

October 24, 1945

S/Sgt. Jay Simon 37158957  
94th AAF Weather Station  
Hq Sixth Army; G-2 Section  
APO 442; c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, California

Dear Jay:

I acknowledge your good letter of the eighth instance rather belatedly but as usual I have been head over heels in work and I am up here tonight dictating letters trying to find my way out. I do not want you to think that I know more than a good newspaper man does but I know the editor, Ben Hibbs of the Saturday Evening Post and I am sure they will not take this article because some others have been sent to them on allied subjects such as this. I have made the Steve Post twice on articles and I imagine there has been two dozen articles sent to them.

I am sending this to you but I do not believe it has enough color and they would want to hook it up with something in the present tense. I am glad that you are planning on coming back and I hope you land with the Topeka Capital.

Doubtless you know that Don Pierce is with us as publicity man for the Athletic Department. He left the Daily Oklahoman a couple of weeks ago. With all good wishes to you and I regret that my criticism might not strike the responsive cord with you. However, send it along if you wish. It is authentic enough but I believe ancient.

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Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Enc.



San Fernando, Luzon  
8 October 1945

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
The University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doctor Allen:

Recalling an incident in an unpublished feature article about yourself which I wrote while at the University, I have worked it into a little profile which might be acceptable to the Saturday Evening Post or some other magazine.

To insure its accuracy in every detail before submission, I would appreciate it very much if you would look it over and either o.k. it as is, or with any corrections you might care to make, forward it to The Saturday Evening Post, together with the attached letter of transmittal. I'm sure an endorsement from you would give it added weight in the eyes of the editors.

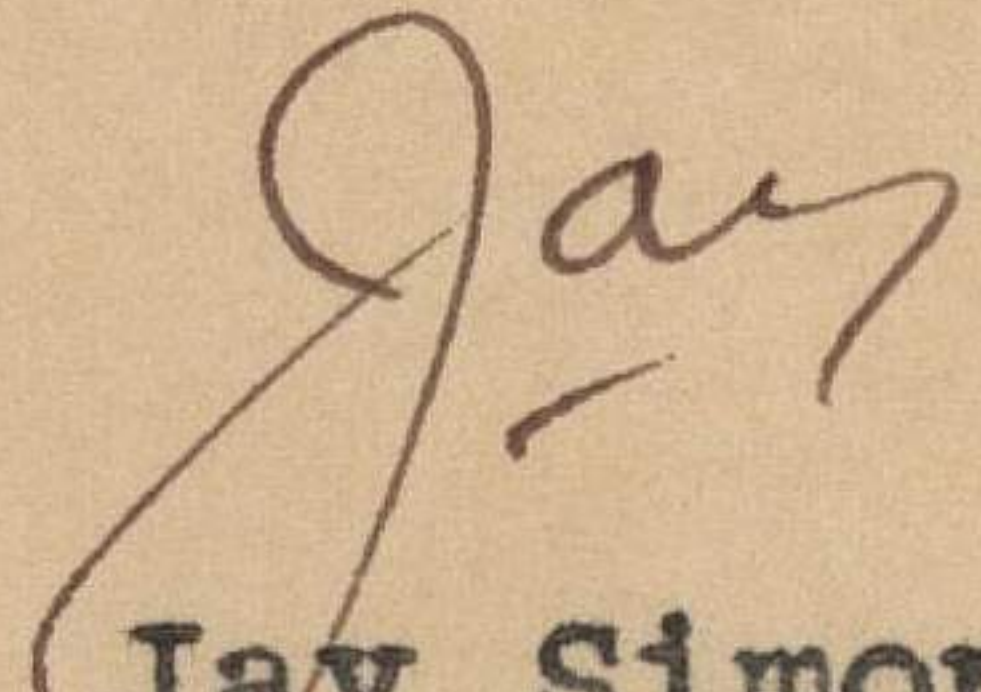
If you find the story such that it cannot be put in shape with minor alterations, please do not hesitate to return it and make any suggestions you care to offer.

I hope all is well with you and prospects are bright for a bang-up basketball team on Mt. Oread this winter. It looks now that I'll be back on the sports beat by the middle of January and I certainly hope to see the Jayhawkers up where they belong at that time.

Things are set for my return to the Coffeyville Journal, but, confidentially, I am angling for a post with the Topeka Capital. Don Pierce, now with the Daily Oklahoman, as you know, suggests that such a move might very possibly be effected. I can think of no newspaper staff in the Valley that I would rather join after trading in these khaki duds.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for the many favors you have accorded me in the past, and hope that we have the pleasure of talking together before the winter is over.

With all Best Regards,

  
Jay Simon.



August 16, 1946

Mrs. Frank Stockton  
720 Indiana  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Stockton:

I have written to the National Recreation Association for possible candidates for our job as recreation director. I have, as yet, had no reply but should receive one within the next week.

I feel that we should have a meeting of the commission on Tuesday, September 3, to start making definite plans for the securing of a director. Would you drop a card to the other members reminding them of that meeting and asking them to hold the date open. We could probably meet at the high school office.

I am leaving tomorrow on a two-weeks' vacation and will not be back until September 1.

Very sincerely yours,

HAS:MF

Henry A. Shenk



June 5, 1946

Mr. George H. Stuckey  
129 Sixteenth East  
Hutchinson, Kansas

Dear George:

I promised you when I visited Hutchinson on May 12 and May 13 that I would send you a carbon copy of the letter that I wrote the Chancellor regarding my position, which I am relinquishing July 1.

While I desire you to keep this confidential, you may show it to our mutual friend with whom we had noon luncheon at the Bisonte.

I trust that you arrived home safely in your new Oldsmobile. It is a beauty.

With all good wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
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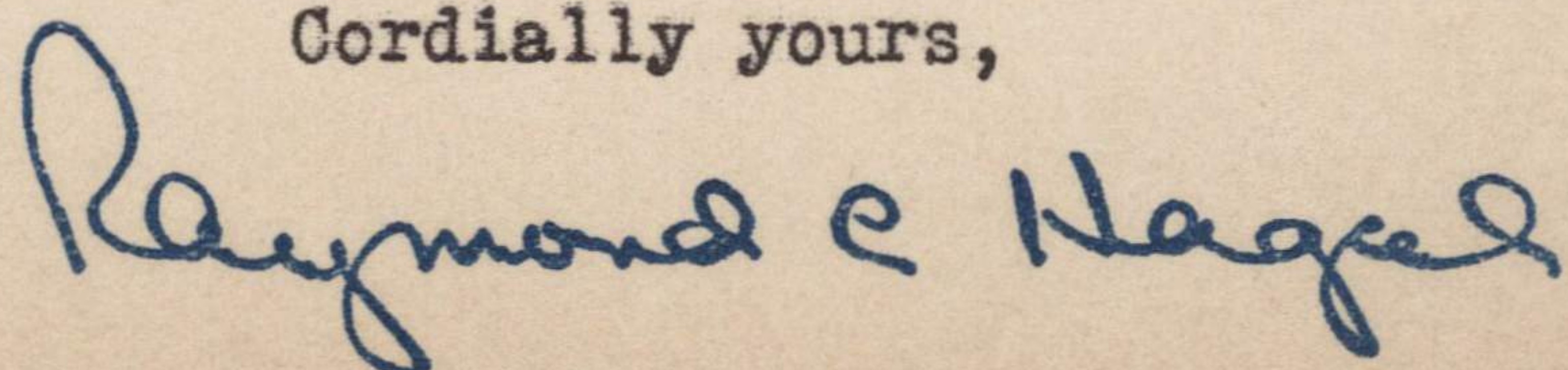
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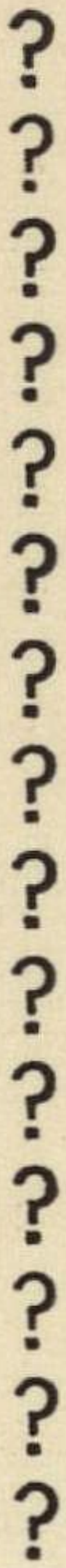
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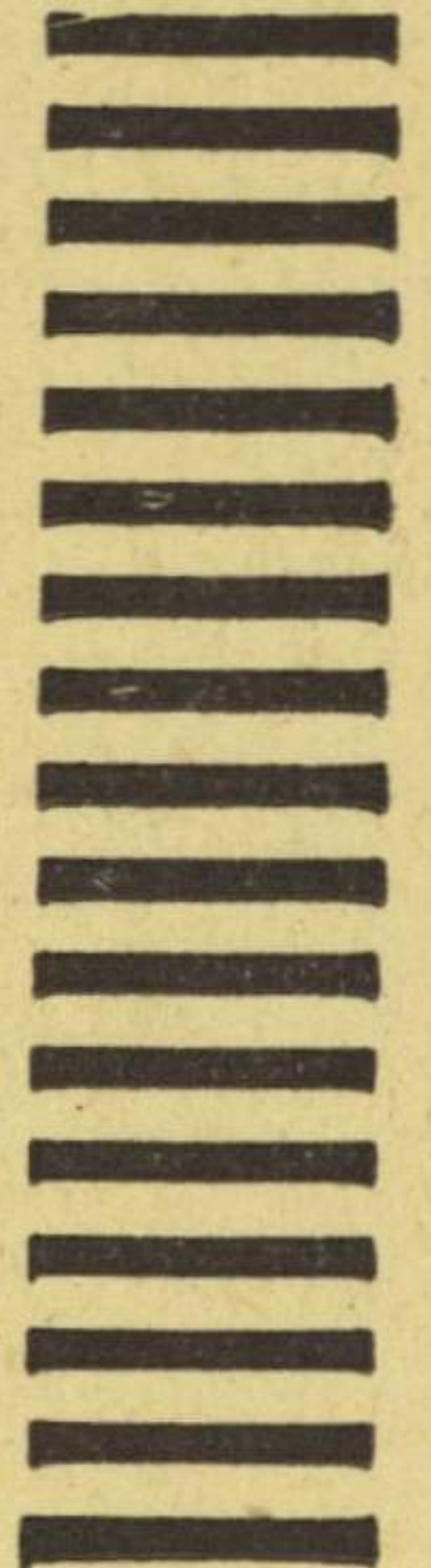
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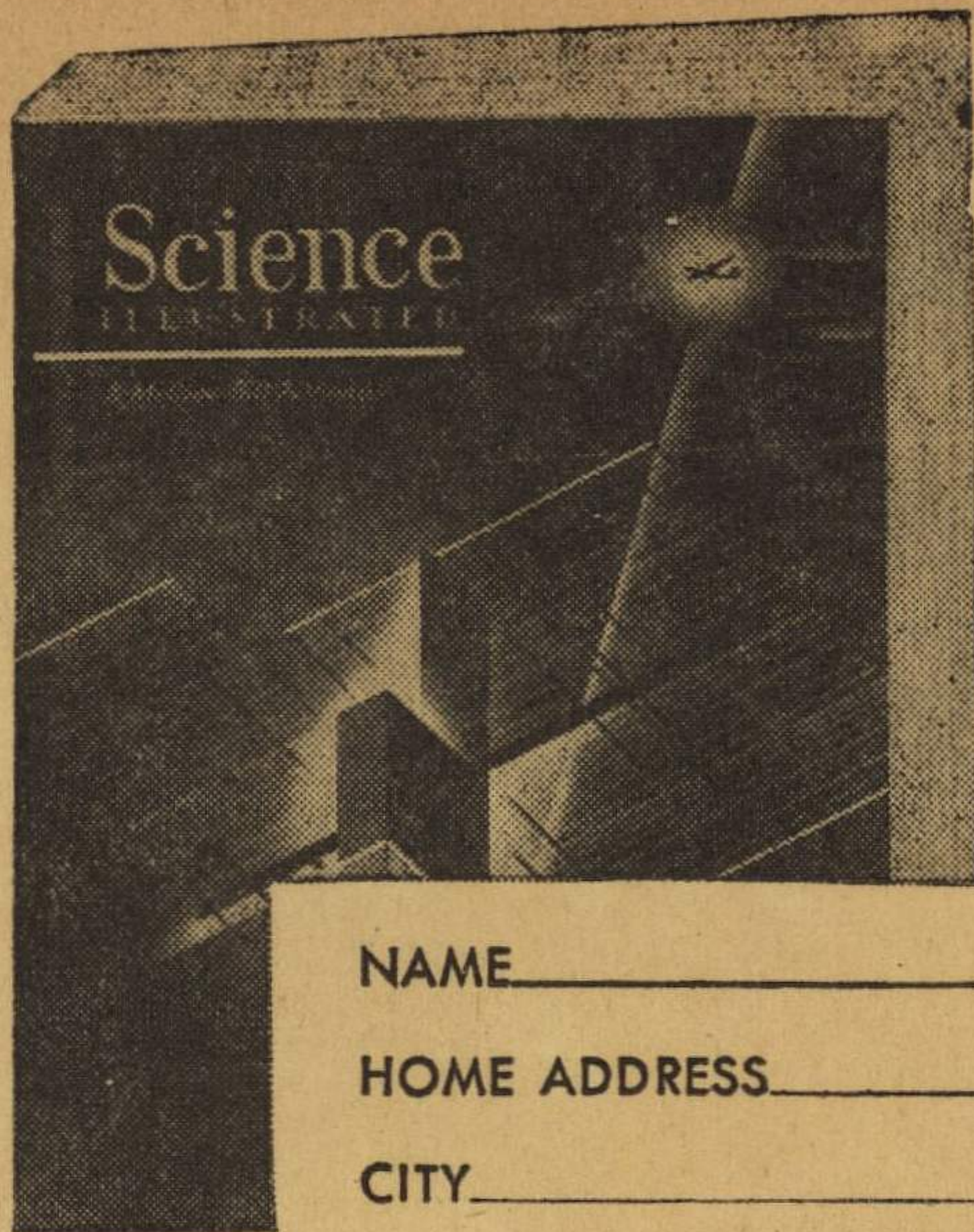
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May 28, 1946

Ens. Ora W. Sapp  
Augusta, Kansas

Dear Bill:

When you wrote me on the 13th of March, I answered your letter on April 9 but for some reason, which is my fault, it got mixed up in some correspondence and failed to get into the post office. I am sending a carbon copy of this letter that I wrote on April 9, together with a physical education brochure, to your home. However, I am sending the original of the letter written on April 9, together with a carbon copy of this letter I am writing now and a physical education brochure, to you --U.S.S. Hancock, CV-19, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California. I am sorry for this delay and I want you to know the negligence is all mine, for which I am regretful.

I was greatly impressed with your agility and your ability on the basketball court and I have been counting very much upon your return to Mount Oread, where I am sure you will give a splendid account of yourself on the Kansas Varsity.

Won't you write me at your early convenience and tell me that you charged the failure to receive a letter from me to one of those accidents that do happen occasionally.

I know how proud Captain Dave Shirk will be of you at K.U. Dave often recounts what a star you were at high school and how you made the Duke Varsity while you were in the V-12 down there.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 9, 1946

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Ens. Ora W. Sapp, U.S.N.R.  
U.S.S. Hancock, CV-19  
c/o Fleet Post Office

Dear Bill:

I have your letter of the 13th of March before me which I will attempt to answer.

It was very fine to hear from you and to know that you are interested in coming to K.U. following your discharge from the service. First, may I congratulate you on your services to your country and welcome you to Kansas University. You are the type of man whom we are especially desirous of having among us.

Concerning some of your questions, I must say that although the university may be crowded over capacity next fall, if you are a Kansas resident, you will have no trouble or difficulty in entering the university. The out-of-state students are the ones who this overcrowding will effect. Your being a first-year student to the school will have no bearing to this situation.

Concerning your desire to become a coach some day, I can only say that if you feel that you would rather coach athletics than do anything else, by all means be a coach. We need more coaches with that attitude. The profession is not a very lucrative one, as you doubtlessly realize. However, it pays off in many ways other than financial. If your interests are with American youth, the returns will be generous and satisfying.

From what you have mentioned in your letter I agree with you that you will have three years of eligibility at the University of Kansas under the eligibility regulations. I am sure, also, that your hours taken at Duke University will be given due consideration and you will not loss too much credit by such a transfer.

I am enclosing the Physical Education brochure which will give you information on the requirements of our school for entering the School of Education for a major in Physical Education.

I appreciate your congratulations on our Big Six Championship and it is my wish that next year you will be with us in the fight for that same championship once again.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



13 March 1946

USS Hancock CV-19

Hi Dr. Allen:-

I believe you will recognize the writer of this letter much more readily if I mention that the name of Bill Sapp has been brought before you in the past by Mr. David Shirk, my former high school coach. I'm writing this as a friendly letter hoping that with basketball drawing to a close for this season you will have time to help and advise one of the younger generation in the near future.

I've talked with Dave a great deal about going back to school, Dr. Allen. With my ambitions set on playing basketball under you plus Dave's great backing of your well known and often proven ability as a basketball mentor I have planned for what is now years of going to Kansas University. As the present situation now stands it appears that I may receive the chance to fill my ambition as school opens next fall. You have witnessed a sample of my basketball ability before and I hope the impression left with you was that of a promising athlete in the field of basketball.

Will it be possible for me to enroll at K.U. next fall, sir? Through my hometown paper I received the news that the enrollment there is at its peak at present. Being a newcomer to the school I was wondering if I would be allowed to enter.

I also have the ambition to be a coach someday, Dr. Allen. Do you think this a good field for a person today? It has always been my ambition and thus far I have held to it although many people have tried to change my idea. Through my four semesters of V-12 training at Duke University I have received 65 college hours credit. How many of these I will be able to transfer to Kansas University I don't know. Since



my V-12 training involved a great deal of Mathematics and Physics I have hopes that it will also be possible for me to receive a minor education in a specific field of engineering along with a major in physical education. To this I believe it will take a full three years to complete my college education. I believe also that I have three years of eligibility left in inter-collegiate competition. As a V-12 student I played only one year of varsity basketball at Duke University. Due to Navy eligibility rules I was not able to play my first winter at Duke. Am I not right in assuming I have three years to play?

If possible, sir, I would appreciate your sending me some information on the requirements at Kansas University for entering the school and also information on the subjects necessary for a major in physical education.

If time permits I would appreciate very much hearing from you in the future. My address is: -

Ensign Ord W. Sapp USNR  
USS Hancock (CV-19)  
% FPO San Francisco, California

In closing I would like to extend my congratulations to you and the K.U. team on again returning the "Big Six" title to the campus of Kansas University. Someday I hope my ability shall prove sufficient to give me the chance help in winning such an honor for the school.

Gratefully yours  
Bill



May 10, 1946

Mr. R. H. Shaw, President  
The Peoples State Bank  
Cherryvale, Kansas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Thank you very much for your very welcome communication of the 9th instance.

I was interested in the yarn Babe Ruth tells. I have always used George Huff's name in connection with this story. George Huff was the athletic director at the University of Illinois years ago and one of the early greats in college baseball. Coach George Huff has the most phenomenal early college baseball coaching record of any coach in the United States. I have heard him spin this yarn a number of times and he told it with great relish. I can appreciate Babe Ruth's portrayal of this yarn.

Huff told it showing the difference between college ball and professional ball. The college player would take a decision without psychologically jumping on the other fellow's toe. Huff said that the pro always had an alibi that he never struck out unless someone gipped him.

Thank you for your very fine compliments regarding my visit to your city. I assure you I enjoyed it and I will come again at the first opportunity. Also, we want you to come see us. Drop in any time that you are on the hill at Robinson Gymnasium. It will be a pleasure to see you.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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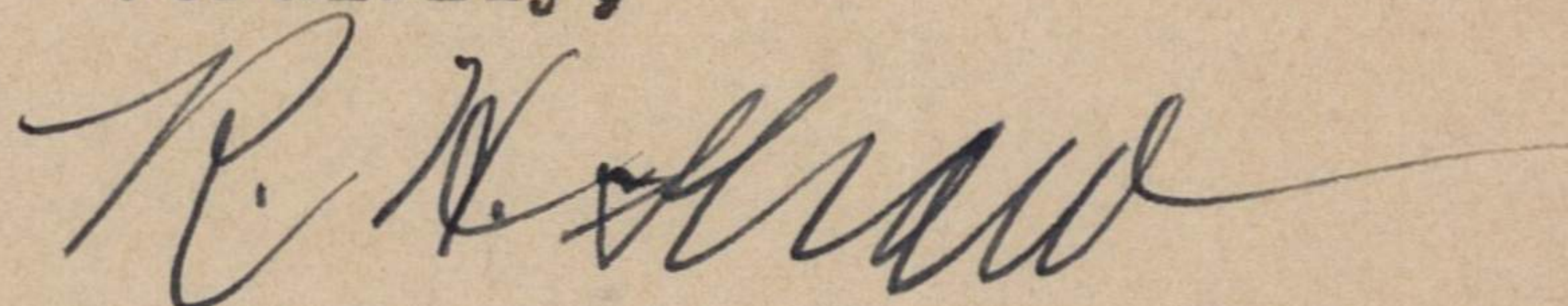
May 9, 1946

Doctor Allen:

Your reference to "Babe"  
Ruth Tuesday evening motivates me to  
send you the attached clipping, taken  
from a recent issue of the Wall Street  
Journal.

May I again tell you that  
our townspeople greatly enjoyed your  
talk. We want you to come again some  
time!

Cordially,





May 7, 1946

Gib J. Stramel, S 2/c, U.S.N.R.  
Casa Grande (LSD-13)  
3rd Division, c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

Dear Gib:

I got your fine letter and I was delighted to know about your being a striking quartermaster, one of those guys who work constantly with the brass. I certainly will pass on to the men in power over at the ship your good luck. I will also pass on your good luck to Comdr. Baum and I know he will be proud of you.

I called the registrar, Mr. James Hitt. I gave him your address with instructions to please send you an application blank, which he will do immediately. You are practically enrolled now because Mr. Hitt said that whether this blank was received or not that your name was in the pot for enrollment this fall. Mr. Hitt succeeded Lawrence Woodruff and Mr. Hitt is a swell fellow. You will like him very much. He is a great athletic fan and a real fellow. He was in the service and just returned. He was a captain.

Everything is going along fine here, Gib. The weather is wonderful and the hill never looked more beautiful. I wish you were here to stroll around and enjoy it with us.

Johnny Pfitsch is our florist for the moment. He is now just gathering in some flowers that the florist brought and putting them in a vase. You should see him arranging them. With that G. I. hair cut of his and the shorts, he would make a modern ballet dancer. Charlie Black just came into the office sporting a new Parker 51 pen and pencil set. These officers are a sporty bunch of dogs. Charlie said to tell you to hurry and hustle back. He wants to make one of those swinging passes to you, as you race under the basket and hook 'em lightning-like into the basket.

Here's a lot of good luck to you, old fellow. Write us every once in a while. We are delighted to hear from you and will be more happy to see you.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF



April 30

Dear Doctor, Allen:

Looks as if, Starnel has finally gone to sea.

I have spent all the time, that has elapsed, getting out here.

They have been pretty nice to us, as of now.

We left Shoemaker yesterday morning, and when we arrived here, we spent the afternoon in a LSM.

We chased around Fuser Bay and finally wound up back on the Doeb. we couldn't find our ship. A typical navy trick. We found out our ship had docked at Richmond which is just around the other side of the bay.

They loaded us into a bus, and put us aboard last night. Up to now.



I haven't gotten sick, "that is sea sick." I'll let you in on a little secret, we haven't sailed yet, and probably won't until about the 20<sup>th</sup> of May.

They are figuring on going into Dry Dock; if they do that we will be without something to do.

After we sail, we will proceed to New Orleans, through the canal, and from there to Norfolk. I'm hoping to get off about there and calmly move west, as far as Hay, Kansas.

They put me aboard the USS Coosa Granda, nothing but a floating dry dock for small craft. A very nice ship, better than I expected.

This morning they asked for a few men who knew something about "navigation," and "you know



what happened.

I politely informed them that I had two semesters of V-12 Nav. So they up and made me a striking Quartermaster, the best rate on a ship, and by far the cleanest.

One works on the bridge and in the control tower with the brass. Its a terrible big joke, but its all right with me. If you ever have any words with Comm.

<sup>Baum</sup> ~~Baum~~ let him know, my failure or near failure as a V-12 Nav. was not in vain.

I'm not receiving any of my mail, because conditions before this, were very tempering and I wasn't in one place long enough to receive any mail.

I've been having some thing bother my conscience, since I have arrived back from leave, but



could do nothing because of mailing conditions. This problem is this.

You told me I needn't worry about registering in the college, but I feel that maybe it be best that I do.

If you could, and would, let the office, or who ever ~~is~~ the person to see is, know, I would appreciate it very very much. Have them send it to me. (What ever form it may be)

I know you are a very busy man, etc, but nevertheless I am asking that favor of you. If you can't, let me know. In the first place I'm not sure I know who to write to, to gain such information.

If you can and would do this, it would make me feel much more secure, and very much indebted.

I will probably be able to get it before we leave the harbor, which would be good.

Hope to see you in the summer <sup>(date)</sup> or for sure, (I hope) the fall.

respectively  
G. B. Stramel



April 11, 1946

Russell Stover Candies of Kansas City  
1206 Main Street  
Personnel Department  
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of April 10.

I remember Lawrence Stream very well. It seems to me that he came from Rosedale High School in Kansas City, Kansas. He was a grand boy, fine, clean and purposeful. He was a boy of high intelligence and extreme honesty. I do not remember all of the talents and qualifications that he possessed because it seems to me that he left the university after his freshman year. He worked for our Department of Physical Education at 50 cents an hour. He was in the check room and did a fine job.

I am glad to recommend him to you as a young man capable and with fine integrity.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

Enc.



April 2, 1946

Mr. Bernard Sims  
Richmond Produce Company  
P. O. Box 153  
Richmond, Kansas

Dear Mr. Sims:

I received your letter of March 22 enclosing your check in the amount of \$7.00 covering payment of the tickets to the Oklahoma Aggie game and telephone call.

I was very happy indeed to do this little favor for you. I only wish that we could have turned the tables on the Aggies. But Kurland was just too tall for us and there was nothing we could do about it.

Thank you for the standing invitation to visit you whenever I pass through Richmond. It will be a pleasure, I assure you.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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RICHMOND, KANSAS

Friday  
March 22 - 1946

Mr. Forrest C. Allen  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Received tickets for the game and we surely appreciated receiving them. We enjoyed the game at Kansas city and also the games throughout the season.

We feel very grateful to you knowing all the worries and problems confronting you at this crucial game. We would be very happy to have you drop in for a little visit anytime when passing through Richmond. Thanks very much for your trouble. Enclosed check for seven dollars to pay for the call and tickets.

Yours Truly,  
Bernard Sims.



March 28, 1946

Mr. Willis J. Stetson  
Department of Athletics and Physical Education  
Swarthmore College  
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Dear Bill:

Thanks very much for your congratulations on our Big Six Championship. We did have a pretty fine team, as you stated, but not quite fine enough to topple the Aggies from Oklahoma. We are looking forward to a possibly even greater season next year.

It was fine to hear of your activities again and to know that you are now working full time at Swarthmore. From your description of your job, it does sound as if you will be completely occupied for a considerable length of time. I trust that next year your basketball season will be more of a success; however, from what you said, I see no reason for feeling bad about this year's record.

The family here is doing fine. For the past week we have had a representative from nearly all of our childrens' homes with us. Mitt and Isabelle were in for the Oklahoma A & M game and, of course, Jane and her husband were with us, also. Eleanor arrived the latter part of the week and Bob's wife was in, also, during the week. Bob is in the Navy in the capacity of a Lieutenant (j.g.) and has no idea of when he will be out because of the, more or less, permanent status of the medical men. Mitt is, also, still in the Navy serving now in St. Louis, but he expects to be out by early summer.

My I congratulate you on your newest child, Sara Jean. It was mighty fine to hear about her, even though the announcement came a little delayed.

Best wishes for your continued success and with kind regards to your family, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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WILLIS J. STETSON

March 12, 1946

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have been wanting to write you for quite some time but you well know how ones correspondence can usually be put off to another day. My reading of your winning the Big Six Championship made me make a date with myself to sit down and get off a note to you.

First of all, congratulations on winning the Championship. You must have had a pretty fine team from what I could judge by way of scores appearing in our papers.

My team this year ended the season with seven wins and nine losses which doesn't sound too good, but if you could have seen the material on hand at the start of the season you would agree that seven wins was next thing to a miracle. For several years now the squad has been devoid of players having what one would call real basketball instinct. The Navy, although having a V-12 unit here throughout the war, didn't seem to send basketball players our way. It hasn't been too much fun in that usually the members of the squad one season were sure to be gone by the time the next season came around. We are now getting more civilians enrolled, including some boys who played for me before they went into service, and I am hoping we will return to the calibre of teams of the pre-war variety.

In our schedules in the past few years we have been hitting off a few big chunks in playing such schools as Penn, Army, Navy, LaSalle and St Joseph's of Philadelphia, Princeton and others of that type. In many cases we were forced to play them for the schools of our size had given up the game during the war. This year was the first for a league of schools our size in this section of the Middle Atlantic States and we finished second in that competition. All in all the season ended much better than even I anticipated although the record doesn't look too good on paper.



How are Mrs. Allen, Eleanor and Bob and the rest of your family who I have never had the pleasure of meeting? Was Bob in the service? Where is Eleanor living now?

I trust things are going well for you at Lawrence. No doubt you have been kept plenty busy since we last corresponded. I see Bob Reed occasionally in the town of Swarthmore and we often mention the swell time we had with you and the boys and your family on your trip out this way.

Since I last wrote you I have made some changes in my work, giving up teaching history in the public schools ~~and~~ to take a full time post in the Department of Physical Education at Swarthmore College. I am now Assistant Director of Athletics and Physical Education and in addition to my coaching basketball, I have full charge of the Physical Education program for the men, direct the maintenance of all the buildings and grounds of the department, supervise the purchase and care of all equipment and make up all our sports schedules. Another task I've just undertaken has been to supervise the Athletic publicity for the college. As you can see, my spare minutes are few and far between. It keeps me on the move, but I am enjoying the work very much.

To bring you up to date on our little family, I might say that our son is now  $4\frac{1}{2}$  and we have a darling daughter, Sara Jean, by name, who is 9 months old.

Jean and I are hoping that you might be planning to come east sometime soon and will be able to visit with us.

Best wishes for your continued success and with kindest regards to you and Mrs. Allen, I remain

Sincerely,

*Bill*

Willis J. Stetson



March 22, 1946

Mr. Bernard Sims  
Richmond, Kansas

Dear Mr. Sims:

I have not received the check for the tickets which I sent you. I am trying to straighten up all accounts at the earliest date I can and if you will personally send me your check here to the Robinson Gymnasium, I will appreciate it.

I called you at your store Sunday and, failing to get you, I mailed the tickets to you special delivery. I trust you saw the game and I am sorry that we could not do better against their sky scraper.

Sincerely,

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Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.