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January 18, 1946

Mr. G. Herbert Smith, President
Willamette High School
Salem, Oregon

Dear President Smith:

I owe you my humble apology. I took your letter with me on our Christmas basketball tour and fully expected to answer it immediately. As is the case with most of these good intentions, I did not do it due to the fact that your communication was laid aside, among others, due to excess outside pressure that I did not anticipate.

Upon returning to my office the mail on my desk was very heavy and I neglected to place my Christmas mail ahead of the other letters. I am dictating this letter just prior to our game with the University of Oklahoma tonight.

I am happy indeed to recommend Mr. Elmer H. Schaake as a young man of most excellent character. He is not only one of the finest and cleanest young men that I know, but he is an excellent coach. He leads his men by the power of his clean life and sympathetic understanding.

He was my assistant varsity basketball coach while at the University. He was also first assistant to our head football coach, Henry Shenk, in that sport. I had Elmer Schaake on my varsity basketball team for three years and while Director of Athletics I came very closely in contact with him on the football trips. I felt him at all times to be a gentleman in the finest sense of the word. He was a Lawrence, Kansas, boy and I had ample opportunity to observe his actions and his conduct. Never did he disappoint me.

He is a man of family, having a lovely wife and two healthy and wonderful children. Mrs. Schaake is one of the most beautiful and lovely women that I know. She is a splendid homemaker and Mr. Schaake is a fine family man.

I am happy to recommend him without reservation or evasion.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY
SALEM, OREGON

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 18, 1945

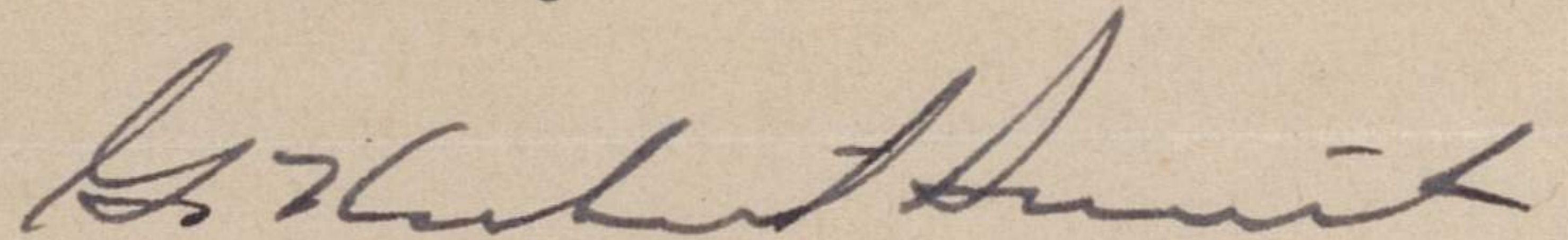
Dr. F. C. Allen
Basketball Coach
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Doctor Allen:

Mr. Elmer H. Schaaque has written me concerning our position as Director of Athletics and Coach at Willamette University. He has mentioned your name as a reference and I am wondering if you would care to give me some information about his character, his influence with men, and his ability as a coach.

We are eager to select a man who will not only develop good athletic teams, but who will have a constructive influence on the men with whom he works.

Sincerely,



G. Herbert Smith
President

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January 10, 1946

Captain Robert J. Getz
Salvation Army
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Capt. Getz:

We have a basketball game with ^{Oklahoma}~~Nebraska~~ on
January 18 and so I will have to be here for practice January
17. Therefore, I will be late for the dinner meeting at
5:30 P.M. on January 17, but will get there as soon as I
possibly can.

Mrs. Allen will be unable to accompany me to
the dinner meeting.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE SALVATION ARMY
LAWRENCE, KANSAS



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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Mr. F.C. Allen
~~801 La.~~
City

January 7, 1946

Frank Meyers

Mary Jo Casp

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Jay James & Kee Keis 20

Due to the "Russian Ballet" on Thursday night, January 17, it has been decided to have the dinner meeting at 5:30 on Thursday night at the Hearth. The meeting will be over in time for the ballet and other meetings.

Please disregard the error on the card which reads "March 16" it is January 17. With this explanation please send in your cards for reservations.

Sincerely yours,

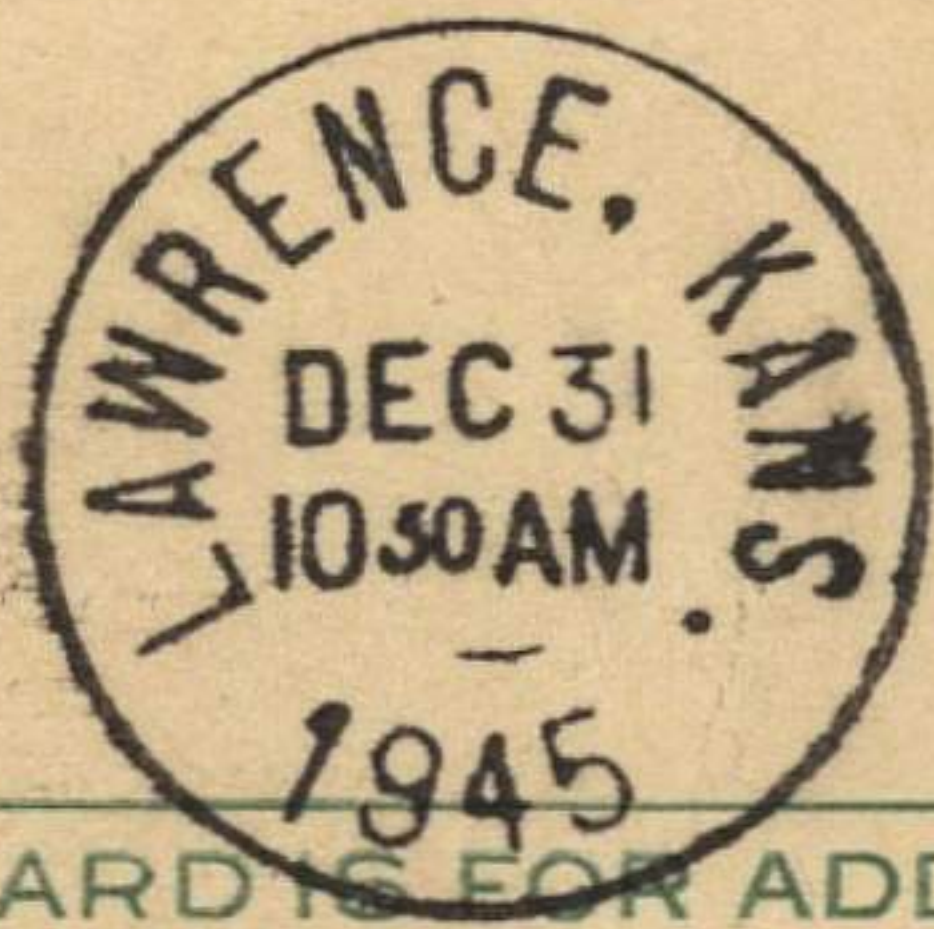
Robert J. Getz
Captain

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THE SALVATION ARMY
LAWRENCE, KANSAS



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. J. C. Allen
801 Louisiana
Lawrence, Kansas

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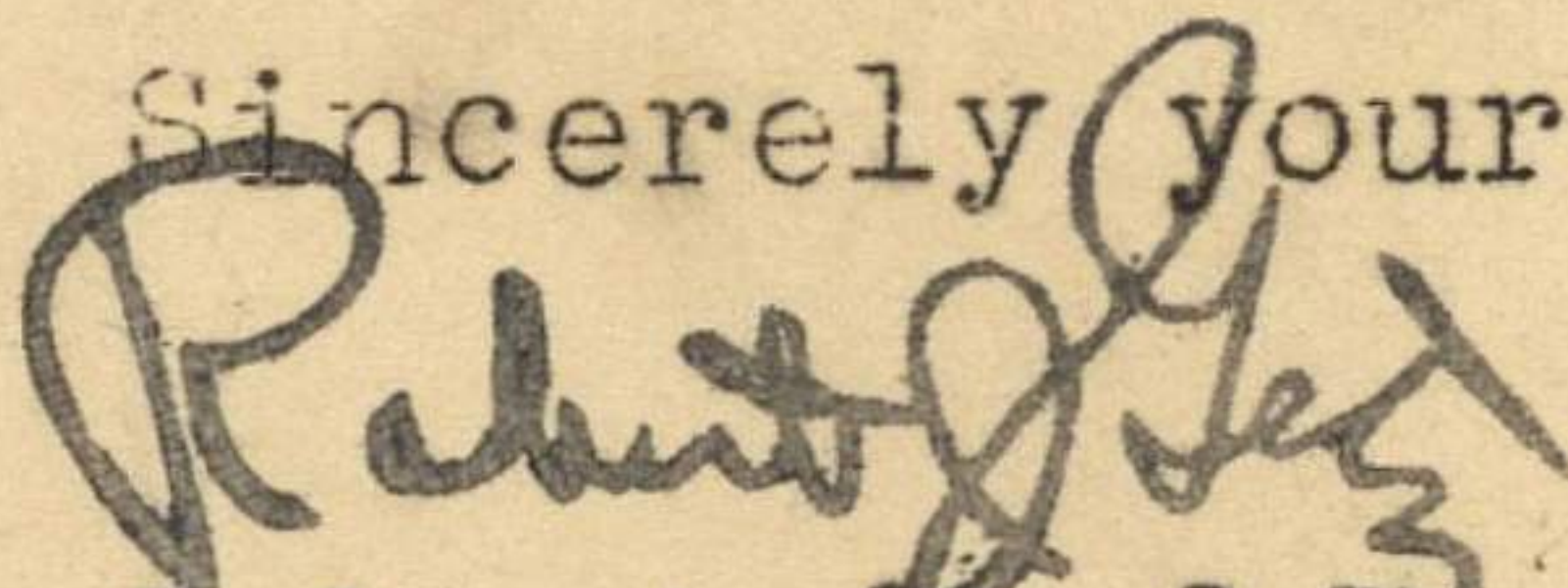
December 29, 1945

Dear Advisory Board Member:

The annual board meeting and election of officers will be held on Wednesday, January 16. Further details will follow.

Please reserve this date for us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Getz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Robert J. Getz
Captain

RJG:md

January 7, 1946

Lt. Dave Shirk
Ward 118A
McCloskey General Hospital
Temple, Texas

Dear Dave:

Your very capable and lovely wife was in the office Friday to tell us that you are getting along splendidly. We are delighted to know this and we are just wondering, while you are convalescing, why don't you come back and finish your work for your degree? You could do it with little trouble and I am just throwing this hook line to you in the hope that you will see fit to do that very thing.

We have been pulling for you strong, fellow, and we are hoping that the operation will put you in first-class A-1 condition. We are just as anxious to have you back as you are to get back, and I know that is plenty.

I am sending you our basketball schedule so that you can plan to arrive on the date of one of these games.

With every good wish for health and happiness for the New Year, I am

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.

1-3-46

Lt. Dave Shirk

Ward 118A

McCloskey General Hospital

Temple, Texas

Encourage him to come back to school.

The SALVATION ARMY

WILLIAM BOOTH, Founder

CAPT. and MRS. ROBERT J. GETZ, Officers in Charge



PHONES: Office 633; Res. 2413-J
729 Vermont Street
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

January 3, 1945

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
801 Louisiana
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Friend:

Due to circumstances beyond our control and to an already planned meeting of another group which would require the presence of several of our board members it has been agreed to have The Salvation Army annual board meeting on Thursday night, January 17. This will be a dinner meeting held at the Hearth at 6:30 and will include the presence of your wife. It will be necessary to make reservations for each person. Please consider the importance of this meeting and make all efforts to be present.

Enclosed please find a card for your convenience to be marked and returned to us by January 10 if possible.

Thank you for your past loyal support.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. Getz
Captain

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enclosure

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John J. Allan
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Victor Lundgren
Divisional Commander

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December 17, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

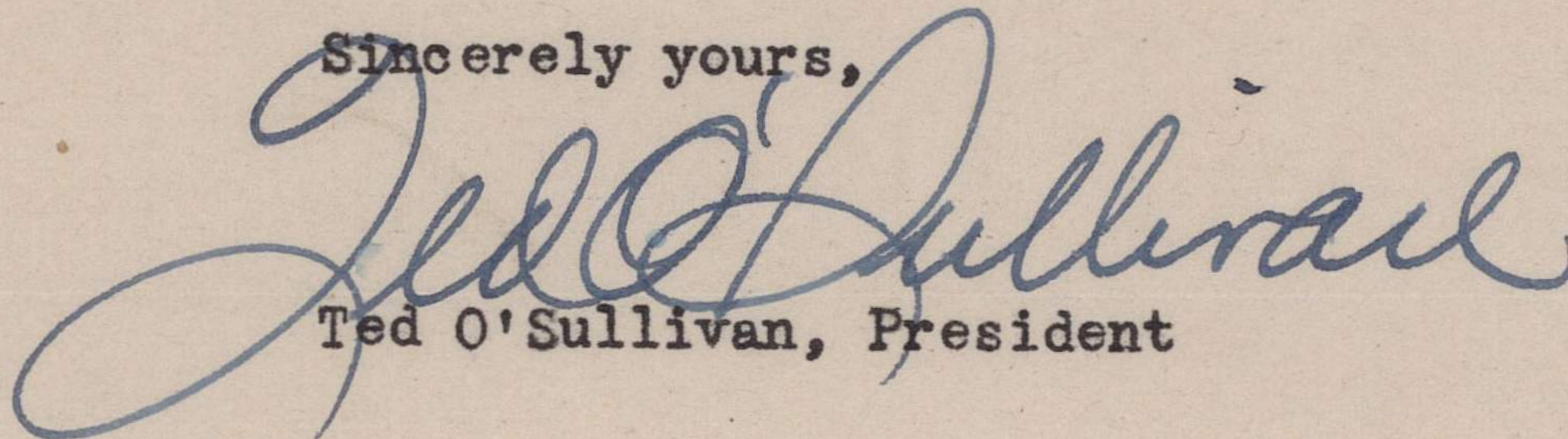
Many thanks for your letter of December 13.

Regarding the film, that will be entirely up to you, and if
you decide to use it we will have the necessary facilities
available.

I am inclosing a check for seventy dollars (\$70.00), which
is according to your letter of December 13.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Ted O'Sullivan, President

TO'S:LP

December 5, 1945

Miss Mary Maude Smelser
Assistant Librarian
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Miss Smelser:

I will endeavor to look up some of the pictures of Mr. Piatt and his team at the earliest convenience. If so happens that I am swamped now.

Sincerely,

FCA:MF

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Law Offices
W. H. H. Piatt
903 Grand Avenue
Kansas City, Mo.

Cable address "Piamar"
Telephone Harrison 5566

November 28, 1945.

Mary Maude Smelser,
Assistant Librarian,
Kansas University,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mary Maude:

Am not weeping but sincerely sorry for the defeat of Saturday last.

I have dictated practically all the matters, athletic and otherwise, of possible general interest in the curricular year of 1891 and one or two matters of '92, my mention of which to the Chancellor at the rally here the night before the game met his accord; and I now enumerate certain pictures I wish you may obtain for me either through the assistance of Professor Hopkins, Secretary Fred Ellsworth, the Athletic Department and "Phog" Allen:

(1) Three gloss or finished prints of the '91 team, of the '92 team, of the '93 team and the '94 team (I have a picture of the '95 team that I can have rephotographed) to fit a 8 and 1/2 " by 11" sheet of the binder I will make up.

(2) Also there was a picture of the 1892 backs, Kinzie, Williamson, Champlin and myself posed as kicking for goal. Fred Ellsworth of the Athletic Department there, I assume, has it as somebody sent me a reproduction of it in the "Blue Diamond" of Kansas City two or three years ago.

(3) Another picture I desire is of cabinet size taken by Jim Noble of the street working brigade as they were marching east from Mississippi Street carrying their shovels and led by Sam James, the Negro policeman, enroute to work on East Henry Street; this being a cabinet sized photo would not need reduction.

Ascertain for me if these pictures I want can be made by the Photographic Department of the University and, if so, the price therefor; otherwise they may be sent me and I will have the work done here. It may be necessary to apply to Professor Hopkins for some of the pictures. By the way, he really enjoyed being at the game last Saturday. I might observe in this connection that the two years, '91 and '92, of his management of the team, there were no jealousies nor schisms in the team, but the philosophy of the "Three Guardsmen" obtained all the time, and he lost in the 16 games of the two seasons but one game to Baker, and that because Champlin was ill and out of the game, one or two others were out and replaced, and I was absent as a witness against young Bassett for shooting Bill Higgins.

→ Do you have any of these pictures you would let us send to Mr. Piatt for copies?

Sincerely,
W. H. H. Piatt

M. M. Smelser

December 4, 1945

Mr. Gordon Sabine
Department of Journalism
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Gordy:

The more I think about it, I am convinced that I will let you have that red text on Higher Education in America by Kent; the publishers were Ginn and Company. We were talking about the research problem and I loaded this on to you with the rest of the stuff.

This summer I want you to scratch around and see if you can't locate it. I was the author of the chapter on Organization and Administration of Physical Education and Intercollegiate Athletics. It is the only copy I have and my memory still gets clearer all the time when I think of it.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

December 1, 1945.

Mr. H. Clay Smith,
Ravenden, Ark.

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Jayhawkers were crowned champions of the Big Six in 1930 in football. You should have been back in Kansas fifteen years ago.

I have nothing to do with football, am not even Director of Athletics. Mr. Ernie Quigley is Director of Athletics. How some of us like to shed the burdens of responsibility!

I am coaching basketball. If you had made a pledge concerning basketball you would have lived in Kansas most of the time.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr J. C. Allen
Lawrence,
Kans.

Kansas University

Nov. 26. - 45

J. L. Allen, Lawrence Kansas.

Dear Mr Allen, I left Kansas
forty years ago, vowing I
would never return until the
"Jayhawkers" were crowned
champions of the big six. Please
dont keep me away too long,
I'm getting old; Sincerely, H Clay Smith.
Lawrence Ark.

BY LANDON LAIRD.

OUR recent story about Dr. Forrest C. Allen of the University of Kansas and his Jayhawker Rebounds, monthly publication about K. U. events and the activities of its servicemen that he sent to hundreds of the K. U. boys and girls in uniform all over the world,

Nov. 23, 1945

Former K.U. student (1944-1945)

Louis A. Silks, Jr. A/S
Platoon Commander School
San Diego 33, California

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If still published, please
mail to Louis.

Thank you.

Mrs. Silke.

Mrs. Louis A. Silke, Sr.
6625 Virginia St.
Kansas City 5, Mo.

(over)

November 27, 1945.

Louis A. Silks, Jr., A/S,
Platoon Commander School,
San Diego 33, Calif.

Dear Louis:

Your mother has written asking that I send you a copy of our Jayhawk Rebounds, a letter we have issued for several months to our boys in the service. I am very happy to send this to you, and will keep your name on our mailing list in case any future letters are written. I trust you will find some parts of this Rebounds enjoyable.

With best wishes to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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November 27, 1945.

Mrs. Louis A. Silks, Sr.,
6625 Virginia St.,
Kansas City 5, Mo.

Dear Mrs. Silks:

I am very happy to send a copy of our last Jayhawk Rebounds, No. 18, to your son, and am sorry we didn't have his name on our list for the previous issues. I am also sending you a copy, which may interest you.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

November 23, 1945.

Miss Maud Smith,
420 Indiana St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Miss Smith:

I was glad to get your letter of November 1. I, too, would be happy to get around and look at the situation that you describe between Louisiana and Indiana in the four hundred block.

We meet Monday night at the City Council rooms and I will be glad to take this up with the city engineer and the committee on streets and alleys. We work as committees, and naturally refer to the chairmen of committees these petitions and protests that come from our constituents.

I assure you that I will do everything that I can to see that this is covered by a storm sewer if you desire one.

Miss Smith, I assure you that anything I can do in your behalf will be gladly done.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Nov 1-1940

Dr. Allen:

It is with surprise I read the council was going to put in a storm sewer in the 500 block in Miss between Miss and Ind. Is this all it takes to get anything done to work for the CITY?

By all means you should get around and look at the awful hole and mess between La and Ind in the 400 block. There you really could do a little good. This 400 block on La ought to be opened up so as to take the heavy traffic off of the 400 etc on Ind. I for one would gladly pay any assessment incurred to have this awful hole covered up. Why dont you boys walk over sometime and look at the thing. Half of the Kaw river sticks its nose nearly in my backyard when its on a rampage. I would be mighty pleased to see this sewer go through and be assessed for it. If going to work for the city will make this improvement come about any sooner Dr. Allen let me know. Seriously Mr. Allen this ought to be covered by a storm sewer and thus making it a hole for bootleggers to operate etc.

(impossible)

Sincerely

Maud Smith
420 Ind

Yes I own my home.

November 23, 1945.

Dear Otto:

If you are a civilian I am afraid that they might count the one semester a full year of participation. The second semester starts February 7. I know that all of us hope that you will have two years of football. Therefore, I think a great many would be disappointed if you played basketball and took up one year of your eligibility.

I am sending you a copy of our basketball schedule. Gosh, how I would like to have you, fellow, but I certainly wouldn't want the second semester to count a full year of participation for you. It might be that they would rule that since you came in the second semester you would still have this semester and the first of next to count the one full year. I will get a ruling on this, if possible, but here is the rub, Otto. The faculty members of the Big Six Conference who are the ruling body do not have anything printed in black and white, and they pass on those things as they come up. And that is a bad deal for everybody. What we would like to have is some printed rules and go by them, but you are just in the hands of a bunch of professors who are apt to make a silly rule, in fact more apt to make one like that than they are to make a sensible one.

Yes, the housing situation is bad, terribly bad here in Lawrence. Many of the veterans are staying at the Sunflower apartments out there. They say they are awfully nice and you can get one about the size of your liking.

I am answering this letter and sending it air mail so that you will get it as quickly as possible. We are going in to Kansas City to the pre-game football rally tonight so I am putting your letter ahead of everything else. And if you can bring Mr. Sobczak with you, I assure you that we will decorate you, and fix the young man up with a good job. It is good to hear from you, Otto. If we had you in this ball game against the Tigers I would be a little more hopeful than I am at the present writing.

Don't worry, Otto, if you keep on trying you may tie Mrs. Hulteen some day.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Lt. Otto Schnellbacher,
Squad. I, Bn. P. O #3,
Hondo, Texas.

16 November 1945

Dr. F. C. Allen
Univ. of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog::

This letter will be full of questions. I have a chance of getting out of the army the latter part of Dec. or the first part of January, and I was wondering if I returned to school the first part of January how many semesters of eligibility I would loose. If I would just loose the one that I should loose or if I would loose two?

If I remember right the ~~semester~~ second semester starts some time in Feb. and if I returned the first part of Jan. would I loose two semesters? I am just guessing about when the second semester starts, I hope it starts some time in the first # part of January. What I want to do is return to school the first part of Jan. and still have two seasons fo r football as well as two seasons for basketball. Also how many games of basketball will be played by the 7 of Jan.

It is not definite that I will get a discharge but I have an excellant chance in Dec. for this field is closing up and I am having my name put on the surplus list. So am hoping that I can get out if I can return to school in time to play ball and not loose two semesters of playing eligibility.

I hear the housing conditions around Lawrence are tough, that there isn't any houses or small apartments to be had. Is that so? Suppose the wife and I can find something. That is about all the questions. I just hope I won't miss to ma ny games by Jan. 7 for I hope to be there by then as# a civilian.

I would appreciate and immediate answer for the sooner I know these things the sooner I can start putting pressure on my discharge. I will try to bring this Sobczak ^{boy} with me.

Hoping every thing is fine with you and that you have the making of a great ball club. See you in Jan I hope. I remain

Sincerely yours

Alb Schnellbacher

Gaw afraid I will never be able to
type like Miss Hulten —

Hondo Texas
31, Oct. 1945

Dr. F. C. Allen
Univ. of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Phog;

Thank you for the prompt reply and letter to Ed. Sobczak. I don't know what he is ~~g~~ going to do about going to K.U. but think we have a very good chance of his attending Oread Hill. I haven't been trying to seal him on going to school at K.U. to a large degree but have let him know that we would like having him in our institution. He is a good lad. The day he gets his discharge I will let you know and make sure he stops and has a talk with you. I doubt if I will get to come and show him the campus, for at the present moment I am playing football and trying to start a basketball team. I believe he can now get out when he wants to; But he seems to want to wait till football season is over, so it will be a few weeks before he gets out of the army.

I wan't be getting out until sometime around the last of May or the first part of June. At ~~this~~ time we don't have a basketball coach and it looks like I will have to play and coach at the same time. Gordon Gray is going to coach at the field near here, we tried to get him but they beat us to him so I seem to be stuck with the job. Wish is were possible for me to be able to play this year under you but I won't be able to make it.

With Charlie Black and Ballard back it will sure help things alot. Guess Ray Evans will be in the army as long as I will, for I see where ~~their~~ football schelude runs up till some time in the middle of December, and knowing the army they will probably be playing up till New years.

I will be by the first chance I get, but don't know when that will be. Better stop for my typing isn't improving any and the longer I type the worse I get. My kindest regards.

Sincerly yours,

Otto Schnellbacher

11-Dec-43

OFFICERS MESS

A AFFES

HONDO, TEXAS

Dear Phog!

I am a week late getting out of the army - I start discharging the 14th of Dec. so should be in Lawrence around the 17th. I was suppose to get out the 6 of Dec. but, ~~didn't~~ couldn't handle all of us at the separation center so being an "S" in the alphabet I waited a week.

Will see you soon - I read in the paper about the Big Dix ruling on Veterans. Good news! wasn't it? I hear Ray Evans is being discharged soon? - heard it through Army Grapevine.

Better close - just a short note to let you know my delay. My Best wishes to all

Sincerely yours

Alto "Snelly"

December 13, 1945

Lt. Otto O. Schnellbacher-2099769
Br. P.O. #3, H.A.A.F.
Hando, Texas

Dear Otto:

I wired you as follows a few days ago:

"Please wire collect possible date your release. You're eligible immediately and have four years of competition. Regards to you and Theresa."

As yet I have received no answer to this wire and am anxious to know when you expect to come in. We sure need you, brother. I have been in bed with the flu for the last few days and several of the boys have also been down with it. We play in Kansas City this Friday and Saturday and I certainly wish you could be with us. Please drop me a line at your very earliest convenience and let me know when you are apt to get out, as I am looking forward to your arrival here.

We received your Christmas greetings and appreciate it very much. It was swell of you to remember us.

I am enclosing a Scenic Driveway with Campanile and a basketball schedule for this season. I thought that you might be interested in reading what the Memorial planners had in mind and knowing the schedule of our games this year.

Awaiting your reply and with all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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P.S. Dr. Allen is up on the floor giving the boys a short workout before the game tomorrow night in Kansas City and has instructed me to sign this letter for him.

MF

November 20, 1945.

Mr. Tom Scott, Coach,
Central Missouri State Teachers College,
Warrensburg, Missouri.

Dear Tom:

I have just had a letter from Chet Cassingham saying that he will see me when we come down with the basketball team on December 3rd. That must be a mistake because we agreed on December 3rd here at Lawrence. Is that not correct?

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.