

HEADQUARTERS ACADEMIC REGIMENT  
THE INFANTRY SCHOOL

FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

30 Jan 1945

Dear "Doc"

Just a line to let you know that I am still in the United States. I report to advance officer's school some time next month and when I finish there I will get an overseas assignment.

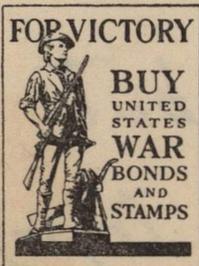
We had another baby girl, born the 30 of Dec 1944. I now have 2 girls, no football or basketball players, guess

I'll give up. "ho"

I know you remember Bill Sapp. He is the boy I brought up to school and he had a picture taken with you.

Any way he sure wants to play basketball for you when the war is over. He is also a

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2.  
Tennis player, & good football end, but I  
think he will some day be the best  
basketball player in the country, I know  
he will if he gets to play under  
your coaching. He is playing at Duke  
and every body is talking about the  
kid down here in the south. (of course I  
get a big kick out of that) I am sending  
you this clipping to let you know  
that he is playing, also a personal letter  
of his so you can see what he thinks  
of K.U.

Larry Kennedy, the big blond, is  
now at Norman naval station as a  
student. (He got married) I think this  
kid is the best athlete ever to leave  
Augusta. Good student and well mannered  
boy. I want him to go to K.U. but  
I haven't sold him yet, but will keep trying.

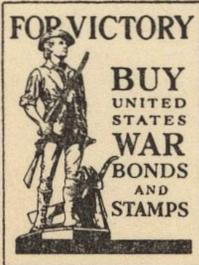
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FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

Another kid that wants to come to K.V. who is now in the navy in Clyde Ewart, he was a year behind Kennedy and Sapp but he wants to play for you & to play again with Kennedy & Sapp.

I have told you the above just to let you know that I still think of K.V. and you, and also that I want the thrill of having some of my boys playing for you.

I sure wish K.V. could have a good football team. We sure catch the devil from every one for having a poor football team. I know



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&

darn well that Kansas could have a  
good Team. Anyway, I guess we can  
take the kidding but we would like  
to see Kansas have a football team  
at all cost.

I guess that is all for now.  
Give my regards to Mrs Allen & to  
your most efficient secretary. I miss  
them both.

Sincerely yours

Dave

A/S Bill Sapp USNR  
B - 4687 Duke Sta.  
Durham N.C.



U. S. NAVY TRAINING UNIT  
DUKE UNIVERSITY  
DURHAM, N. C.

1-13-45

Hi Dave:-

This is going to be pretty short, but at least you will have heard from me after so long a time.

First off I believe congratulations are due, so I say congratulations to the both of you. Shucks, I can't even remember Nancy Bea and now there's another addition to my coach's family that I've got to see.

Well Dave, I thought I'd write you and tell you how things are going with me. I'd be sitting on top of the world if it wasn't for worrying about my school work. My grades at mid-semester were 4 C's, a B, and an A, so with a little hard work and the lord's guiding hand I think I may pull through &. I've only 2 more months at Duke and if I pass everything I'll be bound for Middie's school.

What I want to tell you about most Dave is my basketball. I've been pretty lucky so far. I've played on the 1<sup>st</sup> "5" up to this point and I hope I can stay there. I started out at center, but they've changed me to forward now and I believe I do a much better job there. So far we have played 9 games. We have won 5 and lost 4. At the beginning of the season people thought we'd be lucky if we won a third of our games. Well we've already won almost a third. Only one more win to go and we hope we get

that one tonite. Our chances are pretty fair. So far in the nine games I have scored 101 points for an average of 11.2 points per game. In two games I've scored 17 points. The only thing that makes the whole thing incomplete is the fact that I'm not playing for K.U. More than likely I wouldn't have even made that team though. We have only one boy on the team that has played college basketball before so I think we're doing pretty good. We are just now getting so we can handle the ball. I wish <sup>Kennedy</sup> Larry were here. In all the teams we've played I've seen no one who could get rebounds like him. You should see me under the basket. I don't get many rebounds, but I do a good job of trying. What I like to do is wait till they come to the floor and then grab the ball. I imagine you've heard of Otto Graham. I had a good time with him the other night. I found he had one weakness. When he was getting ready to pass the ball from a pivot he always brought the ball back to his blind side. I wasn't guarding him, but I still managed to sneak in and swipe the ball once in awhile. I took it away from him 2 or 3 times and tied him up a half dozen times. I have a weakness on my guarding though. Thank gosh my man wasn't fast.

Well Dave I've got to go get ready for the game. Wish you were going to be here to see it. Then I'd have to play a good game.

Sorry it took me so long to write.

Again congratulations to you. I sincerely hope Margaret is getting along all right.

I'm still waiting for you to take me to K.U.

Your Pal  
Bill

# Bill Sapp Is Tops At Duke

This article of interest to Augustans regarding Bill Sapp is taken from the University Chronicle printed at Duke university:

Leading the Blue Devils in the scoring column this year is Ora (Willie) Sapp. Willie hails from Augusta, (Kansas, where he was captain and star of the Augusta High team that captured the state championship in '43 and was runner-up in '42. While attending Augusta High he earned four letters and made all-state in basketball. He also won two monograms in football.

Willie is now in his fourth semester in the V-12 at Duke. He is active in the Men's Glee club, Chapel choir, and is one of the boys that blows the bugle to disturb the peace and quiet of the early morning.

Always smiling and joking, he is a typical example of good sportsmanship. He has never lost his temper in a game. Once when fouled in the game against the University of Virginia and receiving a crack on the head that required three stitches, he got up from the floor and uttered an emphatic "Gawldarn it."

For the benefit of coed readers we include a short description. He is 6'1", blonde, good looking, never swears and never drinks.

Willie started the current season at center and was later shifted to forward. He has also helped fill in at guard since the absence of Dan Buckley. Willie has been the consistent threat in the scoring column, pacing the Devils with 119 points for an average of 10.9.

There is no stopping Sapp. He can shoot from all angles and is equally effective from any position on the floor.

March 22, 1945.

Mr. Mark Schreiber,  
Station KMYR,  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mark:

Got home this morning and am on the go again, leaving for  
Emporia tonight and for Manhattan Friday night, and Kansas City  
for the NCAA finals Saturday night.

I want you to know what a genuine pleasure it was to be with  
you. You are a real host and a regular fellow. For you to be  
high-pressured on so many things, and yet outwardly so calm, and  
doing all the things that you do, makes me admire you very much.

I trust that my explosive bombings did not upset the equili-  
brium of too many of my A.A.U. friends.

As a gangster lays his contemporaries to rest and sends flowers,  
please present a Sweet William to Bill and to Lyman.

I am sending you the last two issues of our Jayhawk Rebounds.  
If you are interested in them, let me know, and I will put you on  
our mailing list.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Feb 28-44

Omaha Mo -

Dear Doc -

Thanks a million for the book  
& for the complimentary autograph -  
my boys & I shall always keep this  
as one of our most valuable souvenirs

Attached is a check covering the book -  
I'm wishing you & your boys another  
Victory Friday Mite which will place  
you where you rightfully belong -

Sincerely your friend

Frank

March 14, 1945.

Mr. Sam Smith,  
United Press,  
690 City Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sam:

As I promised you, I am mailing you a copy of my  
communication.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH  
Enc.

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

March 13, 1945.

Mrs. Harry F. Stuckman,  
1057 Third Street,  
Phillipsburg, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Stuckman:

I regret that I have not answered your communication sooner, especially as you requested the answer to be within a week. But, frankly, I have not had an opportunity to do so before this moment.

I am very much afraid that you will have difficulty in getting an efficient leader for your community recreation program at this time. We have had great difficulty in recommending suitable material for athletic coaching in the high schools. There is a much greater demand than there is a supply. We receive on an average of two to four requests a week, but we have just got a manpower shortage and I see nothing to do unless you hire someone in your present system. That may be impossible, but more and more we are forced to look inside of our city group for aid. I realize that it will not be what you want, but we are faced with the same situation here in Lawrence.

I happen to be on the Selective Service Board and know that there will be a tendency to increase the age of the draft rather than decrease it. This means that there will be a further shortening of available material for all endeavors.

Lawrence is in the field for a community recreation leader but the only hope we have is to take persons from our own group. We too are faced with having some of our coaches called into the service at the present time. I regret to give you this rather drab picture, but the only answer that I see is to break up some of the responsibilities and even go to the point of drafting some of the women leaders to help until the war is over.

The thing that I have been advocating is that we should enlist these teen-agers in the war activities, farming, gardening, and so forth. We should endeavor to change their minds from all fun into an added responsibility of teen-age to the war. I am sure that you have already done this, but only last week here in Lawrence this was brought up and I advocated that an all-out enrollment of the teen-agers was needed for the war activity. Youth has always been first to accept the challenge to greater endeavors. I am sure this will be no exception.

Now, please do not misunderstand me. I know that the youngsters will still need recreation, but should we not encourage them to get their heads together on the type of recreation they want and try to guide them with the aid of our local citizenry rather than try to bring somebody in from the outside in this manpower shortage.

I will be happy to have you write me of your problem and I assure you my fullest cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

1057 3rd St.  
Phillipsburg, Kansas

February 28, 1945

Mr. Forrest C. Allen  
Professor of Phys. Education  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Phillipsburg is investigating the possibility of a community recreation program leader who could work out a successful community recreation program. We would like someone with qualifications for part time teaching in high school; possibly someone with a major in physical education who could coach athletics part time, or, maybe someone to have part time in band or grade music.

Do you think it might be possible to get a man, preferably, for this summer or at least for the fall? Do you have anyone you might recommend?

A suggested program for the community recreation might be 4 hours after school and Saturdays during school months with full time during months between school terms.

Would you suggest a salary? We expect to finance the project by school and city taxes.

Phillipsburg has 2100+ population with about 325 grade school children. It is the feeling of many that a recreation leader might solve many youth problems.

As this is a venture we are entirely open to any suggestions for program and a director to carry out the program. Do you have any for either? Any information will be of use.

Sincerely yours

Bess Stuckman

Co-Chair. of Community Com.

(Mrs. Harry F. Stuckman)

P.S.

May we have a reply within the week?

P.S.

March 19, 1945.

Mr. Paul Stagg,  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute,  
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Mr. Stagg:

I will be very glad to read sections of your thesis  
pertaining to the Basketball Rules Committee, and help  
you in any way I can.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE  
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

March 14, 1945.

Dr. Forest Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

In getting my doctor's degree in physical education, I am writing my thesis on the history of the N.C.A.A. As part of this, I am writing a history of the Basketball Rules Committee. Knowing that you were a member of that Committee for many years, I am wondering if you would be willing to read over my sections on the Basketball Rules Committee with a view to giving me your suggestions and criticism.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Paul Stagg*  
Paul Stagg.

February 24, 1945.

S/Sgt. Arthur E. Sanderson, 17028611,  
210 West Market,  
Warrensburg, Missouri.

Dear Sergeant Sanderson:

The referee is the superior officer of the game. He is to use his judgment in regard to the situation. However, he cannot overrule facts in the case. Unless there was immutable evidence, the referee could not do other than to follow the scorekeepers findings. However, if in the judgment of the referee, there could have been some faulty scorekeeping, then the referee would have the power to decide even though the scorekeeper's findings might be contrary to the referee's decision.

The rules of the game are that when there is a dispute over the score, all other things being equal, the referee shall decide in favor of the smaller score; and when there is an argument over the playing time, all other things being equal, the referee shall decide in favor of the longer playing time.

That gives you the angles on these two playing situations. Instead of deciding on a three minute overtime, the rules say a five minute overtime, and that is what should have been done. It seems to me perfectly patent that after the referee and officials decided in favor of a three minute overtime and the game was played on that basis, the referee would have been perfectly within his rights to have said that "we have decided on this, and this is it."

Sergeant Sanderson, it is entirely up to the kind of a referee you have. If he was a forceful character and knew the rules well enough not to be swayed by someone coming in at the eleventh hour, then I think it could have been decided and should have been decided in favor of the 36-30 score. Had I been the referee, I would have said to the scorer, "Since we have agreed on this and you did not report your findings to me prior to this agreement, then you must stand on the agreement and we cannot go back on that score."

I do not know whether I have helped you or hindered the other fellow, but that is exactly what I would have decided. If a fellow is a referee, after all, he must be a referee. It is a ball or a strike when the ball goes over the plate, just when it happened, and a second or two longer will not make any difference.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



HEADQUARTERS  
SEDALIA ARMY AIR FIELD  
WARRENSBURG, MISSOURI

23 February 1945

Mr. Phog Allen  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I am writing you because I along with many others consider you as an authority on rules, laws etc: of basketball.

We have a basketball league here at Sedalia Army Air Base. I am a member of one of the teams and naturally an interested party.

In the game played last nite a situation arose that I'd like to have you look over and then render your decision.

Our team is at the top with no losses, and it was our team that was the victim of circumstance last nite.

At the end of the game the score keeper counted the score and it came out 29-30 in favor of the other team. Then he counted it again and found it was a tie 30-30. So both teams with the official got together and decided on a three minute overtime. At the end of the over time the score was 36-30 in our favor. After this was all over some of the other team counted the score over and found that at the end of the regular game the score was 30-31 in their favor. The score keeper continued in the overtime to write the scores etc in his book in the space for the second half. There were fouls made against us whether the other team made any free throws I can't say because I don't remember, but I don't think they did.

The above is the story and I'd appreciate your help on the matter.

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR E. SANDERSON

February 26, 1945.

Capt. Herman J. Smith, AAF,  
G. L. Martin Co.,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Herman:

I was mighty happy to hear from you in your letter of February 18th in which you enclosed clippings and your comment. We are still in the money but do not know how long we will be able to stay in.

I am autographing my book, "Better Basketball", and mailing it to you by parcel post. If you will mail me your check for \$4.10 I will appreciate it.

The stories are in the back of the book, Tales of Yesteryear, and I know that you will enjoy them.

Assuring you it was a pleasure to have a visit with you, and with all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



CAPT. HERMAN J. SMITH

Feb 18-45

Dear Doc -

Thanks for your letter & for the copy of Rebounds. I too ~~too~~ certainly did enjoy the visit with you & you'll never know what it meant to me -

I wasn't much of an athlete but believe me I have always been an all American admirer of you & what you stand for - That goes for my sons too -

I'd like for you send me the book you wrote. (with the story of Uq-sermon in it.) please autograph it for me - Tell me how much it is & I'll send you a check.

Congratulations on your victories over O.U. & the K. A. & may you have an other championship to your long list of accomplishments. Sincerely yours. Faith

*Morning Herald, Omaha Neb.*

*Hot stuff*

# 'Too Many Men on K. U. Squad'

## Lew Claims Phog Broke Big Six Rule

### Extra Player Used, U. N. Boss Charges in Reply to Mayhem

Compiled from Press Dispatches.

Coach A. J. Lewandowski of the University of Nebraska basket ball team Wednesday branded as "sour grapes" charges by Dr. Forrest (Phog) Allen, Kansas University coach, that the Cornhuskers had used "mayhem tactics" in their game last Saturday.

The Nebraska mentor issued a counter-charge that Allen violated conference rules "even before the start of the game," when he brought 11 men to Lincoln and played them all. Big Six regulations limit the number of players, Lewandowski explained.

He denied that the Nebraskans "played rough" in any game. The players Allen listed as "most severely injured," Lewandowski pointed out, took an active part in the drubbing Kansas handed Oklahoma Tuesday night.

"They couldn't have been too badly hurt," he commented.

"I regret this affair," Lewandowski said, denying reports that he "walked out" on the team, and that an Army captain assisted at practice sessions shortly before the Kansas game.

Nebraska beat Kansas, 59-45.

Phog's charge provoked a statement from Coach Bruce Drake of Oklahoma.

"Let Phog speak for himself," Coach Drake laughed, when he heard that the Kansas mentor had quoted Drake as saying that the Oklahoma team also had suffered from the Huskers' 'mayhem tactics.'

"Nebraska was no rougher than Kansas or any other team we have met this year," Drake said.



Coach Ad Lewandowski . . . hurls "sour grapes" charges at Phog Allen.



Coach Phog Allen . . . stirred up a Big Six rumpus.



Coach Bruce Drake . . . his team was unable to practice day after losing to Kansas.

"My boys this season are so little that they take a physical beating in every game and usually spend the next day in the hot whirlpool bath.

"But I see nothing alarming in that. Both Nebraska and Kansas played us clean. Sure, I told Phog Nebraska was rough, but they certainly weren't any rougher than Kansas Tuesday night when we lost, 42-27.

"I brought Scooter Hines home with an ankle sprained and bruised so badly he will not play against Iowa State Saturday. Center Howard Brinegar suffered a cut eyebrow.

"The Jayhawkers were so rough I had to call off the Wednesday practice. But that's part of the game. When your squad averages only 5 feet 10 inches and 145 pounds you expect bumps and bruises."

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## Crete Coyote Bag Believed a Record

Crete, Neb. (Special)—The

E. FRANK SPAWR  
1008 NORTH EUCLID  
ELDORADO, ARKANSAS

Dear Dr. Allen,

I want to thank you very much for the nice remarks you made in autographing the copy of your book "Better Basketball" for me which our good friend, Mr. Glenn C. Charlton, asked you to send me. I am enjoying it immensely.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Spawr Jr.

Dear Phog: Thinking that the Council meeting last Tuesday would be only routine business of comm. reports and electing Henry Shenk to succeed me, and knowing Tuesday was your busy day, I didn't call you and insist on your coming. However, the plan Lloyd Houston had to suggest for summer baseball has so many considerations that we are badly in need of your advice. I have typed some carbons of full minutes, and am enclosing one so that you can see the issues. The Council is meeting at my house next Tuesday noon for chili and some discussion of the proposition. If you can't come, will you try to talk it over with Henry before that time so we will have your judgment. The Council would have to furnish expendable equipment and foot the bills for daytime supervision of the "practise" deals as well as the \$450 salary of C.W. With the Chest's \$1200 and the Bd. of Education's \$800 plus our bal. in the fund, we will have a little in excess of \$2000. Do you think we should put that percentage of our entire budget on one evening activity Is there any way to get definite information now as to the gov't's permission to use lights for ball fields during the summer?

Thanks--

Marge Stockton

My typewriter jumps from war nerves, so excuse the sudden and frequent spaces--

To Council members absent from the meeting on January 30, 1945

You are to have a new chairman after all these years. Henry Shenk has been persuaded to relieve me of the "front and center" job, and the gain to the Council is going to be considerable since he will not only bring new ideas but valuable contacts with downtown civic leaders. I can't tell you how much I appreciate the unfailing cooperation you've given me and how much I have enjoyed working with you. Please give Henry the same enthusiastic support, and the cause of recreation for Lawrence will "go places". I have promised him to continue doing the drudgery chores, and will continue on the Council.

ROUTINE BUSINESS \*

Mr. Dean reported that our holiday gym supervision experiment had worked out very well; especially at Christmas time did Dr. Allen feel it had proven well worth while. Bill of \$156.50 approved. M.S.S. authorized to purchase file for all Council records, \$10.00 max. Stapleton, Six, Woestemeyer and Stockton reported on the 2½ years operation of servicemen's center, dissolution of the League, and closing of the center. Full activity and financial report in re will be placed in the Council files. NEXT MEETING SET FOR NOON AT COLONIAL NEXT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY SIXTH. PLEASE NOTIFY ME IF POSSIBLE IF UNABLE TO ATTEND. IMPORTANT DECISION TO BE MADE. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE OUTLINE OR PROJECT PROPOSED AND DELEGATE YOUR PROXY IF UNABLE TO BE PRESENT.

Having given innumerable hours last summer to the boys' baseball activity, Lloyd Houston feels that the time has come for the city council to cooperate with us on a 3 month city-wide baseball activity for summer evenings. He has found the city officials (Ralph Burgert and his city property committee) sympathetically interested, but the city's contribution is limited to provision and maintenance of permanent equipment, which means that the entire burden of leadership and expendable supplies would be on our budget. This is intimidating, since he proposes \$150 a month as salary, or a total of \$450, and estimates supplies might possibly run \$100. The Council enthusiastically agreed that such a program would be highly desirable, and Chalmer Woodard - LMHS coach - is interested in the job of supervisor, which fact increases the good results anticipated since he has established an excellent record with boys. Discussion revealed, however, that there are some baffling issues involved, and no action was taken until we have more information and have had a chance to think over the possible effects on the established program's expansion. Mr. Houston said: that Woodard wants to be paid (hired by) the Board of Education and not by any group; that he could be so employed and the Board would deduct such sum from their \$800 allocation to the Council's summer program; that he had not discussed hours of supervision to be covered by the proposed compensation, nor the number of days a week; that Woodard planned to have day-time employment otherwise in all probability, devoting his evenings to the baseball project after 5 pm.; that Woodard had had offers for more money from other schools; and that Lawrence (paying him only \$27.00) was desirous of keeping him if possible, and that summer employment such as proposed might influence his decision to stay. The Council's sympathetic interest is shown by

the fact that Woestemeyer moved and Stapleton seconded that we authorize his employment for two months for a total of \$300, and assure him every effort would be made to finance the 3rd month. The motion and second were withdrawn when the ensuing discussion revealed that we needed more accurate information as to whether his contract would cover 6 hrs. a day for 6 days a week, his responsibility for daytime practice sessions boys might feel necessary, the possibility that the brown-out regulations for wartime might make playing under lights impossible, the division of time between the children - who are the Council's chief concern - and adult players, etc. etc. etc. Also an accurate estimate of equipment inventory and probable purchases, or extra supervisory help to be employed, responsibility in case of accidents etc. etc.

There are questions involved which must be thought over carefully, since decisions made now will have far-reaching consequences. Mr. Houston is genuinely interested in the general summer program and in its eventual expansion to more adequate limits; he assured us that there was no wish to jeopardize any other part of the recreation program. I am afraid that the allocation of \$1200 of chest funds has resulted in over optimism as to the ease with which we may frame our budget for next summer, since \$2000 plus our carefully hoarded balance sounds like affluence. Leadership for playgrounds, if we can secure it at all, will come high, much higher than last summer. Unless "D. J." Cannady can arrange to return, the search for a trained director will be up-hill and costly. Maud Ellsworth's long-coveted downtown craft center project, which she hoped to start next summer by our providing one or two teachers for afternoon supervision as an experiment toward the realization of the larger goal, is one of the expansions we had hoped to get from our "margin". Joie Stapleton will be gone next summer so that, even if Red Cross continues to pay the head swimming instructor, our responsibility for the safety of the children will necessitate our employing more helpers by the hour. The cost of all our leaders will be greater, proved by the fact that Dr. Allen recommended at least \$1 an hour for the holiday gym supervisors. Will there be unpleasant repercussions if we pay our teachers who serve as our playground leaders \$100 for the six weeks, as we did last summer, when we pay another teacher \$150 a month or \$225 for the same six weeks, and give him additional income of \$450 as contrasted to \$100? Their actual supervision hours are fewer, but their preparation and planning hours are far greater.

I apologize for the lack of brevity, but our decisions in the next few weeks and months will be a measure of our usefulness to the community at large, and our excellent record of progress in Lawrence schools under present salary schedules is more than difficult, and our cooperation by giving summer employment to some of them whose retention in the system is highly desirable is one way of getting "the greatest good for the greatest number". Just how far we can go and with what degree of concentration on certain individuals, which activity should be expanded first and to what degree - - food for thought before next Tuesday's meeting and for all our meetings this spring. A full-time trained city recreation director, which we've asked for since 1940, should be employed, but we must function as a correlating body until he materializes.

Marge S. Stockton

to date must be maintained. Procuring and keeping well trained teachers

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR MEN

February 9, 1945

Director of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

The return of discharged service men to school has created several problems of adjustment in our department of Physical Education. It is our desire to learn whether you have been faced with similar problems, and what measures have been taken to meet them. We would appreciate very much your kindness in answering the following questions:

1. Has it been necessary to grant a blanket exemption from physical education requirements for returning veterans? Has any request been made for such exemption?
2. Are veterans required to take "physical fitness" courses under the same conditions as other civilian students?
3. Has it been necessary to alter your program by offering more carry-over and leisure-sports activities to meet the needs of returning veterans?
4. Has it been necessary to enlarge the adaptive and corrective phase of your physical education program?

Any additional information as to the type of program offered, and problems encountered by the return of veterans, will be appreciated. Will you help us?

Cordially,

*Frank A. DeMars*

Frank A. DeMars  
Acting Director of Physical Education

February 26, 1945.

Mrs. Bob Simpson,  
2 Thilly,  
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear Mrs. Simpson:

I have been intending for so long to write you and tell you how delightful it was to see you and Phyllis and the baby. I am enclosing a Jayhawk Rebounds which I told you about. It is a month old and I am ready to write another, but there is mention of Bob Simpson and your son in this, so I know that you would like to see it. It is rather belated, but nonetheless, I am sending it on.

I am sending you a letter from Professor Earl Foster. I wrote Mr. Foster immediately after I came home and this is the reply I got. If you have any suggestions as to how I could help, I will be glad to do so. Mrs. Houts and the Allens are such close friends that it is rather difficult for me to inquire about her physical condition, but I know she is getting very old and is about ready to retire the second time.

Let me know if you are still interested, and if I can find out some other way I will be glad to.

Trusting that you and yours will all be reunited after this war is over, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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