a job, and I am
not one to be choosing a
certain line of work.

In all Mr. Allen I
want to get a college
education, an particular at
H. U., the school of my

choice and I intend to do this regardless of the way I get there, the job I have, or hours I work. I'm - after a college education and I only hope I will have the determination to try and keep trying until I receive a diploma at Kansas University.

As for basketball I love the game and always will. I am told by friends that I'm a little short for University ball, I stand only five feet, eleven and weigh only one hundred and fifty five pounds, but for speed,

fight, accuracy etc, may I
refer you to our coach, Mr.
C. S. Mikkelsen. I do
hope I can get off to
come up and see you,
but please may I —
hear from you again.

Very sincerely yours

R. H. Hancock

May 11, 1939

Dr. F. C. Allen
Director of Athletics
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

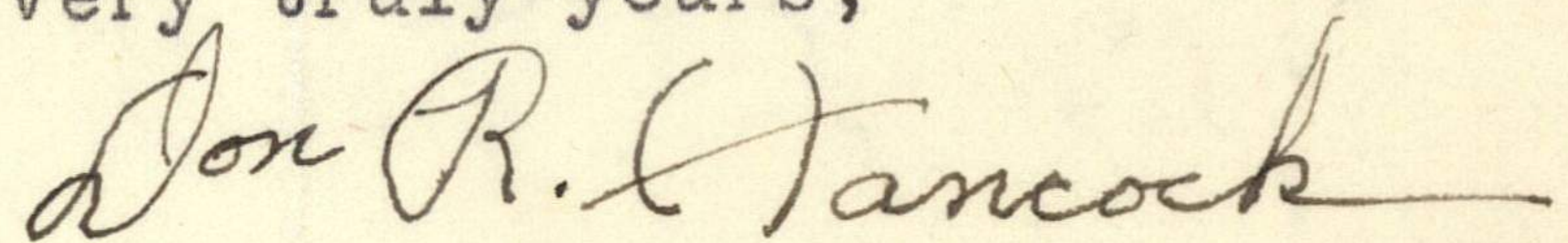
Dear Sir:

I am writing this as a letter of inquiry to find out if there would be any possibility of my securing a position which would enable me to attend the University of Kansas next winter.

For your information I am graduating from the Joplin Senior High School this week. My main purpose in addressing this letter to you is because of my interest in athletics. During my three years in high school I have been a member of the basketball squad and track squad. I was a member of the team this year which won the state championship. We also won several other major basketball tournaments this winter. I am most anxious to continue my basketball career and because of the fine reputation of the University of Kansas basketball teams, and because of your excellent reputation as a basketball coach, I would welcome any opportunity which I might have to attend school at the University of Kansas.

I was captain of the track team this year, my events being in the dashes. Scholastically I have ranked very well here in the high school and participated in various extra-curricular activities in our school. May I say at this time, Dr. Allen, that I sincerely would appreciate anything you could do in helping me to get a college education and to be able to come to the University of Kansas and play basketball under your guidance. May I hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Very truly yours,



Don R. Hancock

Don R. Hancock
1810 Mofrett
Joplin, Missouri

May 29, 1939.

Mr. Charles Green,
c/o Y.M.C.A.,
Joplin, Missouri.

My dear Charles:

I am very happy to have your good letter of May 25, introducing yourself to me. I see that we are somewhat kin in a small way. Your father is a Methodist minister and my grandfather was a Methodist minister.

I wish that your father had a charge in Kansas. It would make the tuition problem much lighter. I imagine that his work is determined for next year, is it not?

We will be glad to help you here. To what extent would depend entirely upon your ability. I trust that your hunt for summer employment has been of benefit because so much depends on a boy's earning power during the summer to attend school the next year. It is needless for me to ask you how much you will have to start the school year with because you are depending upon your work this summer to determine that.

However, I want to assure you that we will be able to help you and I appreciate your very good letter to me outlining your high purposes. No, I do not consider your letter one of the braggadocio type. You remember Dissy Dean says "It is not bragging if you say you are going to do a thing and then do it." And since you have only enumerated your triumphs I am very happy to have a record of these achievements.

I trust that you will write me again, and better still, if an opportunity presents itself for you to run over to Lawrence on one of your trips I would be mighty happy to discuss your future possibilities with you. I received a letter from Don Hancock, of your school. Perhaps you two boys might run over together if an opportunity presented itself. At least, would it not be a good idea to talk the matter over with Don and see if you could make such an arrangement? I would be delighted to see you.

Awaiting the pleasure of a reply, I am

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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BRUCE WILLIAMS
P R E S I D E N T

ARNLOD LEONARD
V I C E P R E S I D E N T

ROY BREAZEALE
R E C O R D I N G S E C ' Y

P. K. HURLBUT
T R E A S U R E R

The Young Men's Christian Association

Joplin, Missouri

May 25, 1939

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ROY BREAZEALE
NELSON CHRISTMAN
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VERNE E. THOMPSON
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BRUCE WILLIAMS

Mr. Forrest C. Allen,
Basket-ball Coach,
Kansas University.

Dear Mr. Allen,

The purpose of this letter is to introduce myself, and to make known my interest in attending your school. I am Charles Green, a graduate of Joplin High School this past month, and have tried to be as active as possible as far as athletics go in the schools program.

• T R U S T E E S

W. H. LANDRETH
A. C. JUNGE
W. J. J. LEFFEN
E. A. BLIEDUNG
C. T. MEEKER
J. L. ALLHANDS
GEORGE N. SPIVA

I am planning to enter some school this next year, and I have not as yet decided where it will be, and I am deeply interested in your school for it is rated very highly. I have lettered for four years in high school basket-ball and two years in track and one in football. I was fortunate enough to play as a regular on the Joplin High state champions basketball team this year, and was lucky enough to land a berth on the all-state team at a guard.

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HAROLD STEVENS
GENERAL SECRETARY
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BUSINESS SECRETARY

My father is a Methodist minister, and he at present lives in Niangua, Missouri, and as you know a minister does not have the best of financial support, and I am wondering if I attended your school that I could find some sort of work or financial aid, I am sure that my parents can not see my way clear to bear my expenses in a University.

The past year and at the present, I have been employed at the Y. M. C. A. here in Joplin to earn my room, and have tried to work elsewhere to bear my expenses. At present I am hunting employment for the summer vacation.

I feel sure that I can attend the Junior College here in Joplin, or some of the Colleges here in the state, or even the University of Missouri, but I feel that if I advance to the degree of efficiency that I wish to attain in Basket-ball, that I could find it in your school.

BRUCE WILLIAMS
P R E S I D E N T


ARNLOD LEONARD
V I C E P R E S I D E N T

ROY BREAZEALE
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The Young Men's Christian Association

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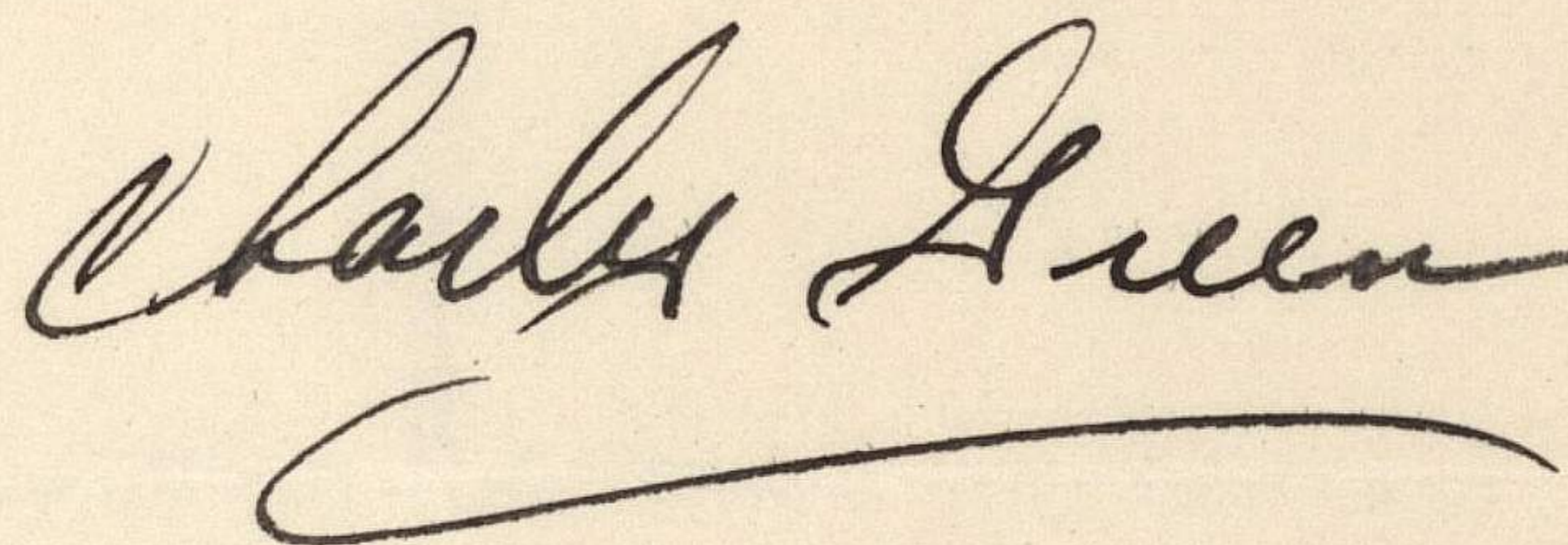
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BRUCE WILLIAMS

I was very successful in my endeavors in track this year, I competed in the dashes, losing but one race in ten. I ran the hundred in 10:1 seconds in my best race and ran several 10:2s and 10:3s, but I think that my times can be improved upon. My time in the 220 was a little under 23 seconds.

I hope that this letter does not seem to make me one of the braggidocio type, but I do mean to present the actual facts and obtain your opinion on my chances of attending your school.

Very truly yours,



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W. H. LANDRETH
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