

March 22, 1946

Gib Stramel, U.S.N.R., A/S
Company 94, U.S.N.T.C.
Great Lakes, Illinois

Dear Gib:

I have let your letter lie on my desk for a month and, as I know Johnny Pfitsch has written to you a couple or three times since then, anything that I might add probably would be superfluous.

I was indeed glad to get your letter and to know that you are doing so well at Great Lakes. Your observation on the Bowling Green basketball game is particularly interesting.

We missed your presence in the Aggie game Monday night. Of course, everyone is unhappy about the outcome. We played a rather poor ball game, when it seemed before the game everything was "right". The Aggies played a fine game, as usual, and Kurland's height was still too much for us to gain the rebounds that we should have gotten. We made only 19 percent of our shots and missed ten free throws, as well as three setups, all of which could have meant considerable difference in the outcome had it been different. However, we are in hopes that you will be a member of that aggregation the next year when it takes the court for Kansas to avenge those two defeats of this year.

I hope that you may find time to drop in to see us on your leave this month. Best of luck.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

Feb 23, 1946

Dear Doctor ALLEN:

I hope there hasn't been too many days passed, or too much time gone by, and as of yet you have heard no word from me. I dropped Johnny a note but either he received nothing, or he values his time a little more, but I expect to hear something pretty quick.

I hope you will excuse all of the very informal year that I have or am using. But there is a reason for every little thing.

This stationery is terrific, but it is the only kind they sell at the canteen, that will with-

stand the terrible beating our gear takes. Every thing we own is either on your-person, in bed with you or in your sea bag.

It seems every-time I want an article of clothing, I must dive into the bag, and every thing I want tends to be completely in the bottom. This will either teach a fellow patience or drive him crazy, and looking at the thousands of other boots before me, I hope to learn a little patience.

To put aside all of the routine fault finding and to get a little serious, I must say I am enjoying my-self very much.

It is the most wonderful

thing that has ever happened.

It is not that I don't like school, but merely that a little change, could have been only for the best.

The chow is pretty good, in fact I would say exceptional, my duties are few. I was appointed to a good detail which requires the best of everything, so I can't complain about working too hard.

I have managed to start and catch up on my reading which I have neglected since I left high-school. They have a fine library.

We have been playing B.B. for the past week.

We have a fine bunch of

men, so we organized and
have won three games by scores
54-39, 82-4, 105-51 literally
no competition but good practice.

I have learned one aspect of
B.B. which I have never learned
before, and that is of relaxation.

Up here, I have been getting
plenty of rest, good food, nothing
to worry or fret over (Navigation)
and I must say it makes all
the difference in the world.

No matter how poor the
teams are we play, I can
manage to remain in fairly
good condition.

We beat these kids by
using a very fast break,
and shooting practically

nothing but set-ups on the laid
run. As far as I am concerned
I think that's pretty good, the
fact that we have that opportunity
to run hard and pick up a few
tricks or gain just a little from it.

No matter how little it is, it will
always help make bigger things.

This weather is terrible, One
cold day, then one warm day, all
of the time it is moist + damp,
every body seems to have colds, and
I am not excused. But on the
whole it isn't half-bad.

Aubrey McCall from Okla. is
in the barracks, right next door.
As of yet have not seen him.

I managed to get a few
chippings etc as the results of

the Net. game ^{after they} ~~was~~ ^{were} punished.

I must say I was very proud of the boys, and was very happy to see Otto hit like he did, to bad he had to foul out. It seems Ray Ervins did a very fine job, especially for a starter. I have just found out the Missouri team, Again that is very good. They are about the best bunch of fellows to work with I have ever had any thing to do with.

You can tell the boys when they play Okla. to really lay it on thick. They are the best team by far, and by golly they had better whip them good. I realize you will want to win the game more

than any body and the boys will do every thing possible to win it for you, and next in line they will want to win it for them selves and the team as a whole, but see if you could have them slip me just a little piece of it. I won't rest easy until I hear that you beat them. "good"

I think I would give one of my arms to see that, I wouldn't mind playing, although I realize I probably wouldn't do much good.

We are slated to get out of here MAR 19, so I have hopes of being home for my birthday the 20, I sure hope so, because my mother will get a big charge out of it.

Well Doctor, I suppose I have
taken too much of your very
valuable time by now and that
you have found me very boring,
but my intentions are honorable.

I saw Bowling Green Play G.L.
and I must say, I think
Big Six especially K.A. of 1945-46
has it all over them. I was never
so disappointed in my life.

Being this is Sat. night
maybe I should take the ~~rest~~ weekend
both etc, so maybe I better
close

respectively yours.

Dick Strand

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BASKETBALL COURTS KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY LAWRENCE KANS=

PLEASE WIRE COLLECT IF I CAN GET TWO BASKET BALL TICKETS FOR
OKLAHOMA A&M AND KANSAS GAME=

LOUIE SMITH.

TELEPHONED TO adec

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LOUIE A&M

AMERICAN DAIRIES INC.
2438 BROADWAY
KANSAS CITY, MO.

OFFICE OF
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March 11, 1946

Dr. Phog Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

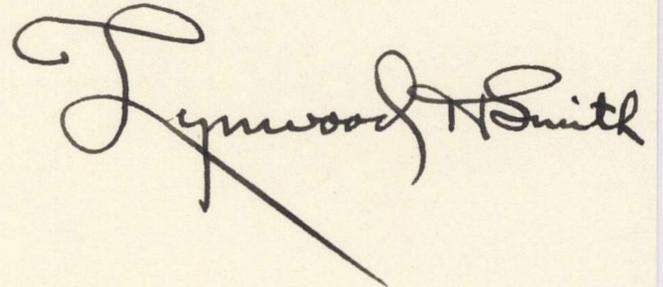
I finally personally contacted Clyde Baker. He said that he has practically been among those missing since this notice came out on the radio and in the paper of the K.U.-Aggie game the 18th. He estimates that there are at least twenty-five to thirty thousand people who want to see this game, and to say the least, they are running him ragged.

He was certainly nice to me. He told me of your conversation with him and said he had held out the three seats requested. One of these seats will be occupied by a professional photographer. Barney Barnard, who operates Barnard's Photo Supplies on the Plaza, will operate one camera and I will run the other; so between the two of us we should get some fair pictures.

The films that you sent me arrived today and Coach Harold Reed is bringing the squad over to my house tonight to study these films. They are in the state finals at Topeka Wednesday and he certainly appreciated the opportunity of having his boys see these films. I will take care of them and return them to you promptly. I certainly appreciate your sending them.

Again thanking you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "L.H. Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "L.H. Smith:G".

L.H. Smith:G

March 9, 1946

Mr. Lynwood H. Smith
American Dairies, Inc.
2438 Broadway
Kansas City 8, Missouri

Dear Lynwood:

I have endorsed the check on the back, University of Kansas Basketball, and signed my name and have mailed it to Mr. Clyde Baker, the ticket manager at the Auditorium. This pays for the three tickets that he has for you. By calling Harrison 8000, you can make arrangements to procure your tickets sometime in the middle of next week.

I am also sending you two reels of film on basketball fundamentals photographed under my direction for Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, New York.

I trust that the tickets and the film are all satisfactory. You may send the reels back to me here at Robinson Gymnasium when you are finished with them.

I am delighted that your son is going to K.U. I will do everything possible to extend the courtesies to him that I would appreciate to have some man extend to my sons.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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2438 BROADWAY
KANSAS CITY, MO.

OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

March 8, 1946

Dr. Phogg Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phogg:

I tried to call you on the telephone this morning but they said you would be out of town until late today.

I have been interested in basket ball since the days only a few years ago (36) when you refereed our local high school games. I have a boy who is a junior on the first five at Shawnee Mission under Coach Reed, and this winter I have been taking moving pictures of their games.

I assume that you probably have had movies taken of your different games, but I felt that if Coach Reed could have a complete movie of this game the 18th against the Oklahoma Aggies, it would be very helpful to him and his future teams.

The reason I am writing you and tried to call you is that I want to be sure to get three seats in the front row in the center in the loge balcony which will enable me to place a couple of short tripods and have two cameras set up, one with telephoto lens, so that I can get a complete movie of the entire game. My wife will operate one camera and I the other, and my son will occupy the third seat. If the pictures turn out good, you may want a duplicate made of this game.

I am enclosing my check for \$9.00 to pay the expense of these three tickets. Now, Phogg, if it is impossible to get three seats in the loges, then three seats in the box in the center would be satisfactory. I hated to bother you but I didn't know who to contact other than you.

If for any reason you cannot get these seats for me I will appreciate your wiring me collect at my office.

I know that you are interested in the present high school teams because many of these boys will be attending K.U.,

and I am willing to spend seventy-five or a hundred dollars on films of a real team in action so that these boys in the future can study this team long after the game is over.

With kindest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

Lynwood H Smith

L.H. Smith:G

P.S. My son is not going to make the same mistake I did and go to Wisconsin. He is going to K.U.

March 7, 1946

Mr. Cy Sherman, Sports Editor
Lincoln Star
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Cy:

Thanks very much for your kind words of congratulation.
I enjoyed your brass tacks column on the all Big Six selection.
I agree with you 100 percent.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 1, 1946

Mr. Dean Sims
The Burlington Hawk-Eye Gazette
Burlington, Iowa

Dear Dean:

Thank you for your letter of the 27th instant congratulating us on our Big Six Championship. Such letters are very much appreciated.

I am glad to hear about your success on the Hawk-Eye Gazette and hope it will continue, as I know it will.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE BURLINGTON HAWK-EYE GAZETTE

IOWA'S OLDEST NEWSPAPER

ESTABLISHED 1837

BURLINGTON, IOWA

February 27, 1946

CLARENCE W. MOODY
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

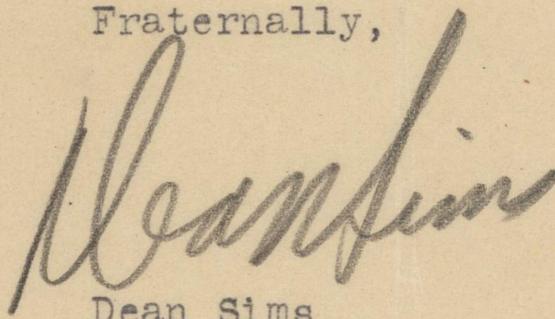
Dear Dr. Allen:-

Here's a hatful of congratulations on you and your boys copping another Big Six crown. Am only sorry that I wasn't close enough to the court of play during the season to cover or just sit and watch all 6 of you in action.

Looks like you fellows are off to a brilliant post-war era of these crowns, doesn't it? By winning the title this year, flocks of high school stars should really be on hand this fall.

Was glad to see Brother Black so torrid this season.

Fraternally,



Dean Sims

P.S. By the way, am working for an old Ottawa and Chanute, Kansas, editor--Clarence Moody--here on the Hawk-Eye Gazette. The day has come when I'm writing editorials, & a daily column feature, along with news stories. However, Iowa is too far from Kansas to be exactly home.

February 11, 1946

Mr. William A. Smith
Justice, Supreme Court of the
State of Kansas - State House
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Justice Smith:

Dr. Allen has referred your letter of the 8th in which you ask for two tickets to the Iowa State basketball game February 25, to this office for reply.

In regard to the tickets, I have reserved two of the best tickets available and will hold them in your name. If you care to have the tickets mailed, please send us your check in the amount of \$2.70 covering the cost of the tickets at \$1.30 each with 10¢ for insured mailing charges.

Thanking you very kindly for your order, I am

Sincerely yours,

E. L. Falkenstien
Financial Secretary

ELF:mp

cc: Dr. F. C. Allen ✓

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WILLIAM A. SMITH
JUSTICE

THE SUPREME COURT
OF THE
STATE OF KANSAS

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February 8, 1946

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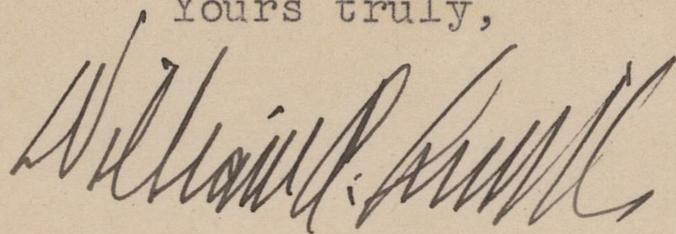
Mr. Forest G. Allen,
Athletic Department
Kansas University,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Phog:

I would like to have two tickets to the basketball game between Iowa State and Kansas University which is to transpire, so I am informed by my son, on February 25.

I am not enclosing a check with this letter but if you will advise me that the tickets are available and the amount of the charges I will send you a check.

Yours truly,



WAS:H

Thursday - 2/7/46

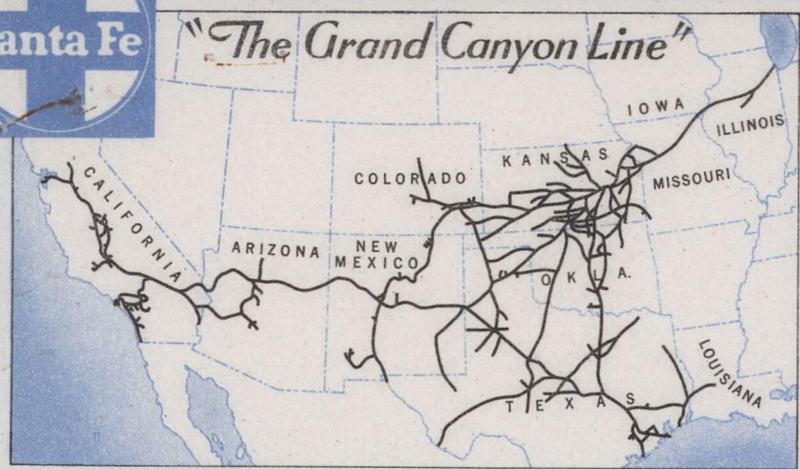
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Dear Sir:

I am writing to ask you to reserve for me four (4) tickets to the K.U. - Iowa State game on February 25, 1946. They are for my father, mother, the High School coach, and his wife. I think you know better than I where the best available seats will be.

Thank you very much if you can help me. I shall call at the office Monday with the necessary money.

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Sincerely,
Jadene Stickler



The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company

General Office Building, Topeka, Kansas
PASSENGER DEPARTMENT
February 6, 1946
File D-23-2

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H. H. CARLIDGE,
Assistant General Passenger Agent

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I was indeed chagrined to receive your communication of January 31, relating your unfortunate experience in connection with the trip of yourself and Basketball Party from Lawrence to Oklahoma City and return on December 25, 1945.

I can quite well appreciate how you feel with reference to this matter, but I can assure you that our Company does not condone discourtesy on the part of our personnel. We are continually working with our personnel trying to impress upon them the fact that the wishes of the patron are paramount to all others, but unfortunately, some of our men fail to appreciate the importance of this fact. You can rest assured that we shall have this matter promptly investigated and such action taken as will prevent a repetition. Just as soon as we have completed the investigation, I shall communicate with you further.

We are also endeavoring to locate Mr. Pierce's travelling bag, and am hopeful that we shall be successful in this respect.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen

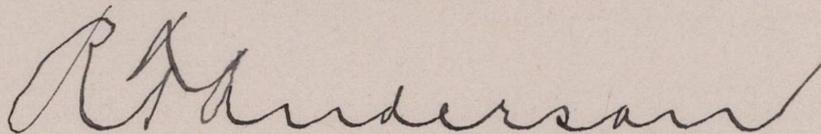
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February 6, 1946

As you are well aware, the Santa Fe is indeed appreciative of our relationship with the University of Kansas and especially with your Department. You have been most helpful in every way in favoring us with your patronage, and I sincerely extend you my humble apology for this unfortunate incident.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Anderson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed closing of the letter.

Jan. 24, 1946

Dear St. Allen,

I wish to thank you for the informative letter which you wrote my Mother, Mrs. Zillah Bell Smith Deed, and express our appreciation for the helpful instructions. I wrote the letters you referred to, and am now hopefully awaiting replies.

John and I will arrive in Lawrence about the 6th of February and I would like very much to have the pleasure of meeting you.

Sincerely,

Pat Schmid

Mrs. J. J. Schmidt
2114 1/2 Carey Avenue
Cheyenne, Wyo.

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SALEM, OREGON

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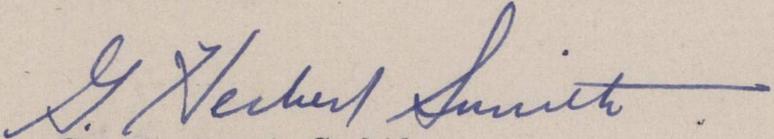
January 23, 1946

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

My dear Mr. Allen:

It was thoughtful of you to write me concerning Mr. Elmer H. Schaake. I will attach your letter to his credentials and present it to the Board committee on Athletics. It will be very helpful to us in considering Mr. Schaake.

Sincerely,


G. Herbert Smith
President

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January 23, 1946

A Group of K.U. and L.M.H.S. Students
1230 Oread Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Students:

Dr. Allen received your letter of January 20 but had to rush to basketball practice without answering it. Therefore, I am writing you for him.

Dr. Allen will be very glad to talk to your representative or representatives about the slot machine problem. He had no idea there were any such machines in operation here in Lawrence, and so he will be glad to help you solve this problem.

Sincerely,

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Secretary to Dr. Allen

Lawrence, Kansas
1230 Oread Street
January 20, 1946

To Councilman Forrest C. Allen,
Dear Sir:

We wish to call your attention to a pressing problem which exists in Lawrence. We believe that about the time of the last election the slot machine problem was given consideration. Perhaps some action was taken along this line, but the situation definitely still exists.

It may be true that boys under 18 years of age are supposedly being barred from playing these machines, but this has had no effect upon the "take" because boys over 18 are still losing heavily and nothing is being done about it. As a group of students of K.U. and High School, we wish to voice our opinion. Our opinion is that all such machines should be barred. Their influence upon a great portion of the youth in this town should be broken.

Is it not true that all citizens, including the professors and teachers, should give some consideration to stopping this situation? Many people have seen some such professors and teachers and one certain K.U. Speech professor in particular, operating these machines quite regularly. This in itself is, perhaps, of no significance to speak of. But it is without a doubt in our opinion an influence upon the students in both schools. Perhaps this and other professors do not realize this and do it for enjoyment, but the fact remains that they have been seen often in these places and operating these machines. Many students therefore may think that it is more or less a perfectly proper thing to do, which it is not in our opinion.

Maybe we are the ones in the wrong, but we can see no harm in calling your attention to it. We would appreciate greatly some kind of response. If you think the problem worthy of consideration, we will extend our discussion to more specific statements.

Yours sincerely,

A group of K.U. and L.M.H.S.
students.

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January 19, 1946

Mr. Elmer Schaake
Dinube High School
Dinube, California

Dear Elmer:

I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter that I should have written to President G. Herbert Smith long ago.

The letter is self-explanatory and I hope that you get the job. Our love to your fine family.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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