

May 20, 1939
McPherson, Kansas

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

In my last letter to you I forgot to mention one thing of importance to you. That is the matter of board and room...which is very important. I thought that maybe you could give me some help in the solving of this important question. If I could clear up this question, I would be sitting pretty.

As I see it now my attending K.U. depends upon two main factors. These two are: arranging for my board and room and upon my getting a job satisfactory enough to warrant savings during the summer. It will not be long before our commencement services are over and summer is here. I am not certain on this job proposition, but I have several good prospects lined up and feel relatively sure that I will be able to get a job good enough so that I can save some money during the summer. That leaves the board and room question outstanding. Upon consulting my friends Professors Uhrlaub and Potwin I found that in times gone by it has been the policy of the fraternities to take in athletes, who are in need of help, and to board and room them in return for certain services and duties which they were to perform around the fraternities. If this is true there should be a possibility of me obtaining one of these positions. Maybe you could help me in getting one of these positions. Write me as soon as possible and let me know all about this. I would appreciate any information that you could give me in aiding me to provide for my board and room at the University.

During this summer I will let you know of the progress that I make in my hunt for employment. As I have already told you I have one position as assistant custodian at one of the local buildings. This is not enough and therefore I'm hunting for a better job. If there was a job available on the campus this summer maybe I could get it..with your help. I hope I am able to save up the needed money before fall, but am not definite about it as yet. Any help I can receive from you on any of my problems will be greatly and sincerely appreciated. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours

Victor Baugh

May 24, 1939.

Mr. R. R. "Dutch" Uhrlaub, Principal,
McPherson Junior High School,
McPherson, Kansas.

Dear "Dutchman":

Thank you so much for your very good letter of the 23rd instant regarding Victor Ebaugh.

I have taken the attitude of the Pan-Hellenic Council to mean that every fraternity will feed one football player. That is the way it has been in the past and I believe that is the intention. However, I will inquire from Mr. Gwinn Henry, director of athletics, if there has been any change in policy. I believe the Pan-Hellenic Council will ask Mr. Henry to submit the list, and I believe the understanding is that they will all be football players.

I have been working with Victor Ebaugh and I believe that we have him fixed up. I have certain towel room jobs here under the control of the Department of Physical Education, and it is my intention to place him in one of those. Personally, I have not been very strong on the fraternities feeding any of my athletes at the back door.

I am not protesting the action on the part of any of the teams, but so far as the training that my boys receive I prefer that they would feel they earn their money. Food is expensive and if any fraternity wants to feed a boy that is perfectly all right with me, but I have always found that the boys who walk in the back door and eat food in the kitchen cannot develop the morale that should exist among successful young men. It is more like taking a hand-out, don't you know.

I am wondering if you would be kind enough to call Victor up and see if he isn't pretty well pleased with the set up. I have taken the matter up with Professor Hay of our aeronautical engineering department, and it is my belief that with Victor's fine grades he will get a CSEP job. And then with the work we can give him here I believe he will be able to make it.

You know full well how the engineers have to work for their grades and I have always been impressed with the morale developed in the engineering school. They have a grand spirit. They are hard workers and have to dig.

It appears to me that if boys could get grades given to them they would not study hard, and if boys could get food given to them for nothing, very few of them appreciate it. However, if some man would want to take a boy into his home, then that is a lot different than a boy eating at the back door. Do you get my point, Dutch? I am not fighting this thing, but I do not believe any of our basketball athletes are on the so-called priority list that will be handed out by the Athletic Office.

Let me hear from you after you have called up Victor Ebaugh and inform me definitely whether you think he seems pleased with the set up as it now exists.

Thanking you for your interest in Victor, and assuring you that we will do everything that we can for this young man, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Ref. back.

MCPHERSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
R. R. UHRLAUB, PRINCIPAL
MCPHERSON, KANSAS

May 23, 1939

Dr. F. C. Allen
Athletic Department, University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I understand that the Pan-Hellenic Council has asked that each fraternity feed one athlete for a school year. I have asked the Phi Deltas, through John Crary, to take care of Victor Ebaugh. I have been told that before a boy can be so fed, his name must appear on the list of names submitted by the Athletic Office. If you are desirous of having him on this list, will you please see Gwinn Henry and ask that his name be given to the Phi Deltas?

Victor Ebaugh is taking quite an interest and is desirous of attending K. U. Anything that you can do to help him will certainly be appreciated by me. I feel justified in recommending him because I know that he is capable of making excellent grades, and will make you an excellent basketball player.

May I hear from you as soon as possible, as I am leaving for summer school, and may attend a school in Colorado.

Sincerely yours,

"Dutch" Uhrlaub

R. R. "Dutch" Uhrlaub

RRU:JC

May 22, 1939.

Mr. Victor Ebaugh,
McPherson, Kansas.

Dear Victor:

I have just returned from the Big Six meet at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, and find your good letter of May 18th awaiting me. May I say that your letter is very pleasing and stimulating to me. I am always happy to find young men who have the courage and the energy to attack life's problems in the right way.

Many boys will listen to itinerant college coaches who traverse the state promising them tuition and easy jobs in lieu of their athletic ability. Since you reside in a college town, as you say, you find it rather difficult to find a lucrative job, and I am sure that your common sense dictates the thought that there are no greener pastures elsewhere, because all college towns are very much alike. Further, I am assured that you recognize the fact that since men are not giving money away around McPherson they are not apt to give it away around another college town, or in fact any other non-college town.

Many college coaches use the lure and bait and make outlandish promises to young boys, promising them everything, and then when they matriculate in the college those same coaches can use the argument that the work didn't turn out just as well as they had hoped but since they were there the boys had better stick and the coaches would help them all they could. And, I might say, the coaches in the beginning knew just about how things would turn out.

I congratulate you upon being intelligent enough to choose your college first, and then consider that athletics should introduce you favorably to a job or an acquaintanceship that will enable you to find your place in life, and that place shall be all that you had hoped it might be when you were starting on your quest. I like your energy and determination, and if at any time during the summer I can be of any service to you do not fail to let me hear from you.

We will leave it this way. I am very sure that some time we will drive to Ellinwood to see my son's family, and whenever I do I will let you know ahead of time so that I may have the pleasure of visiting with you, and if you should come our way I will be

very happy to see you. You stated that you would let me know ahead of time regarding your coming.

I will again take the CSEP job up with Professor Hay and we will present your name to him so that your qualifications may be sufficiently weighed. You may be definitely assured of work in the towel room.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FGA:AH

May 18, 1939
McPherson, Kansas

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

I received your letter of the 17th instant and was very happy to get it. I am now definitely planning on going to K.U. The CSEP job, which we have talked about, and a job in the towel room surely ought to be enough to keep me busy in my spare time as well as to provide me with needed money. I sincerely believe you when you tell me that I'll be able to get one of the CSEP jobs. I gather that you thought that I was merely calling you a prevaricator, which I didn't mean at all.

As my part of high school is rapidly drawing to a close I have already been out scouting for jobs, as you suggested in your letter. At present I am working as assistant custodian in the Farmers Alliance Insurance Co. This only provides about three hours of work a day and five on Saturday. This is not enough to save any besides what I spend for living expenses, so for that reason I'm hunting for more. I put my application in for a job today. I will know the results of my efforts next Tuesday. I also have several prospects lined up besides this one. I might be able to get a job out in one of the local nurseries. I know the manager of this nursery personally and this might help me in getting a job there. A job of this type would be serve doublefold--that to build me up and to keep me in condition and also to provide me with the money I need. I have applied for a job at the new swimming pool, and I have hopes of getting on there. If I did get on there it would be probably as a lifeguard or as check-boy. There are a great number of applicants out there but we can hope for the best.

In McPherson jobs are rather scarce, as they are in most places now, but this isn't dampening my spirits in the least. I know there is a good job somewhere for a person with determination and it is with this in mind that I'm conducting my search for better employment. If I could save up around \$50 during the summer I think I could make it all right. Don't you? I will write you often about the progress I am making in finding a job.

I am glad that you realize my stand on coming to K.U., as it really is for the education more than it is for athletics, however I do enjoy ahtletics very much.

If I ever get the chance to come to Lawrence to see you, I'll notify you ahead of time. However I doubt if I will find time as soon as I get me a job and get settled for the summer. Whenever you have an opportunity to come through McPherson, I'd appreciate it very much if you'd drop in and see me. It would be a good idea if you notified me of your coming ahead of time, so as I could arrange to be sure and be there to see you. With all good wishes, and hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Victor Laugh

May 22, 1939.

Professor E. D. Hay,
School of Engineering.

Dear Professor Hay:

I have heard from Victor Ebaugh, of McPherson, Kansas, and he has definitely decided to come to K. U. His decision has been made, however, because I have promised him some work at the University to partially defray his expenses.

I want to thank you for the very fine letter you wrote him and for the interest you have taken. I am sure he is very deserving of it. He comes highly recommended by Professor Potwin and Professor Uurlaub, both of whom are teachers in the McPherson schools. Uurlaub is a Kansas graduate.

Ebaugh shows great energy and thrift. From all I can learn of him I believe he will certainly make something of himself. I will greatly appreciate anything you can do to make his college career profitable and happy. You recall that he is particularly interested in aeronautical engineering.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

May 17, 1939.

Mr. Victor Ebaugh,
McPherson, Kansas.

Dear Victor:

I am very happy to have your good letter of the 12th instant and I certainly can appreciate your feeling of uncertainty when you are forced to wait until around July first before a final answer is given you regarding a CSEP job. I am very sure with recommendations from Professor Potwin and Professor Uhrlaub, together with your fine academic work, that doubtless you will get a CSEP job.

I quite agree with you that you cannot come to K. U. without financial help. I presume that you will be able to work this summer and save some money toward your tuition and fees. If you will look on page 23 of the University catalog, which has been sent to you, you will get some idea of the fees you will have to pay. The matriculation fee for residents of Kansas, which is paid but once, is \$10.00; the incidental fee for students in the School of Engineering is \$25.00 a semester; there is a health fee of \$4.00 a semester; the activity fee is \$6.00 the first semester and \$2.75 for the second semester. In addition to the above fees, there may be some laboratory fees, depending upon the courses in which you enroll.

When you consider that the tuition at a small college is two to four hundred dollars, and while they offer you work and sometimes a scholarship, the tuition at the University is sometimes less than one-fourth that of any of the small colleges. I am sure that you have considered that very carefully in making your decision.

Now I am ready to tell you that we want you at the University of Kansas because we believe that you want to get an education. Personally, I am not so much interested in a boy coming to the University primarily to compete in athletics, but you have already shown me that you are especially interested in your engineering work, and I am in a position to aid you by giving you work in the Physical Education department. We use boys and pay them 35¢ an hour in the towel room. I would be glad to assure you such a job if you are certain that you want to attend the engineering school at the University of Kansas.

I would not want you to go to the expense of coming to Lawrence for a personal interview, but if it would be possible I am sure that we could definitely discuss the matter to your satisfaction. I have a son, Milton, who is living at Ellinwood, Kansas. He is with the Standard Oil Company. You doubtless remember of his playing here in 1934-35-36 on the Kansas varsity. Mrs. Allen and I sometimes go out to Ellinwood to see Milton's family - he has a young baby daughter - and if you should not come in to Lawrence doubtless before long we will be going out that way and I would see you on the way out or back.

The statement that I feel like making to you is what I make to all the boys who want to come to the University; that we will give you work at 35¢ an hour and we will give you as much work as you can do and keep your studies up. We have a University ruling that if you work more than three hours a day you are curtailed in taking a full academic load. The University is run on the basis that a full-time study load requires 100% of the individual's time, and if a fellow wants to work more than the ordinary allowance the University is forced to lighten the academic load.

There is no reason why it would be necessary for you to, as you say, stall the other people off if you want to come to K. U. We will give you the work. You can talk to Professor Uurlaub and Professor Potwin and I am sure that they will tell you that you can rest assured of our promises. An individual must accept the statement of the professor or administrator in the same faith that he does when he goes in to talk to a banker or a merchant. When you buy a suit of clothes you are not sure of the intrinsic value of that suit, but the merchant says the suit is worth \$50.00 and you buy it, feeling that he is honest in dealing with you. I think it is just as necessary that you have faith in the statements that we make to you.

With all good wishes, and hoping that you will write me again at your early convenience, I am

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

May 12, 1939
McPherson, Kansas

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

Dear Mr. Allen,

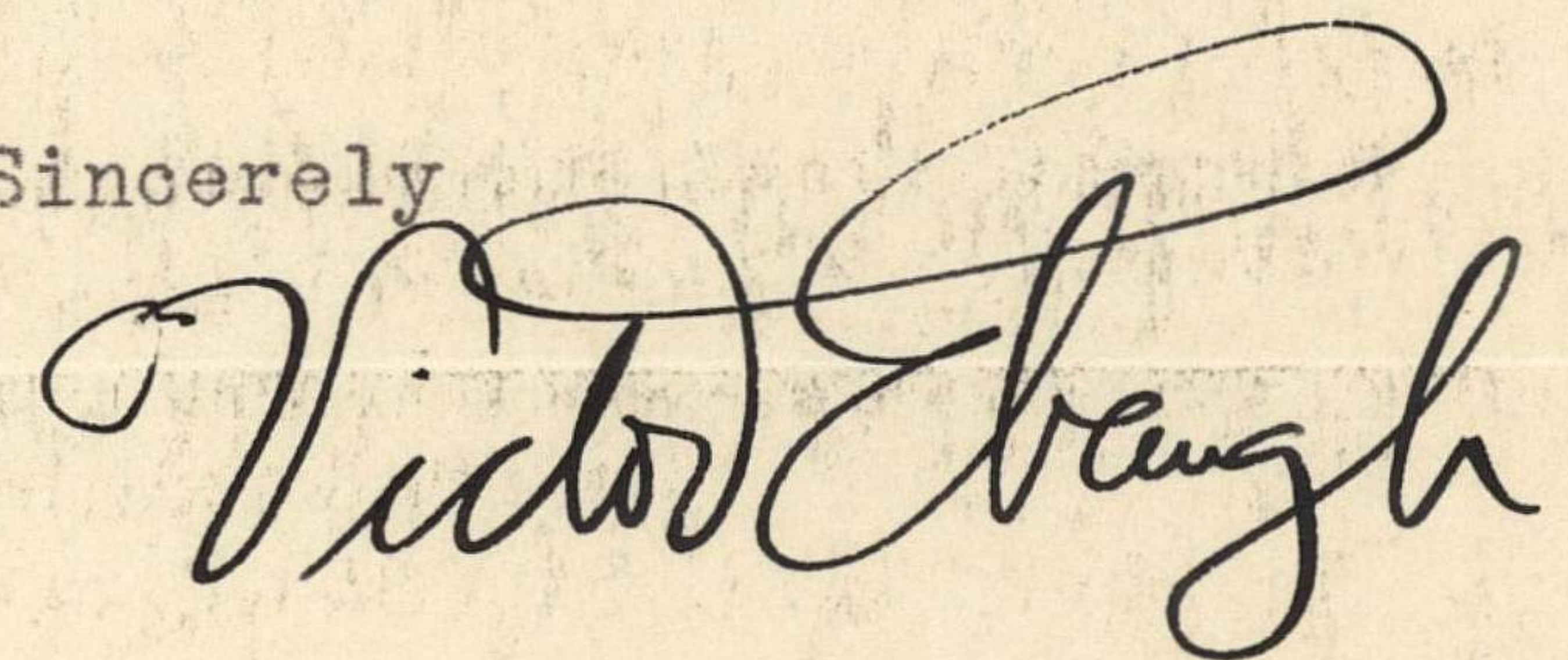
Since your last letter I've heard from Professor Earl D. Hay and Miss Martha Tillman. Professor Hay referred me to Miss Tillman. I wrote her and have received a letter from her. She stated that the application blanks for CESP jobs would be mailed out around July 1, and that I would be put on the mailing list and would receive my blank along with the numerous others.

As you can probably easily see I'm no farther along on where I'm going to go to college than I was before I corresponded with you. I haven't learned nothing definite. One thing sure is that I can't go to K.U. without financial help. Due to the fact that I've had several offers from other colleges; it will be necessary for me to find out more definitely about the amount of help I'll be able to receive at K.U. I'll receive little, if any, help from home. I'm depending on my scholastic ability and basketball playing to play a large part in getting through college. The offers which I've spoken of are from some of the smaller colleges around in the vicinity of McPherson. I would subordinate them for an offer of being able to work my way at K.U. However, the coaches at these schools are pressing me as to whether I'm going to school at their college or not. Therefore I must know some thing more definite about these jobs.

Professor Potwin and Professor Uhrlaub, whom I've already written to you about, were of the opinion that you could use me at K.U. I'm sincerely hoping that you can. I realize the benefits of graduating from a larger and better college. I want to go to K.U. rather than some of the smaller colleges, but if I can't get financial help at K.U. I guess I'll have to be satisfied to attend some of the smaller colleges.

I am writing to you feeling that you can give me a definite answer on this question. If I knew definitely what you could do for me at K.U., it would be much easier for me to notify these other coaches. They are becoming aggravated at me, because I have to stall them off, just in the case I can't make it at K.U. Here's hoping that you will give me a definite and speedy answer. I want to attend K.U. and would appreciate anything that you could do in helping me to do this.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Victor Vaughn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed word "Sincerely".

May 12, 1933
McPherson, Kansas

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

Dear Mr. Allen,

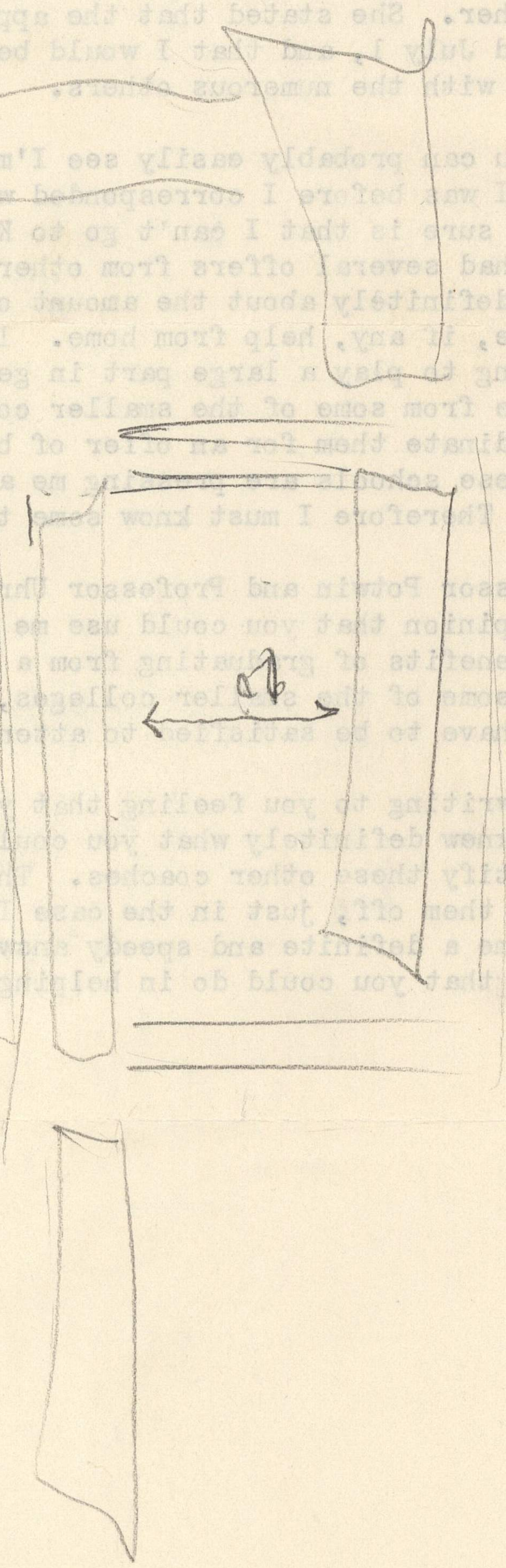
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I am writing to you feeling that you can give me a definite answer on this question. If I know definitely what you could do for me at K.U., it would be much easier for me to notify these other coaches. They are becoming aggravated at me, because I have to stall them off. Just in the case I can't make it at K.U. Here's hoping that you will give me a definite and speedy answer. I want to attend K.U. and would appreciate anything that you could do in helping me to do this.

Sincerely,
Michael Joseph



UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE
LAWRENCE

May 8, 1939

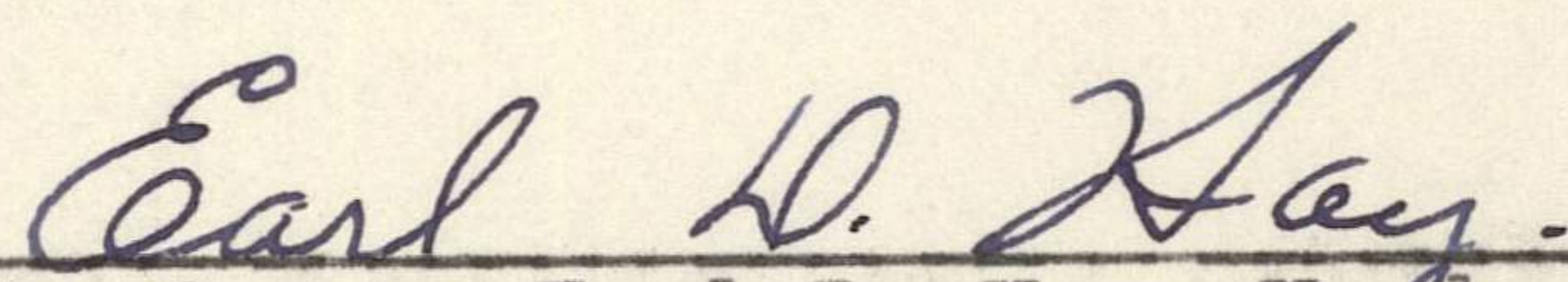
DEPARTMENT OF
MECHANICAL AND INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

Dr. F. C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
Robinson Gymnasium
University of Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I was pleased to receive your note accompanied by the correspondence regarding Victor Ebaugh of McPherson. I am writing to him regarding our work in Aeronautical Engineering and hope he will find it possible to come to Kansas University.

Sincerely,



Professor Earl D. Hay, Head
Mechanical Engineering Dept.

EDH:LS

May 8, 1939

Mr. Victor Ebaugh
518 East Euclid Street
McPherson, Kansas

Dear Mr. Ebaugh:

Dr. Allen has just asked me to write to you regarding our course in Aeronautical Engineering. I am pleased to note that you are interested in this field of engineering.

We have been giving a standard curriculum in Aeronautical Engineering for eleven years as a professional option in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. We usually have some graduate students in this department from various parts of the United States who come to the University of Kansas to secure their master's degree in Aeronautics. The federal authorities informed us last winter that it was due to our pioneering work in aeronautical research that we were chosen as one of the schools to try out the Civil Aeronautics Authority aviation training program. We have twenty students as our quota being given free flight instruction and we expect a much larger quota next year. We expect this program to continue at least five years.

From your scholastic standing in high school, you should not find it difficult to get a C. S. E. P. appointment. We endeavor to have our students on the N. Y. A. program appointed to assist in our department. We use the boys who expect to take the Aeronautics Option in our Aeronautics Laboratory work where they can learn a great deal of value such as making wind tunnel test models, various set-ups for aeronautical experiments and the like.

This spring we secured a government grant for wind tunnel research which we expect to continue next year. This work may be expanded to provide some employment for the advanced students in Aeronautical Engineering.

I suggest that you get your application in to Miss Martha Tillman for the C. S. E. P. appointment soon. We will be pleased to assist you in every way we can to secure your education.

Very truly yours,

Professor Earl D. Hay, Head
Mechanical Engineering Dept.

EDH:LS

c c F. C. Allen

May 8, 1939.

Mr. Victor Ebaugh,
518 East Euclid St.,
McPherson, Kansas.

Dear Victor:

Thank you for your very fine letter of May 6th. I am glad to know that you have chosen aeronautical engineering as your field.

Professor E. D. Hay, of our School of Engineering, is in charge of the division of aeronautical engineering, and I am sending him a copy of our correspondence so that he will become acquainted with you and know of your interest in this department. I am asking that he write you.

I might suggest that you could possibly secure a CSEP job here at the University, which averages \$15.00 a month. These jobs are granted on the basis of the student's need, scholarship and references. The jobs are assigned as much as possible to the department in which the student is majoring. I would suggest that you write to Miss Martha Tillman, executive secretary of the CSEP Office, University of Kansas, and ask her to send you an application blank.

I want to assure you that we earnestly desire to help you in any way possible, and I shall be glad to hear from you again after your correspondence with Professor Hay and Miss Tillman.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

May 6, 1939

McPherson, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen,

I have received your letter and also the physical education catalog. I have received the other K.U. catalogs also. Thank you.

In regard to the course which I wish to choose, I have decided not to try for a B.S. degree in physical education. In high school I have planned a course along the engineering line, especially aeronautical engineering. I've also given much consideration to accounting, since its requisites are, more or less, natural to me. I have consulted several of the professors around school and also some of my friends, and they all seemed to be of the opinion that my career should be along the lines of engineering, or as second choice accounting. I prefer to take aeronautical engineering above all.

I was very grateful for the letter I received from you. I'm still very much enthused over going to college, and I prefer K.U. Something that might help me in gaining entrance to K.U. is my scholastic ability. I'm not at the top of my class, but I'm in the upper portion of it. My grades all average well over 90. Every year of my junior high school and senior high school career I have been given a scholarship pin. If you want any references, write me and I'll be glad to send them to you.

I am hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Victor Traugh

Hay
CSEP

MCPHERSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
R. R. UHRLAUB, PRINCIPAL
MCPHERSON, KANSAS

May 4, 1939

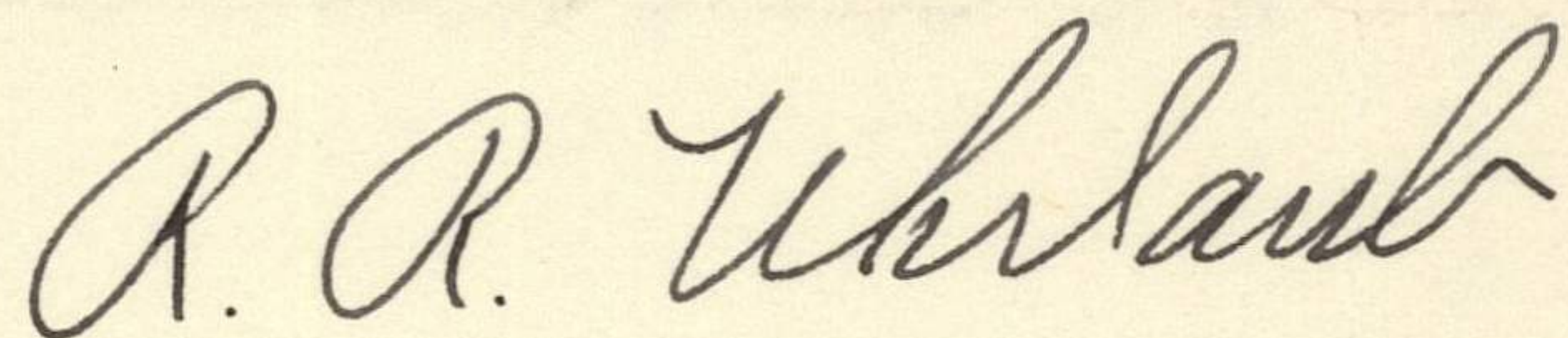
Dr. F. C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I was sorry that you were not in Lawrence when I came to see you regarding Victor Ebaugh. I consider Victor a very good basketball prospect for you. He is a little over six feet tall, and has a very high I. Q. He is capable of making straight "A" grades. I was glad to note that Ernie Vanek has also written regarding Victor.

I spoke to Mr. Ellsworth in regard to some work for him. He told me he could line up some N. Y. A. work, as he has made a high scholastic record. If you can give him some additional work there in the towel room, I am sure that we will be able to see him there in school. His father is not financially able to give him much financial assistance. I feel the boy should have an opportunity to go to college, and I don't know of any other coach I would rather see him play basketball under than you. I am sure he will make you a valuable man.

Sincerely yours,



RRU:JC

R. R. "Dutch" Uhrlaub

April 28, 1959.

Mr. Victor Ebaugh,
518 E. Euclid St.,
McPherson, Kansas.

Dear Victor:

I was very happy to receive your good letter of the 22nd instant and to know that you would be interested in going to college. We would be very happy to have you here at the University of Kansas, and I am having sent to you a catalog and also the bulletin for physical education majors.

I do not know whether you would be interested in the teaching and coach profession, but many of the boys who have developed special skills in athletics are interested in getting a B. S. degree in Education, with a major in physical education. This would permit you to teach in any of the standard high schools of the United States for life.

I would be very happy to have you consult both Professor R. W. Potwin and Professor Uhlraub as to the future of this type of profession. We have several outstanding coaches in basketball over the country who received their training under me here at the University. Dean John Burn, who coached the great Stanford team when Hank Luisetti played, Coach Dutch Lonborg, of Northwestern, Frosty Cox, of Colorado, Adolph Rupp, of the University of Kentucky, Louis E. Menze, of Iowa State College, and a host of others - all Kansas boys - are having unusual success in their coaching. For that reason I believe if you should come to Kansas and play on the Kansas team it would be easier for you to get a good job on account of the success of the men who have preceded you.

Of course, there may be other courses that you would desire to take. I have a son who played on the ever-victorious team who is with the Standard Oil Company, located at Ellinwood. My other son who was a sophomore last year on the Kansas varsity, is a pre-medic. I would like for you to write me and give me your desires in the matter as to what you think you would like to major in. I am leaving this morning for New York to attend the National Basketball Rules meeting, and when I return I would like to find a letter on my desk from you so that I will know what you would like to do.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 22, 1939

McPherson, Kansas

Mr. F.W. Allen

Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I am graduating from high school this spring and would like to go to college, but my folks are financially unable to send me. I have played three years of basketball in high school here. I am writing on the recommendation of Prof. R. W. Potwin and R.R. Uhrlaub, both of the McPherson School System.

Will you please send me your catalog so that I may choose a course, thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Victor Vaughn
518 East Euclid St.
McPherson
Kansas

April 28, 1939.

Mr. R. R. Uhrlaub,
McPherson, Kansas.

Dear Dutch:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just written to Victor Ebaugh, in reply to an inquiry from him. I want you to know that I appreciate the interest you have taken in him. Ernie Vanek also wrote me about this boy, and I would be very happy to have him here.

I feel very sure we could give him some work here in the gymnasium in the towel room which would help with his expenses.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

May 8, 1939.

Professor Earl D. Hay,
School of Engineering,
University of Kansas.

Dear Professor Hay:

I am enclosing copies of some correspondence that I have had with Victor Ebaugh, of McPherson, Kansas, who desires to enter the University of Kansas next fall. Since he is particularly interested in aeronautical engineering I have suggested that he write you. He seems to be a very fine student, and if we can help him in any way with a job I believe he will be most deserving.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

September 8, 1939.

Mr. Marvin McDonald,
523 No. Blaine St.,
Wellington, Kansas.

Dear Marvin:

I was glad to have your letter of recent date. I am just returning to my desk for work, and I want you to know that I am hoping you will be able to enter the University of Kansas. However, I notice that your father has been suffering from heart trouble, and I am just afraid to advise you to come since there will be so little aid from your home.

When a boy has received his early education at the hands of his parents there are some things that a boy does owe his parents, and I believe under the conditions, as much as you would dislike to forego your education temporarily, it might be the best scheme. Over sixty per cent of the boys here at the University are partially or wholly self-supporting, but when there is not much money coming in from the parental side of the household then I believe a boy owes an obligation to his own parents.

And I am congratulating you on the fact that you are the right type of boy. I notice that you do not smoke nor drink and on those two fine standards you have already advanced toward your success. A boy has to learn to say "no" a thousand times to temptation before he can say "yes" once to victory.

Won't you write me and let me know how your father is getting along and if there is any way that I can help you in your academic quest it will be a pleasure. Why would it not be a good idea for you to continue in junior college work a year until things arrive at an easement in your household?

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Wellington, Kans.
523 No. Blaine

Mr. Allen:

Your letter was received and I am very glad to hear that you are at least interested.

You asked a few questions about myself which I shall be glad to answer. My average in school was a good "C" + or better. I have never failed and am sure that I could handle the average collegiate schedule. I don't have the reputation for dissipating and have never taken up the habit

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of smoking or drinking and
never expect to.

As I said before, my
studies wouldn't bother me
but as usual it's the finances.
I believe I could acquire part
of the tuition but the monthly
expenses would be too much
since my father has been
suffering from heart trouble
and would be unable to help
me.

If there is any information
I could get for you, I wish
you would let me know

Very sincerely yours
Marvin McDonald

August 12, 1939.

Mr. Marvin McDonald,
Wellington, Kansas.

Dear Marvin:

Thank you for your good letter of the 8th instant enclosing clippings regarding your basketball playing last winter. I am returning these clippings to you because I am very sure that you prize them highly, as you should.

You have made a very fine record and I take it that you want to make as good a record academically as you do athletically. Won't you write me and tell me how much money you have saved for tuition and incidentals?

If you wish to attend the University we will be glad to help you help yourself. I would like to know what sort of grades you made in high school because too many boys depend on their athletics to boost them along in their studies. But here at the University the professors do not give too much credit for athletic ability alone. I do not mean that they are opposed to athletics, but just because a fellow is an athlete does not mean that they will give him a grade. It is for that reason that I would like to know regarding your academic standing. Unless you have made better than a "C" average I would be afraid to encourage you to attempt to work on a heavy schedule and pull out with grades far above the average.

Frankly, I feel that any boy should want to make as good grades in his academic work as he does to excel on the athletic field.

I am leaving on a trip for Atlanta where I have a coaching school at Georgia Tech. You write me here at Lawrence and the letter will be forwarded to me down there and I will be happy to write you as soon as I receive your communication.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Wellington, Kans.
Aug 8, 1939

Dear Mr. Allen:

Since Wellington has no prominent sports writers, athletes are not known over the state, from here, unless they are football players, therefore it is up to we basketball players to make ourselves known. I have just awakened to the fact that, to get anywhere, we can not just sit back and wait for opportunities to come, but to get out and get them ourselves even if we have to use our mouths to do it.

Mr. Allen, if you knew me personally you would find out that I am not much to "blow" but maybe it isn't getting me anywhere so why not? wouldn't you?

I am sending you a few clippings of our games. I had some very good nights and a few bad ones but that is because of our type of offense which is a considerably

fast break and rather "slam bang".

I was also ill with influenza the last few weeks of the season but continued play which weakened me.

I was up to see H. U. play O. U. and I immediately "fell in love" with your type of basketball. I have been playing basketball all my life and just about live. I like to train for it and have been praised for this very thing.

Mr. A. R. "Monk" Edwards and "Pete" Buzzard have offered to give you any recommendations you desire.

I would like very much to hear from you.

Cardially yours.

Marvin McDonald
(All Valley Forward)