

which is the better. One fellow stationed here with me played on the Nebraska ball team last winter. We get together quite often. . . . I have signed and passed all paratroop qualifications and so I'll go to Fort Benning sometime around the first of July. I have also passed O.C.S., but getting the appointment after paratroop training is next." Congratulations, Pete, on your fine leadership at Camp Wolters. We are pulling for that O.C.S. appointment.

Major E. R. Elbel (School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas) has written me from the former swanky Don Cesar private club which now has been converted into the Don Cesar AAF Hospital for psychoneurotics at St. Petersburg, Florida. Dr. Elbel spent a couple of days at the hospital, and much to his delight ran into Captain Raymond Swanson who is in charge of physical recreation there. Ray is a former Kansas State graduate and took his Master's degree in Education with a major in Physical Education here at the University of Kansas. Without the commanding officer knowing that Dr. Elbel was well acquainted with Capt. Swanson, the CO certainly wasted no words in commending the splendid work that Capt. Swanson is doing.

Major Elbel also mentioned that he met Major Hayden H. Donahue (M.D. '41) and had a nice visit with him. Major Elbel characterized him as a "tall, thin Phi Delt who ran on the track team about 1935 or '36." Maj. Donahue is assistant to Lt. Col. Grinker, chief psychiatrist.

I am happy to receive a letter, dated May 16, from Lt. (jg) Wayne Clover, a Kappa Sig who went to K.U. along with Ray Noble, Paul Rogers, Howard Engleman, and a few other famous Kappa Sig basketballers, and who received his B. S. in Business in '42. Lt. Clover had written me on March 20, wanting me to settle an argument. He says: "Why is it that Easterners are so narrow-minded? We just received the issue of Life with the write up of the St. Johns team. Those on this ship from the east say St. Johns is the best team and has been since basketball started. Also they claim to have the best coach. I offered to bet \$50 that the Kansas teams and the Kansas coach have such a far better record that St. Johns wouldn't even show. If it isn't too much trouble would you, if you have the information available, send me all the national statistics that will show Kansas record as against St. Johns, or better still any national statistics. Which is the recognized national championship-the National Invitation Tournament, or the National AAU that is played in K.C.? How about Kansas record in playing Eastern teams? I maintain that in say the ten years before the war Kansas overall record will stand up against any of them, and that the East as a section plays inferior ball. It makes my blood boil to have some half-baked Jersey or Brooklyn zoot-suiter blast any one except the East. I want proof to show them up before every officer on this ship. . . ."

On March 31st I sent Wayne this rather lengthy letter:

"The tournament that you speak of is the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament. The United States is divided into eight collegiate districts, four west of the Mississippi River and four east of the Mississippi River. The Big Ten is number four, the Missouri Valley territory is number five, the Southwest Conference is six, the Rocky Mountain area is seven, and the Pacific Coast area is number eight.

"Since 1939 a national championship of universities and one-year residence colleges has been played. The plan is that the four districts of the NCAA east of the Mississippi meet and play off the Eastern NCAA finals, and the four teams west of the Mississippi meet and play off the Western NCAA finals. Then the eastern winners meet the western winners for the NCAA championship which is, in fact, the big collegiate championship of the United States.