

Rebounds you will notice our Big Six schedule without Kansas State in the line up. We will play Hutchinson Naval Base, Olathe Naval Air Base, Fort Riley, and maybe the Pre-Flight School of Iowa City. They may take the Great Lakes date, but I am not sure how they will draw. We will play Washburn home and home, and Pittsburg here, not there. In fact, we will keep the spirit and the letter of the ODT in regard to travel. Our club will be especially young, but I believe the boys will play pretty good ball if we get them to drill them.

Thanks, Howard, for reminding me of the annual letter which I used to write to the boys. I had given that up this year because we have none of the old boys back, with the exception of Sparky McSpadden, and he was a substitute last year, but a dandy one. He sprained his wrist badly about two months ago and cannot shoot, but we have hopes of getting that very difficult sprain fixed up by the time basketball season opens up. I will see if I can't write something for the boys and include it to you service men when I mail the next Rebounds.

I am glad that you and Mrs. Engleman have been fortunate enough to be together at Miami. It is a great experience, being in that fine climate. It is a wonderful heritage and experience these boys in the service are getting. Just think - what a wonderful melting pot it will be when the boys come back. In every land and clime our American boys will have been. No more provincialism for America. I do not know what will come out of it, but I have full confidence that it will be for the best. And what a commingling we will have here at the University with many of these boys who have not finished their education coming back, many years older in experience, but still pursuing an academic course. It will be good to welcome them back when this maelstrom is past.

Again may I thank you for your good wishes. Mrs. Allen never tires of telling how we sat in the sun parlor and talked about your difficulties after you had that injury. And how you did come back! And what a fine finish you had! I am sure through the years that those great moments that you experienced in your closing year will never be forgotten and will always be not only a source of gratification to you, but a hallowed memory to be treasured always by a fellow who delivered the goods in the clutches.

We will need your best wishes because our team will be very light and inexperienced, and we will be meeting much older and more experienced men in the service. But after all, that is our function in the present emergency. When you express the sensation that you receive when you heard The Star Spangled Banner, it gives me an added thrill. So many times have I stood with the boys and listened to The Star Spangled Banner that I often wonder just what sensations the boys were having. Your description fits mine identically. I certainly will remember you to Mrs. Allen, and my very best to you, yours, and your fine mother and her offspring.

Very sincerely yours,

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Varsity Basketball Coach.