

March 20, 1944.

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Dear Heinie:

You wrote me quite some time ago and I was sure that I had answered your letter. Anyhow, I still find it here on the desk and I am sure it was two months ago when you wrote it, although it is undated.

Longer than two months ago the Chancellor came over to get all of our drawings and specifications toward asking for a bid by the Board of Regents. Nothing has come out of it yet. I have written the Chancellor three different letters asking for more definite information but he has been away from the University three-fourths of his time on bigger problems, I imagine, than the one I have at hand. So, nothing has been done up to the present, Heinie, but I am expecting that when the Chancellor gets enough money he will want to do that thing plus the other improvements that go with it.

I think what he started out to do was to repair it, and then when he saw it cost so much money I think it stymied him. The concrete basin to hold the pool is something that I think he did not know all about.

If you ever come to Lawrence we would be delighted of course to see you. Bobby is a senior in the medical school at Pennsylvania and due to graduate in July or August. He is asking for a leave the latter part of April. He hopes to come home to Topeka and marry a Topeka girl there. We think she is pretty fine, and since this will make the last one of the youngsters to take the matrimonial step we will begin to rattle around in that big house like two loose peas in a pod. Bob will do his internship at Bell Memorial Hospital, so at least he will be close to us for a while. He is in the Army medical corps and he is taking work for a flight surgeon.

Milton is living here practicing law. He had both a Marine and a Navy commission offered him but was color blind to the