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Dear Dr. Allen,

I want to write to you mainly to express my appreciation to you for sending me a copy of the Rebounds. I think that it's a great piece of reading material. It is something which I wanted to receive when you first published it but since I thought that it was primarily for 'your boys' I was hesitant to ask for it. And, I'm definitely looking forward to more of it now that I've had a taste of the cake.

Perhaps, Dad has told you that I am on my way home--not to stay I'm sure but at least for a visit. One of the highlights of my journey through I hope will be the Hill. Undoubtedly there have been a lot of changes there since I saw it last. I'm anxious to see the new chapel. And, having the old shack down which used to be west of the Engineering building should be a big improvement. It's going to be hard to wait for that old Hill to show up on the horizon.

Those Jayhawker athletes are always something for me to watch and read about. That victory of ours over NU in football wasn't so startling, but after forty some years a fellow had to let of a certain amount of steam. I was ready to fight after reading the account of the Aggie football game, but then you and the round-ballers gave us sweet revenge in the victory at Aggieland.

That fight you gave us for the Big Six flag was a thrilling one. Nearly everyday I looked in the Stars and Stripes for a KU victory. I was a bit disappointed when IS took us into camp in that last game. However, I'd rather be beaten by them than any other Big Sixer. By the way, I was in Duren, Germany the night I received the score of that game. I felt much better after that night when I dreamed that we swamped them 75-14. That's the way I like to beat them.

We have been playing softball around here in the evenings. A good bit of the time we let the work slide to get out to the games on time. Some of the fellows around here are very good players. The team I've been playing with has been fortunate enough to be one of the best around here. A few nights ago we played an officer team for the championship and a \$75.00 pot. Our boys were a bit too sure of themselves and lacked that fighting spirit. We lost the game 2-0. Still, I'm positive that we have the better team though I admit that victories are sounder proofs than opinions.

I'm not sure what the T. P. Hunter memorial fund is; but without looking I know that it is something good. T. P. was one of the finest fellows I ever knew. If I get back there I intend to add my bit to the fund.

Until I get to see you personally, good luck to you and all the Jayhawkers.

Sincerely,

Alan