

Downs Kansas
Feb. 28, 1939

Dear Mr. Allen

I want to congratulate you and your team on the fine game you played Saturday nite. I also want to thank you for the tickets you gave us. Vance and I really enjoyed the game. We also picked up a few pointers.

Thank you for your kind invitation to the relays. My father says that maybe he will take Vance and I down there. I sure hope so.

I wish you and your team all kinds of good luck in your game with M. U. and I'm sure from the evidence you gave us Sat. nite you can't help but win The Big Six Championship.

We play tommorrow nite in the Dist. tournament at Leabonen. We also have high hopes of winning.

I thank you again for the tickets and swell game and hope to see you again soon.

Sincerely Yours

Allen Verhage

Downs, Kansas
March 2nd, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

I certainly enjoyed meeting you and seeing your boys play Oklahoma last week and I greatly appreciate the opportunity you gave me to be there. It certainly gave me a big thrill when the flag was raised and made me wonder if I would ever be out there with you and the boys. Our seats were sure in a swell place and I thank you very much for them.

I hope that by the time you receive this letter you have virtually clinched the Big Six race by defeating Missouri to-night.

I am hoping to come down again before school is out - possibly for the Relays.

Again thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Vance Hall



A COMPLETE RECORD OF DRAGONS' SCORES

Last week, under the heading "An Enviab!e Record," we gave a brief resume of the record of the Downs Dragons for the past season, which included their season's regular schedule and the games played in the county tournament.

At that time, the records on all of the individual players had not been compiled, hence we were able to give only figures on high point man, Captain Vance Hall, and the team as a whole. Now however, we have the records complete, and here they are, showing the number of points made during the season by each player:

Vance Hall was high point man with a grand total of 369.

Bob Dillon was second high point man with a total of 86.

Bernard Beck was third high point man with 73. Beck did not participate in every game, and about two weeks before the season's schedule closed, was injured and taken off the floor until the close of the season.

Bill Metz has played a sterling game thruout the entire season and rolled up 36 points.

Chet Walter and Preston Peters each scored 35 points during the season. Peters was also on the casualty list and out of the game for some time. Walters was frequently taken from the game to allow another player an opportunity to get into action.

Ned Cushing, was often pulled out of the reserve team and worked with the regulars, altho he did not participate in all games played. He added a total of 30 points to the Dragons' total for the year.

Allen Verhage, another hard luck player, being out of the game for two or three weeks on account of illness, did his bit by scoring 22 points.

Eldon Simmons and John Kreamer, both members of the reserve team, were drafted into service in one game each with the first team, with Simmons scoring 4 points and Kreamer 3.

The above figures are taken from the records and insofar as we have been able to ascertain, are authentic, altho there is a bare possibility that during the heat of some of the games, the score-keeper may have given credit for a point or two to one lad when it should have gone to another.

In a check-up of the above scores, it will be seen that the team as a whole made a grand total of 693 points for the season. With Captain Hall making 369 of these points, this would leave the other members of the team making 324 points.

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Altho playing very much under blankets and not being compelled to extend themselves to their utmost in any of the three games in which they engaged during the district tournament held in Lebanon last week-end, the Dragons, as usual, furnished the greater portion of the thrills enjoyed by the spectators and, while they won each of their contests by margins to spare, still played a game such as only champions can play and one which gave the fan a run for his money.

The Dragons made their first appearance on the court Thursday evening, with the Burr Oak five as their opponents. This game proved to be a complete walk-a-way for Suran's champs. At the end of the first quarter they led by a score of 15 to 2, and at the half were out in front, 22 to 9. During the last half of the game the boys merely coasted along, coming out of the third quarter leading 34 to 17, and with the game ending, 46 to 21.

In this game Hall scored 27 points, Dillon 8, Beck 6, Metz 3 and Peters and Cushing 1 each. Others appearing in the lineup besides those mentioned as scorers were Walters, Verhage, Goheen and Kreamer.

Friday evening saw the Dragons pitted against the Lebanon team, and this was probably the roughest game played during the entire tournament. Early in the first quarter Captain Vance Hall took a nasty fall, wrenching his back quite badly and all but sending him to the bench. As it was, he remained in but it was quite evident that for the remainder of the game he was not up to his usual standard of ball tossing. Walters was another Dragonite to also take a nasty fall during this game, but he remained at his post.

The first quarter ended with the Dragons leading by a lone point, the score being 8 to 7. During the second quarter the Dragons started going places and at the half, led by a score of 21 to 9. The third quarter ended with Lebanon so far behind there was no danger whatever of them ever nosing out in front, the score being 27 to 13, and the game ended with the Dragons coasting along to a 33 to 19 victory.

Hall, in this game scored 19 points, Dillon 10, Beck 2, Walter 1 and Metz 1. Verhage, Cushing and Peters also saw service during the game.

The final evening of the tournament found Lebanon and Harlan battling for the consolation trophy, with the Lebanon five having no

Almond Hall up for next of game + following night

Played about 3/4 game

great deal of trouble annexing the trophy, and the Dragons pitted against the Portis five.

The game started off with both teams missing set-up after set-up—the ball simply refusing to ring up a counter. Portis, however, finally succeeded scoring a couple of points and it looked very much as though the first quarter would end with our lads trailing, but Hall suddenly broke through and tied the game up, the quarter ending 2 and 2. At the half the Dragons had pulled out in front, leading 15 to 7. During the third quarter Downs added ten more points, while Portis rolled up 8, leaving the score 25 to 15. During the last period, the best Portis could do was to add five more counters to their score, while the Dragons, feeling that they had the game in the bag, were content to boost their total by eight points, leaving the final score 33 to 20—and the Dragons winners of the district meet.

In passing, we might mention that of all the teams played, not only during this tournament but during the entire season, the Portis five gave us more things to worry about than any other team. They play a hard, but clean, game and if you don't think that they know why they are out there on the floor, you've another guess coming. They show the earmarks of having been coached under a master hand, and their coach, Carl Smith, is justly entitled to due credit for the splendid work which he has done with them.

During the three games engaged in by the Dragons, they rolled up a total of 112 points to their opponents' 60. Of these points scored by the Dragons, Hall was accountable for 60, giving him an average of 20 points per game. Dillon was second high point man

April 15, 1939.

Dr. J. A. Billingsley,
611 Huron Building,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Billingsley:

I want you to know how happy I was for the opportunity to meet Lou Steimeyer. He is a fine young man, and his high academic achievements and fine moral character appeal to us.

As you doubtless know, most of the boys on the Kansas basketball teams have come from small Kansas towns. Some of our outstanding players have come from such towns as Lawrence, Leavenworth, Horton, Glasco, Arkansas City, Newton, Winfield, Downs, Iola, Humboldt, and so forth.

"Dutch" Lonborg, who is now coaching at Northwestern, and who was my captain in 1920, came from Horton. John Bunn, of Stanford, who made a great record with Hank Luisetti and his Pacific Coast boys, was on my 1920 team. He came from Humboldt. Adolph Rupp, varsity coach at the University of Kentucky, came from Halstead. And Frosty Cox, coach of the University of Colorado team, is from Newton.

I want to assure you that I do not go out for the "big shots" in basketball. First, I want a man who is a good student; secondly, a man who will train, and a man who likes to play. If a boy really wants to make his varsity letter, then I am tremendously interested in him. I would much rather have a fellow who wants to make good than a man who thinks he has already arrived.

I am sure that Lou Steimeyer is the type of boy that we want to encourage to enroll at the University of Kansas.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 15, 1939.

Dr. J. A. Billingsley,
611 Huron Building,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Billingsley:

It was very fine of you to have Ralph Miller, Dean Nesmith and me at your Kiwanis Club dinner last Thursday, and I want you to know how very much we enjoyed it.

I had a fine visit with Lou Steirmeyer - he is a great boy and I am hoping that he will decide to come to K. U. We are interested in boys who are clean, good grainers, and are outstanding students - and I am sure Steirmeyer is just this kind of a boy.

We are inviting a number of boys who are interested in basketball to come to the gymnasium on Saturday morning, April 22, and shoot a few goals. It will be a lot of fun for the boys and a good opportunity for them to get acquainted. The new convex backboards will be up at that time, and this should add a lot of interest. I am hoping that Steirmeyer will come over at this time and get acquainted with the boys.

I am enclosing a letter which I would appreciate if you would show him. We do not want the boys to get the idea that we are such a "hot shot" coach that we are not interested in them. That thought is farthest from our minds.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

March 17, 1939.

Dr. J. A. Billingsley,
611 Huron Building,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Billingsley:

I am leaving tonight for San Francisco, and won't have an opportunity to sign this letter, but I do want to thank you for your kind note of the 14th instant.

I am counting definitely on being present at your Kiwanis Club banquet at noon on April 13th.

Thank you for the information on Steimeyer. I should be very happy to meet him.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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JOHN A. BILLINGSLEY, M. D.

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611 HURON BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

March 14, 1939.

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Received your letter of March 3rd. Must apologize for not writing sooner.

You are right, the basket ball banquet is at the Kiwanis Club on April 13th, at noon. The Wyandotte High School boys are City champions this year, and also champions of the Northeast Kansas League, having gone through without losing a game,

I remember what you told me about getting some boys that tower above 6 feet. This Steinmeyer boy is I think 6 feet, 5 inches, and in the past two years has developed wonderfully. It just so happens that I have his sister as a patient in the hospital at the present time, and through a coincidence I talked to his mother, and she told me her name was Steinmeyer, so I immediately asked her if she was related to the Steinmeyer boy at the High School. She said, "Slightly, being his mother." She told me that he was a little afraid that he could not meet the qualifications of such a good basket ball coach as we have at the University of Kansas. I told her to tell the boy that I thought he was just the type of young man you were looking for, in fact it wasn't always the boy that was the outstanding flash in high school, that you were particularly interested in. This boy has a lot of stuff, and I think you can get a lot out of him, and through my present contact I feel sure I can get him up to the University, however, he has been approached by several different schools, and through some friendship at Oklahoma A. and M. he has a little leaning toward that school.

I am going to talk to him within the next week or so, and then when you are down here at the Kiwanis Meeting we will have a talk with him.

Hoping that April 13th is still open, and that you can be with us, I remain,

Very truly yours,

J.A.B:VE.

P.S. I want to thank you for your many kindnesses during the present basket ball season, in securing for me seats, which we greatly appreciated. However, next year I am going to beat you to the trigger, and get my seats ahead of time. I have appreciated the courtesies you have extended me very, very much.

John A. Billingsley
J.A.B.

April 10, 1939.

Mr. Byron Korn,
c/o Mehl and Schott Drug Company,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Byron:

Mr. E. Rice Phelps, of our city, called me in regard to the possibility of your entering the University of Kansas this next fall.

I want you to know how happy I would be to have you matriculate at the University of Kansas. We, of course, have heard of your prowess on the basketball court. But it is your other recommendations of high academic achievements and fine morale character that appeal to us as well.

Most of our outstanding basketball players have come from small towns, such as Lawrence, Leavenworth, Horton, Glasco, Arkansas City, Newton, Winfield, Downs, Iola, Chanute, Humboldt, and so forth. I am thinking now of my fine captain, George McCune, of the 1908 Kansas varsity, the first one that I coached here. I am sure that Mac was not over five feet nine, and he was one of the finest little captains that I have ever had. Mac has passed on, but I will never forget the courage and downright sheer ability of this little fellow. He was a wonderful inspiration to me when I think of the small men meeting the challenge of over-reach and over-weight.

Dutch Lonborg, who is now coaching at Northwestern, was my captain in 1920. He was from Horton. John Bunn, of Stanford, who made a great record with Hank Luisetti and his Pacific Coast boys was on my 1920 team. John Bunn came from Humboldt. Adolph Rupp, who is varsity coach at the University of Kentucky, is from Halstead, Kansas. And Frosty Cox, who is coach of the University of Colorado outfit, is from Newton.

Tus Ackerman, Paul Endacott, and Andy McDonald were from Lawrence, Frenchy Belgard from Newton, Paul Rogers and Ray Noble from Arkansas City, Fred Pralle and Al Wellhausen from St. Louis, Al Peterson from Argentine. On the present varsity are Lyman Corlis, Lester Kappelman and Bob Allen, from Lawrence; Howard Engleman and Bruce Reid of Arkansas City, Bruce Voran of Pretty Prairie, Ralph Miller of Chanute, Loren Florell of Topeka, Don Ebling of Lindsborg, and Dick Harp of Rosedale.

So you can see that through the years past, as well as our present squad, by far and large most of the boys have come from small Kansas towns. Someone made a statement to me that you were not sure as to your ability in basketball. I want to assure you that I do not

go out for the "big shots" in basketball. First, I want a man who is a good student; secondly, a man who will train and a man who likes to play. If this boy really wants to make his varsity letter, then I am tremendously interested in him. I would much rather have a fellow who wants to make good than a man who thinks he already has arrived.

I am to speak at Atchison, Kansas, on the 20th of April, so if convenient with you I will stop by some time in the afternoon just about the time your school is out and make it a point to have a chat with you. I will come to your Dad's drug store and I can find then where I may see you. It will be a very great pleasure to talk with you. I do want to assure you that it is such boys as you that we desire enrolled at the University of Kansas.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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July 31, 1939.

Mr. John Edward Lapham,
5523 London Road,
Duluth, Minnesota.

Dear John:

Your father was in my office early this summer and told me of your fine athletic achievements. I had hoped to go to Baker when Kemper met them on their track, but it happened that it was at the time of the Drake Relays and I was out of town. I had asked our Coach Hargiss if he might go down to Baker to see you run, but of course he was in attendance at the Drake Relays.

I know Colonel Johnson and many of the other men at Kemper, and have a very high regard for them.

We would be very happy if you should become interested in the University of Kansas. I know that you could follow in your father's footsteps here and make a fine athletic record. 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 Bob Myers and your father have told me I am sure that you are this type of young man.

I am very well acquainted with Dr. Ray Kent, who was formerly superintendent of schools at Duluth before coming to Lawrence. Ray Parkins, coach at Edison High at Minneapolis, is one of my boys. He played first base on my ball team, quarterback on my football team and forward on my basketball team. He was one of the finest athletes I have ever had, and from all reports he is making a great record there at Edison High. He was a classmate of Louie Menze, who is now coach of basketball at Iowa State College.

I want to assure you that if you should come to the University of Kansas it would be a great pleasure to have you. If there is any way in which I can be of service to you I shall be glad to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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5523 London Road,

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June 23, 1939.

Mr. Don Blair,
805 West 6th St.,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Dear Don:

I received a letter from someone in Ottawa, and presume the letter was from you, although it was not signed, since you are the only boy I know in Ottawa.

I am glad to know that you are definitely planning to attend K. U. this fall. We are counting on you. I saw Mrs. Drake at church last Sunday, so I know you will be in mighty good hands.

I had a nice visit with you and your Dad while in Ottawa this spring.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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805 West Sixth Street
Ottawa, Kansas
June 11, 1939

Dear Dr. Allen,

I am writing you to let you know that according to my present plans I intend coming to K. U. this fall.

I have already made arrangements to stay at the Carl Drake home and would appreciate your saving that job for me.

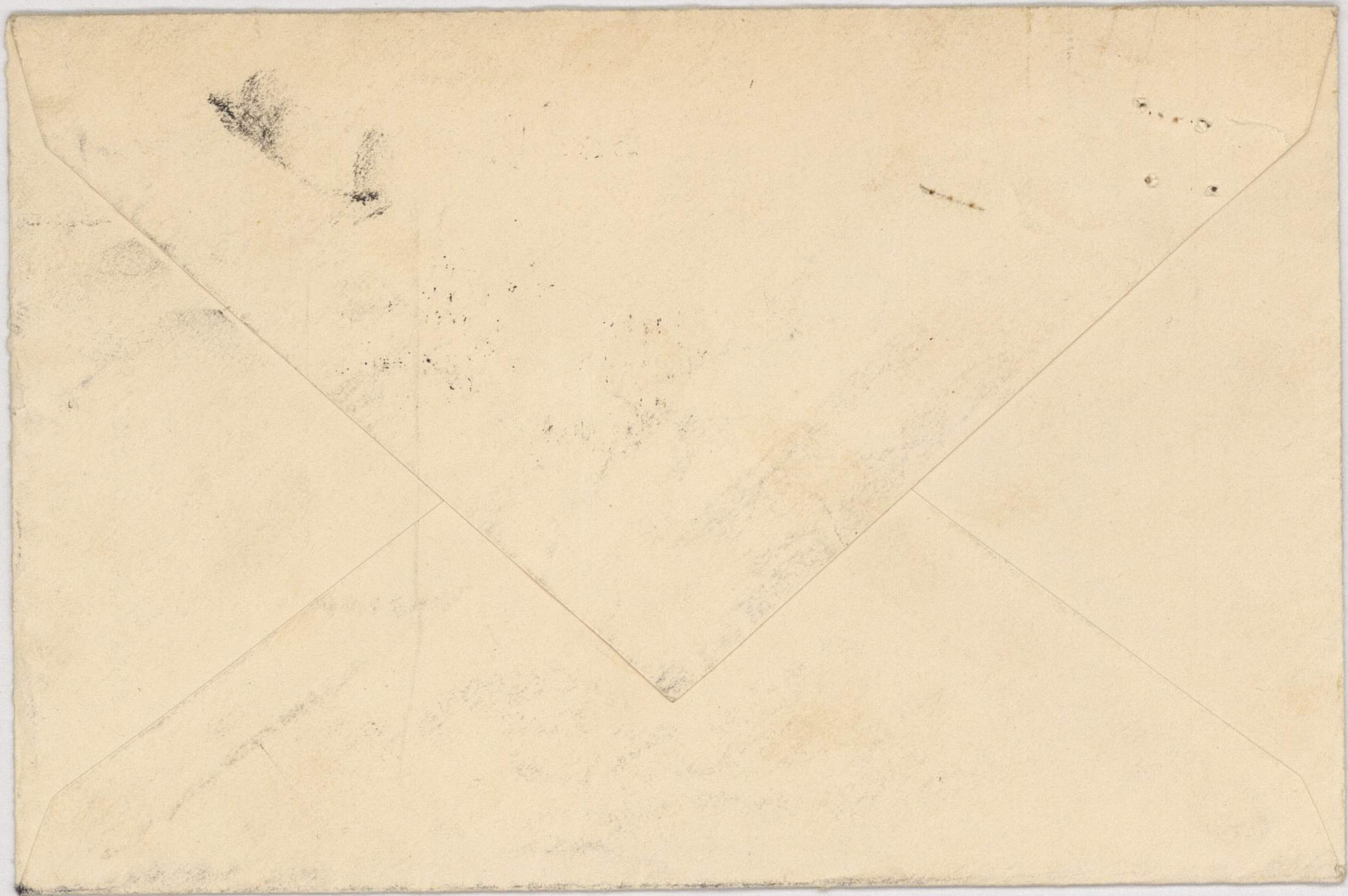
I have been working about every day at Penney's store but I don't know how long it will last. I hope to get an outside job, manual labor, for at least the month of August. I hope this type of work will put me in a good physical shape for the opening of school.

Sincerely yours,

Don Blair
805 West 6th
Ottawa, Kan.



Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Dept. of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas



May 24, 1939.

Mr. Hale B. Blair,
Secretary, Ottawa Lodge No. 18,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Blair:

Permit me to thank you for your very kind invitation to be present at your Father-Son banquet last evening. It was a delightful affair and I enjoyed meeting the men and boys of your fine community. Such trips as these are very much worth while.

I thoroughly enjoyed the address of Dr. Cunningham. He is a forceful speaker and a great athlete. He is modest to the extreme and all of his successes have not in any way gone to his head.

It was good to have the fine visit with Don and to meet your younger son coming up to maturity. I sincerely hope that it will be possible for Don to get a job this summer, and with our close cooperation with Carl Drake and the work that we can give Don here in the towel room, it will be possible for him to go through K. U. I am counting on him and I am very certain that Don will not have any trouble making his varsity letter at the University of Kansas.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 15, 1939.

Mr. Hale B. Blair, Secretary,
Ottawa Lodge No. 18, A.F.&A.M.,
Ottawa, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Blair:

I am delighted to accept your kind invitation to attend your Father-Son Banquet at Ottawa on Tuesday, May 23. I am glad to know that you were able to secure Dr. Glenn Cunningham for this event. I assure you it will be a pleasure for me to be with you.

We would be very happy if you could bring your son to Lawrence on Saturday morning, April 22, the day of the Kansas Relays. We are inviting a number of boys who are interested in basketball to come to the gym Saturday morning and shoot a few goals. The boys will have a lot of fun and it will be a good opportunity for them to get acquainted. We will have the new convex backboards up by that time, and this should add a lot of interest.

I have heard a lot of fine things about your son and look forward to an opportunity to meet him. We should be very happy to have him here next Saturday morning.

Thanking you for your kind invitation, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 4, 1939

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Dr. Allen
Department of Physical Training
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Date open

Through the Extension Department we have definitely scheduled Glenn Cunningham to appear at our Father-Son Banquet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23.

If it will be possible for you, also, to be here we would like very much to have you. We do not know that you have ever talked to any Masonic body in Ottawa. Outside of a short talk by Dr. Cunningham we will have a Masonic talk from Professor Williams of the Baker University.

If you can be with us we will greatly appreciate it and will not expect you to make any lengthy address.

Fraternally yours,

Hale B. Blair

Hale B. Blair, Secretary
Ottawa Lodge No. 18, A.F. & A.M.

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April 5, 1939.

Mr. Hale B. Blair, Secretary,
Ottawa Lodge No. 18, A.F.&A.M.,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Blair:

Your letter of April 4 has arrived during Dr. Allen's absence from the office. He will return next Monday, April 10, and your letter will be brought to his attention at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen.