

March 23, 1942.

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

Dear Gwinn:

I am making an unusual recommendation. Never in all my long experience here at the University as basketball coach have I felt as I do regarding this year's basketball squad.

After having lost the three mainstays of our team last year - John Kline, Howard Engleman and Bobby Allen, we were faced with a situation in which only Ralph Miller, a returning regular, was reasonably sure of his position. I did not see how we could possibly come through to another Big Six championship. Many of the boys were sophomores, and the upperclassmen were men who had not played regularly in the season before. It was only by combined effort and the most unusual morale on the part of many of the substitutes on the team that made the first team what it was.

Many of the strongest men that we had were not regulars. I am speaking now of the ability to build morale and to show sterling character which reflected itself in the play of many of the regulars. I am referring especially to Charles Walker, Bob Johnson, Hubert Ulrich, George Dick, Don Blair, Bob Fitzpatrick, Vance Hall, Paul Turner and Warren Israel.

Last year we recommended Dick Miller for a provisional letter. He has been very loyal in his practice appearance this year, and the fine practice play of Max Kissell sharpened the competitive play of the regulars. It was Paul Turner's field goal in the last 15 seconds against the Kansas Aggies that tied the score and sent it in to an overtime when Kansas won the play-off.

For the regulars, Charles Black, Ralph Miller, John Buescher, Ray Evans, Marvin Sollenberger, T. P. Hunter and Jack Ballard, nothing need be added to garnish the descriptions of the sterling play of these fine boys.