August 30, 1943.

Miss Ruth Krehbiel,
Corbin Hall,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Ruth:

Last Friday night at a dinner party Chancellor Malott mentioned to me that it was his opinion we should put some life and go in the Rock Chalk yell. We are dragging it along so slow that we are losing the fervor of the yell.

I quite agree with him and some time before school opens in the fall I would like to talk with you. I believe that I could help put something over that not only would please the Chancellor but will be helpful in the yell. When it is convenient, drop in to see me.

And by the way, I mentioned the fact to the Chancellor that you had shown me the letter he wrote you, congratulating you upon the "Traditions Day" program in Fraser Theater this summer. He was pleased that you were happy with the letter you received from him.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

B

August 19, 1943.

1st Lt. Clinton Kanaga,
U.S.M.C.R.,
Bldg. 16, S O Q,
U. S. Naval Hospital,
San Diego, California.

Dear Clint:

Your jumbo post card arrived, and what a whopper! I took it home and showed it to Mrs. Allen and Eleanor and they agreed that it was no white elephant.

The hospital is a beautiful place and I know that you are enjoying your rest, which is deserved, of course.

I assure you I will keep an eye on Bill, but he seems to be walking the straight and narrow as far as I can observe. He is a fine chap and you can count on my taking an interest in him.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

May 10, 1943.

Capt. H. L. Kirkpatrick, M. C.,
Station Hospital,
McChord Field, Wash.

Dear Doctor Kirkpatrick:

In the first part of your letter you say "For some weeks I have had some good intentions". Well, I will have to extend that and say for some months I have had some good intentions, and one of those intentions was to answer your letter promptly. But I have failed to do the very thing I expected to do because we have had such an upset schedule here at the University that the new regime has taken over most of our time. But certainly we should not do any kicking when the boys in the service are the ones who are carrying the load.

I am sending you a mimeographed letter that we have written to the "K" boys now in the services for whom we have addresses. We will put you on our mailing list and count you as one of our very best "K" men because you have certainly rendered a lot of first aid to our athletics and our "K" men.

Charlie Black played a great ball game while he was in, but in the early part of January he was taken ill with pneumonia, the very next day after the Great Lakes game. I was especially happy that we were able to beat both Oklahoma schools at Norman and Stillwater, and also at Lawrence. When it is considered that Black played but three of the ten Big Six games it must have been a pretty good ball club to have gone ahead without some of the stars and still have not lost any games. This mimeographed letter will give you all the dope on the basketball season. We hope to keep you advised as to the whereabouts and activities of the other "K" men.

I am sorry that we didn't get to play that game of golf, but I imagine that it wouldn't have been so hot anyhow but we would have had a lot of fun.

Bob is still doing well at Penn. He is now embarked on his junior year and seems to be doing o.k. I believe he has a pretty good chance to go until he finishes. He has a little better than a year of it with an intensified course. However, they may not let him finish his internship. He may have to come back after the fuss is over to get that.

Henry Shenk is up at Lincoln, Nebraska, for the Big Six meet, but he only took four boys along with him, due to examinations. The Chancellor is expecting to have football next fall, more from the income that is obtained from the activity ticket than anything else. This will pay interest on the stadium bonds, and I guess that is more important than

anything else. Our football prospects are certainly not highly encouraging. I do believe Missouri University will have a pretty tough outfit because they have helped their boys along with the Navy set up in such a way that Faurot will be tough for the competition that he faces. Iowa State will also be tough, but I believe Kansas State will be about like we are.

I didn't think we would have basketball next year but now it begins to look as if we may because if they play football they will naturally play basketball. I don't have any of my boys left, and I haven't thought enough of it to look into the possibilities. I don't know what our Navy engineers will bring forth, but they will not let them play in the Army contingent, so we will be just as strong as our enrollment in the Navy.

Here's wishing you all kinds of good luck, Doctor, and hereafter I will not be so negligent. Now please do not answer this letter because I know how all-fired busy you are. When we write you just forget about answering until you get back. It is our job to write you and not your job to write us.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Dear Doctor Allen:

For some weeks I have had some good intentions but I've been here & there - from Miami Beach in one corner to Wash State in the other and. only recently have I found it advisable to remove more than one pair of pants from my suit case at a time. Yes I assure you that the life in the army is invigorating & unexpected to say the least. But I think I am at a semi permanent station now & am trying to figure out what has happened around here since along in Oct. The football season finally gasped out in a final fit of agony. It was a relief (just between you & me) to know that it was over for those boys. That from a rabid enthusiast may mean some thing - I'm not sure just what.

What really brought my good intentions to a head was the receipt today from Mrs K of the A.P. report of the M-A, game & Blacks spectacular work! I also saw the score against Tucker & Co & A & M. for which I want to Congratulate you & the boys. They have to be good to beat those teams within a week.

I was sorry that I didn't get to visit with you any before I left. But I kept talking about that golf game but we both were so all fired busy we never had a moment & uncle Sam & I had a little difficulty getting hitched up properly & that took more time & worry.

I know Bob is doing fine in school - I hope they don't pull him out before he finishes.

My best regards

Sincerely yours.

Station Hospital H K Kirkpatrick.
McChord Field Wash. Capt M C.

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June 23, 1943.

Mr. Norman Keller,
Wilson & Co.,
Lubbock, Texas.

Dear Mr. Keller:

In answering your communication of June 16th I will answer you from personal knowledge and not by going back through the basketball records to make it absolutely authentic as to dates.

Yes, there has been a rule that prohibited the dribble but I do not know whether you would call it modern or not. This prohibition was up to 1905, the A.A.U. rules prohibiting dribbling, but the colleges began in 1906 to permit dribbling. We had separate rules for the colleges and separate rules for the A.A.U. and Y.M.C.A. groups. The Joint Basketball Rules Committee, which now comprises the colleges and the Y.M.C.A.s is not the same as the present A.A.U. rule. But up until a few years ago all rules were the same under the Joint Basketball rules committee.

Along about 1928 Dr. W. E. Meanwell, from the University of Wisconsin, proposed and made a motion to the effect that the dribble be limited to one bounce. That was in the latter part of March, and I believe the meeting was held in New York. In the first week in April Knute Rockne and I spoke before the National Education Association at Des Moines, Iowa. Knute spoke on "The Pedagogy of Football" and I spoke on "The Pedagogy of Basketball". These meetings were held in the Drake Field House in Des Moines, and in our demonstrations a discussion arose regarding the new rules. I flayed the autocratic and high-handed method of the National Basketball Rules Committee in putting in a rule about which they had not queried the coaches. Immediately I got a great number of wires from coaches who agreed with me, and I called a meeting of the basketball coaches in Des Moines during the time of the Drake Relays. The meeting was held and they elected me chairman and requested that the Rules Committee rescind their action.

A further meeting was called for Chicago in June, at the time of the N.C.A.A. track meet, and at this time the basketball coaches of the country elected me the first president to serve until the time of the next basketball coaches meeting in March, 1929. That meeting was held in Chicago, and I was elected president for the 1929 term. The Rules Body promptly rescinded the action deleting the dribble, and it has remained a part of the game ever since.

The National Basketball Coaches Association as an organization was formulated in Chicago in March, 1929, and the Coaches Association the following year re-elected me as president. So the Coaches Association as a body was formed as a protest against the deletion of the dribble by the Rules Committee.

I mentioned in a previous paragraph that Dr. Meanwell made the motion. It was passed by the National Basketball Rules Committee. This clarifies any ambiguity that might exist regarding the rule as it existed, for two months but it was never printed and never became a part of the printed rule. As I told you previously, the A.A.U. rules prior to 1905 permitted but one bounce.

You are correct. Along from 1905 and earlier than that and up until the early twenties any person on a team could make the free throws - all or a part of them, as he desired. In fact, anybody on the team could shoot the free throws, so free throwing became a specialty during those days.

Yes, traveling was called a foul in the early days and a free throw was awarded. The latter became a violation. There is no specific mention of a foul when two men guarded one. The only violation was when there was bodily contact with a man who was guarded on one side and it was contact that made the foul, not the two men guarding one.

I am sending you a carbon copy of the original rules of basketball written by Dr. Naismith in 1891. I have a photostatic copy of those rules here in my office. I thought you might be interested in having a copy. These hung on the wall of the gymnasium in Springfield College, and written at the bottom of the rules in Dr. Naismith's own handwriting is the following: "First draft of basketball rules, posted in the gym that the boys might learn the rules. Feb., 1892. James Naismith." The typewriter used by Dr. Naismith in those days is rather unusual. The size of the type is twice the size of the present. I only mention these points because I thought from your inquiry you might be interested. If I have failed to answer any of your inquiries, please write me and I will be happy to follow through.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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WILSON & CO.

PACKERS AND PROVISIONERS
LUBBOCK, TEXAS

June 16, 1943

Mr. F. C. Allen
Athletic Director
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

We have a debate on a basketball rule that we wish you would settle.

Has there been in the history of modern basketball, ever a rule that prohibited the dribble, that is, more than one bounce. If there was such a rule, could it have been during the years of 1926 or 1927.

Another - In the late teens or early twenties was a single player on a team allowed to shoot all free throws for his team-mates? And along about this time was a free throw awarded for traveling with the ball, two men guarding one, etc.

Am anclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope and would appreciate as answer.

Norman Keller.

Norman Keller
Wilson & Co., Inc.
Lubbock, Texas

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June 4, 1943.

Mr. Melvin Kraemer,
Kraemer Hardware Co.,
Marysville, Kansas.

Dear Mel:

I was mighty happy to have your letter of the 27th ultimo, and I assure you that I know exactly how you feel. But let me offer this one word, Mel. I wouldn't let the other fellows' acts deter me from doing anything that would be a good thing for you to do.

Just because someone else does something that causes people to question the ideals of an organization is no reason why you should feel discouraged to the point that you should not want to be a member with those fellows who do actually live by the ideals of an organization. You would strengthen the organization and help the weaker members by being a member.

I know what you mean - the fellows who pat a fellow on the back with one hand and cut his throat with the other. Well, Mel, you can't change this world and I guess we will always have a certain percentage of those people. They are in every organization, in every land.

Anyhow, I am glad to have had this correspondence with you and I would cherish a visit some time in Marysville, Kansas, in the Kraemer Hardware store. I may drop up some time and prop my feet up on your desk and visit with you for thirty minutes. Lots of good luck to you.

Cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

WM. KRAEMER

MELVIN KRAEMER

KRAEMER HARDWARE CO.

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MARYSVILLE, KANSAS

May 27, 1943

Dr. F. C. Allen
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

Its a bit tardy to be answering your letter of May 5, but nevertheless it was thoroughly enjoyed, and the 30 minute chat you spoke of would certainly be wonderful.

"Doc" Beveridge has spoken to me a number of times in regard to joining the local Rotary Club and have considered it seriously many times. I agree with you, that should I join, the result would be many happy hours, but I can't get over the hump in my own mind. That "hump" is this. I have read the Rotary Code of Ethics and I cant reconcile the actions of many members to the items of that code, to which they have pledged themselves in all sincerity.

You know Doc, I don't hold myself as a "pink tea" boy or a guiding star, but a pledge means a lot to me. The ideals of Rotary are wonderful and as you say "if they are followed" this old earth would be a much brighter spot than it is today.

WM. KRAEMER

MELVIN KRAEMER

KRAEMER HARDWARE CO.

719 BROADWAY

MARYSVILLE, KANSAS

As I'm writing you now the thought of indecision is in my mind. so don't construe this letter as a blank refusal to try the organization. I have always tried to have the invitation awaiting my action, and perhaps some day I'll be able to get over that mental lump.

Thanks a lot for your letter Doc, and

So long

Sincerely

Mel Kraemer

January 6, 1943.

Mr. Harold Keith,
Athletic Department,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Harold:

Thanks for your good letters of December 30th and January 4th. I will be happy to work with you, Hal Middlesworth and John Turner in anything that you may want. It is very generous of you to work out these troublesome difficulties that we faced last year. You are a real sportsman and a gentleman. Not many fellows come along with your kindly bearing and farsightedness.

Thanks also for your kind words regarding our Eastern trip. I constantly thought of how good it was for our section to whip some of those Eastern boys who think only that superiority comes from the East. There is a half-baked outfit who have this viewpoint. Certainly not everybody in the East is like that, but most of the coaches think that the superior play resides in the East, when, as a matter of fact, if those Easterners come West they would be annihilated.

I have always maintained that if they wanted to bring the systems together they should take an official from the section from which the traveling team comes and an official from the home section, and that would bring the divergent playing areas together. That is what is done in football and that was what made the game more uniform. So long as they use all officials from one spot they will never improve the game.

When you go east you have got to play just the way they think and not according to the rules. Henry Iba told me to throw away all the plays, rules and swing, and set up a post because the Easterners know nothing about post play.

I will be happy to see you when we come to Norman.
With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

The University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Jan. 4, 1942.

Dear Coach:

Just a line to let you know I heard from Hal Middlesworth, the new sports editor of the Daily Oklahoman.

Here is the plan: John Turner, the chief photographer of the Oklahoman, will be here before the game to shoot a few mug shots (faces up close) then, if that will be okay. He says they can be posed. They are going to pass up the bench shots. Of course, after the game starts Turner will want to shoot action of the game but he has promised to forget about the bench shots that were so bothersome to you last year.

I will be on hand early and bring him around to see you in your dressing room soon as he arrives.

Cordially,

Harold Keith.

PS--We all owe you a million for making our league look so good on your recent trip. That was swell.

The University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Dec. 30, 1942.

Dear Coach:

Just a line to let you know that I am at work on some sort of arrangement with the Daily Oklahoman whereby you won't be bothered on the bench during the game by flashlight cameramen, as you were last year.

I have written Hal Middlesworth, sports editor of the Oklahoman, and also John Turner, chief photographer (the bulb-squeezer who covered last year's KU-OU battle here is in the Navy) and I am sure we can work out something agreeable.

Soon as I hear from Hal, I shall get in touch with you by letter, in advance of our game. I am sorry about last year and wanted to get things all smoothed out in advance this season so you and I both won't be plagued by this awkward situation while we are so busy on the scene of action.

Congratulations on your comeback and please give Chuck Elliott and Dean Nesmith our best.

Sincerely,

Harold Keith.

Harold Keith.

December 31, 1942.

Mr. Harold Keith,
The University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Keith:

Your letter of December 30th has been received during Dr. Allen's absence from his office. He will return Saturday evening, and your letter will be brought to his attention at once.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen.

December 16, 1942.

Mr. J. E. Kissell,
Portis, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kissell:

Thank you for the copy of the letter you sent Charlie Black. I appreciate your interest.

Our poor fundamentals last night cost us the game against a splendid Creighton team, augmented by three freshmen. Our faculty representatives passed a ruling just last Saturday permitting the freshmen to play beginning March, 1943. That is next to the most silly thing they could have done, and the silliest thing was for them to keep the freshmen from playing this past fall in football.

The ruling making freshmen eligible in March merely means the freshmen will be permitted to play in 1943 as there will be little or no spring sports.

We are meeting Creighton, Oklahoma A. & M., Fordham, St, Joseph's, and other schools - all playing freshmen. The Big Six merely did lip service to the Big Ten because they passed a similar rule. That is an indirect and quiet way of saying that the Big Six and Big Ten will permit freshmen to play in 1943, but it was made primarily for football and nothing else, because, as I said, there will be no spring sports to amount to anything.

By doing this in an indirect way they have admitted that they are afraid to face frankly and fairly an issue that would have permitted the freshmen to have played this past year and would have had some pleasure out of their college athletics before getting into the service pronto. About all the Big Six moguls promise the freshmen of this year is a right to play in Tunisia and catch a few Italian bombs.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and helpfulness in all of the things that you have actively undertaken.

Now, a word about Max. He is not doing as well as he could. I put him in last night and he doesn't unloose himself. I don't

know whether it is a complex he has or what, but he doesn't show the spontaneity and aggressiveness that a boy of Max's ability and training should show. Instead of driving over the court he would walk over at times rather than to run. I just can't quite figure out why he doesn't do better, but when I put him in he doesn't spark the team as he should.

I have very few leaders; in fact, only one, and he was sick last night and played a poor game. That was Armand Dixon. He has been showing up as quarterback and field general in pretty good shape. I had hopes that Max would do this for me this year after his preliminary training last year, but I am afraid that there is "no soap".

This difficulty that I had with Charlie has spread the contagion to the other boys. They now take the attitude that if they don't do very well it is because I yank them too soon from the game, but the reason I do take them out is because they are not doing what they should.

We have big Johnny Dewell on the freshman team, and had they permitted the freshmen to play it would have been a different story last night, I am sure, because Dewell would have been an answer to my prayer. As it was, we met a 6 ft. 5 inch, 210 pound freshman from Creighton who was really one of the determining factors in the rebound work of the Creighton team, aided and abetted by 6 ft. 8 inch Beisser who attended the University of Iowa, flunked out at the end of the first year, and then played independent basketball for six years at Des Moines. This is his fourth year at the University, so he is a well-matured young man. Gibson, their other big freshman, looked equally as mature but not quite as old as Beisser. It is one of the most matured teams that I have seen - a team about like the Oklahoma Aggies in age, experience and power.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Portis, Kansas,
December the Eleventh,
Nineteen Forty-Two.

Charley Black,
Lawrence, Kansas.
Kansas University:

Dear Friend Charley:

I am noticing by the papers that you are not with the KU basketballers at present. The press inference was that maybe you and Coach Allen had had differences of opinion. I am sorry to know that, if it be true, and I will hope that it is something else.

Why I write is to say that we are all expecting a lot from you this year and unless your difficulty is one that you feel fully justified in, that is not playing any more this year, then I hope you can see your way clear to get back in right away.

In a way, Charley, you owe us all something because we have built up expectations for the year and we had you down as one of the Big Six 'big shots' after your fine showing last year we just naturally figured you to carry us along this year. Without you, we can't win the Big Six and of course there would be an outside chance that we would not anyway. But I think we can if you fellows all get going as I know you can.

As regards Coach Allen, I have known him a long time and I know some of his faults. He is mean to little chickens, he scratches matches on his neck and argues with the neighbor chilfren. But regardless of his glaring faults, he has quite a little on the ball, Charkey, and if you can get as much on the ball as he has, we will win. You know Coaches are afraid to have the last word. Ernest Quigley used to say that when he called a foul, it was a foul whether you toched the man or not. It is that way with Allen -- when he says, 'this is it' then that's it. And he's been calling the shots pretty straight for forty years and all he has ever missed I can count on a few fingers.

With the war coming on and maybe this the last good year KU will have for a time, we need you badly. Like to see you get in there and show Doc up. That is show him that you are a better player than he is a coach. If you do that, Charley, we will be right in there next March and maybe get a trip back to KC again.

Kindest regards to all and hope to see you some time this season in a game or two. I'm writing because I am intensely interested in your team and the KU reputation.

Sincerely,

J. E. Kissell, Portis.

Just tried to rib Brewer a little.

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Portis, Kansas,
January 7th, 1943.

Dr. F. C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

A word to say that I have been holding my breathe ever since your first game back East and do not know how long I can hold out without some new air.

Your victories were all grand and then the result with The Olathe outfit was 'more' grand and then against Missuori was ever 'more' grander, altho I had figured you should beat MU.

I feared your team would crack. It might be that is what will happen before Sat. night but I hope not and I will try to hold my breather till about midnight Sat. night. I will not be greatly disappointed if we lose but I would surely like to win it for two or three reasons. If holding my breather will help any, I will hold on.

What I really am writing for was to mention about the reply Chas. Black made to my letter. I should have written you before you went East on on the way but did not. Would sent his reply to you but it is not here now. I thot it was fine the way he wrote me and he said he got off on the wrong foot and that 'now' he was getting lined up and was going to really go and uphold the KU prode and so on. Anyway I thot it was nice the way he wrote me and also thanked me for writing him; when as a matter of fact I may not have had any particular business writing him. It may have helped a little though.

Would write about several things but just haven't time now.

I send you a meant-to-be comic telegram back East but it may never have been delivered to you as the WU man said they could not get it thru.

All I know about the MO. game last night is that you won I think 68 to 44 according to radio report. We do not get good sports news here any more and not many box scores. I got a KU Kansan today that was two weeks old.

In haste and kindest regards.

J. E. Kissell, Portis.

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February 11, 1943.

Mr. J. E. Kissell,
Portis, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kissell:

I appreciate your letter written from Emporia. Max played a fine game at Olathe, and then I started him Saturday night against Iowa State here but he didn't go well at all. He seemed to be inhibited for some reason and I replaced him with Hoyt Baker, and he too had the stage fright, so I put in Sparky McSpadden. Sparky traveled in fine style.

Frankly, I do not know why Max is not playing better ball. He seems to be anxious to play but will not turn loose. I don't know why but he does not drive. I wish I knew the answer. I coach him, but he doesn't seem to take coaching. I tell him to bend his knees when he shoots and he locks his knees, if you know what I mean. When he shoots he seems to be standing too high and will not crouch. That, of course, makes him shoot with his arms rather than a coordinated move of thighs, legs, shoulders and body. A fellow cannot get a follow-through unless he bends his knees and crouches. That gives him the added advantage of faking a pass on a shot. But when he is too high the opponent knows that he is not going to dribble or pass by the position he assumes.

He seems to be a disillusioned boy. Now if you would ask me to explain all that I would have difficulty in doing so. I have talked with him and he doesn't seem to be the buoyant, happy chap. He seems to either lack confidence, or, as I say, he is disillusioned, for some reason that I do not know. I talk with him and he acts as if he wants to play, and when I put him in he doesn't nearly play to the full of his ability, and of course when you are trying to win a championship it takes everything that a fellow has in him to win because the other fellow is hard to beat.

We had a good heart to heart talk with the whole team Tuesday night and I told everyone what I thought was wrong with them. I am hoping it will do some good.

I want to assure you that I would do anything I can to help Max but I cannot get under his skin for some reason. I wanted you to know this and rest assured that I have his every interest at heart, but if he does not play his level best I cannot make him do it.

My kindest regards to Mrs. Kissell and to yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

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As regards the K. U.-O. U. game at Norman, Drake made the fatal mistake of putting the best post player in the game out to play the floor in "a rolling offense." Naturally, it didn't work. You can't say too much about Gerald; we know him around here. My respects to Mr. Lance and McNair for a lousy job of officiating. Kansas did everything except standing on a chair to shoot and got away with it. Phog was managing everything from the bench as usual, and did about everything but put on spurs and ride a horse across the floor.

P. S. He got away with it, too.

By way of closing, I might

Max, here is a little clipping from the sports column of Jack Copeland of the Wichita Beacon of yesterday. It was a letter from Dr. Warren F. Bernstorf of Winfield who had written to Copeland. Issue Beacon Jan. 19th.

You can read and then hand this to Dr. Allen or else tell him that I am 'surpassed' that he would go down there and take advantage of those boys and do them that way. Did he really have his spurs there and how come KU did not give Oklahoma a chance. Bruce Drake apparently slipped a cog. Also that was no way to treat a former Kansas boy, Mr. G. Tucker. I am amazed. I think Doc should forfeit the game to OU.

But if he does not think so, it is alright with me as it is.

Dad.

March 23, 1943.

Mr. J. E. Kissell,
Portis, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kissell:

I received the marked copy of the Independent, and was happy to have it.

By the way, I have been intending to tell you how wonderfully Max has responded. He began to gain confidence on our trip to Lincoln and Ames, and then in the games with Creighton and Missouri. He has been fine and seemed to develop confidence with each game he played. He finished the season in a blaze of glory.

I can notice now a confidence that he never had before. Maybe he felt as if there were too many big ones ahead of him. It would have done your heart good to have seen him in the Missouri game. I put Schnellbacher in and then I put Max in; Missouri finally tied the score, and I said I wouldn't change the line-up. I left Max right in there. He hit a long one - about 30 feet, then John Buescher hit a long one. He really played a big part in making this an ever-victorious team.

The confidence in the boy is so striking that I wanted you to know we are mighty happy about the whole thing.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 19, 1943.

Mr. J. E. Kissell,
Portis, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kissell:

My sincere gratitude and thanks for your wonderful remembrance. If you had shopped around for a month you could not have found anything that I would have liked as well as this lovely Gillette DeLuxe razor.

I have used the electric razor - two of them and discarded both of them - and had gone back to my Gillette but it had a heavy cardboard paper box and through the years has become badly worn. In fact, I reinforced all corners of this box with adhesive tape in an effort to reclaim it from its dilapidated condition. With this new metal container and the new razor I feel as happy as a boy with a new toy. Thanks a million, sir, although you know that it was so entirely unexpected that it thrilled me deeply.

I will be anxiously awaiting your letter in which you will give me the current topics of the day.

Please remember the Allens most kindly to Mrs. Kissell, and remember always that I deeply appreciate your friendship and generosity.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

DR. F. C. ALLEN,

Lawrence, Kansas.

801 Louisiana:

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Portis, Kansas, April 16th,

Dear Dr. FCA:

Sending this mail a little package containing memento for the past season in basketball. It is from me personally and I will write you letter in few days with further explanation and will also set you right on all the current topics of the day.

Yours,

J. E. Kissell Portis.

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May 6, 1943.

Mr. J. E. Kissell,
Portis, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kissell:

I certainly enjoyed your good letter of April 17th. You gave me the lowdown on everything.

You were asking what the situation is regarding the athletic director. They named Karl Klooz the acting athletic director and they moved the athletic office from the gymnasium over to Mr. Klooz's office where they have transferred Mr. Falkenstien. Of course, this is only a temporary situation until the war is over.

No, I would not be interested in the directorship any more. It is a lot of grief, and so many people hold you accountable for so many things that you are not responsible for that it is no pleasure and just a lot of grief. This same thing goes for football coaching. Henry Shenk has been named football coach, as well as track coach, and already I can see his blood pressure coming up somewhat. It is a job for a young man who likes the punishment.

I would be glad to have you write me some time, or drop by and we would have a good chat. It would be fine to have you near Lawrence if you should work at Eudora. Apparently the Hercules people are adding a lot of new men, and I am sure that with your administrative and executive ability you would have no difficulty.

I received the Little Six banquet menu and notice that you were the main speaker. I would have enjoyed hearing you make the eagles scream.

I wonder if Max has written you regarding his poison ivy. He doesn't know where he picked it up but he has a pretty bad case of it. The hospital has been painting him with potassium permanganate. It is not serious but I imagine it will knock him out of the trip to Lincoln. However, I don't believe many of the boys will do too much up there because the competition is a little too strenuous for them. I think our athletics are to be pushed in the background until after this big fuss is over. That suits me o.k. but I do believe they will have basketball next winter. I don't know what men I will have and I am sure they will be few, but I imagine that we can get a few boys together to give the opposition an argument.

The tendency will be to carry on athletics here because it is necessary for the Chancellor to have the activity fee to apply on the payment of the stadium. And of course if they have one sport, they will doubtless have basketball.

We will be mighty happy to see you when you come around.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

PORTIS, KANSAS,
April the Seventeenth,

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Dr. F. C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Allen:

This will make the (I don't know how many) times I have started a letter to you. Generally, I do not quit on a letter but it has been one thing and another this time and I have been very busy besides, so that is it.

I started writing you the night you had your last game with KState there on Hill and had more than a page written when it started getting intensely cold and I quit and went home. It was after we had heard that you (KU) won from the Saggies. Of course I was glad of that, but in the letter I had written some in reply to an earlier letter from you as to Max being disillusioned and so on. However, by that time, Max had been doing so well towards the last of the season that I felt he had changed some and was hitting a pace I had always felt he could.

So I destroyed the part of the letter I had written and was glad for the word I got about Max. I had just gotten home that night when the phone sounded and someone who had seen the game, called me and told us that they had just seen Max play a fine game and told me all about it and it made me and us feel so good that I forgot any short-comings he had previously had. Then, too, I had letters and other word later all very favorable for Max and so I felt good. One of the officials in the game wrote me that he could say as much or more for Max as he could for any other player in the Big-6 and that was that he was always a gentleman on the court and he had never seen or known of him doing a thing that was unbecoming. I was of course, glad for that, as I never had seen him do a thing on the court here in eight years of play that I could at all be ashamed of. The referee said it was unfortunate that Max fouled out and that really he did not make a couple called on him. However, I felt that Max was so happy that he was trying so hard that he likely fouled more than he ordinarily would. His average all thru school here was two fouls per game.

I feel that we owe you much for keeping Max going and likely getting the most out of him. I judge that for a time there on the Hill that he might have felt there were so many good boys that he was just 'another' player and was content to drift along with the team. Once in the winter when he thought he was going to be called to service, he wrote me asking what to do. I was, I could locate the copy of letter I sent him. If I do I will send it to you, as it may have had some bearing on his final stretch down the season's end.

Max writes me that he feels you (KU team) could have won the NcaA at KC and also New York and been where Wyoming was if the team had been able to stay together. I felt so too. He said that the team this year was almost unbeatable when they were all clicking or having 'a good night.' But you had a grand season anyway and we are all happy out this way. I got a tremendous kick out of you beating both Oklahoma teams down in their own yard.

Since Basketball is now put away for last season, I will not discuss it further. I failed to get there this year to see a game and have not seen Max play since his last game in high school here.

I note by UD Kansan that Max did quite well in the weights in a meet there and out here I thot he was a good weight thrower for his weight, that is for a boy who does not weigh at least 200 pounds, as usually the wt. men are heavy.

As to razor I sent other day will say. I was not trying to be pretentious at all. Quite some time back I made a contract with Gillette to take a lot of razors in exchange for some adv. space. The razors were extra good ones but they were over-stocked on some models and then the electric razor slowed the sale of the 'arm-strong' type some. So I got a lot of them and I have given them to Dynamo players for years. Also to other friends.

You are welcome to this one whether you use it or not. If the draft goes far enough to take you, I suggest you take the razor along and give some of the Japs as close a shave as you can. On the market now such razors are not obtainable.

I was just thinking of what a team you could have next year if you could have all those boys back again. I believe you could win everything.

They will all be in a bigger game, tho, and the tragedy is that some of them will likely not come back. Max is finishing a course there with some navigation and areial photography and will soon be going on to another base.

I have been wondering what about the situation there as to atheltic director. What can you say about it? That is, will a permamnent selection be made soon or will it be after the war is well settled? Glad to have any suggestion you can make on it as I am interested and talk to a good many persons about it. Are you interested in the Directorship again? I see that Eugene Kemper spouts off some once in a while. He evidently has a sore spot somewhere. I am going to have a talk with him some time and get him to say something.

Kindest regards to all your people and hope you have a good summer and that some of these times the war will draw to an end. Might be down that way and if so will drop along to tell you the low-down on everything? I have some offer to work out at Eudora but do not know if it would be worth taking up.

Glad to hear from you any time.

S i n c e r e l y ,

J. E. Kissell, Portis.