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Portis, Kansas,  
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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 breathe 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 breathe 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 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 pride 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.