

Dr. Francisco passed away on February 23. This was soon after he made it a point to be present at the graduation exercises of his son, David, who received his M.D. degree from Dr. Francisco's hands. The State of Kansas and the University suffered an irreparable loss when Dr. Fran passed away. He was a great lover of athletics and youth. In fact, on every hand we hear that he befriended thousands of unfortunate people that no one else ever heard about. When he was present at the commencement a person told me that for years he had paid the grocery bill for a family of unfortunate people that no one ever dreamed they were being helped by Dr. Fran. Each month he kept this family in food without anyone knowing about it.

Dr. Francisco was a great humanitarian in every sense of the word. It is planned that in the student union at the medical center at the University of Kansas at Rosedale will be a memorial for Dr. Francisco who for thirty years gave his services unselfishly to crippled children. He was a respected and deeply beloved teacher at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Dr. Poete stated to me that checks payable to the Francisco Memorial Fund should be mailed to the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City, Kansas. And it just occurred to me that I have not made my subscription, so this very day I am mailing a check to Dr. Poete so that I can subscribe to my great admiration and friendship for Dr. Francisco. I remember so often when he would call for tickets, and even though the basketball games would many times be sold out, Dr. Fran would say, "Phog, I have just got to have a ticket," and upon one or two occasions we made room for him by pushing the substitutes off to the side of the bench and allowed Dr. Fran to be our honored guest.

Several years ago I took a group of our varsity basketball team to Dodge City, Kansas, to aid in a demonstration clinic for an assemblage of ten visiting high school squads at the beautiful new Dodge City gymnasium. We put on the formations and plays that Kansas used in their practice and game drills, in both afternoon and evening sessions, and played a short scrimmage demonstration game for the benefit of the public. Much to our surprise and pleasure we found Dr. Francisco in attendance at both sessions avidly "eating up" our demonstration games. He, of course, was out in that section on professional work, but in his busy life of struggle he seemed to derive much benefit from the struggle of young men.

The Office of Censorship, Washington, has called to our attention the Code of Wartime Practices, so if we don't give full addresses for some of the boys you will know it is because of the admonition of this office.

I get a great kick out of receiving letters such as I received from Lacy Haynes, Sr. He is always thinking of the boys' interest overseas. He says: "I am sending you Tom Van Cleave's address. I presume you have him on the mailing list for the Jayhawk Rebounds, but I thought maybe you would be interested." Of course we did have Tom's address, but this only testifies that Lacy is constantly on the job, endeavoring to make Jayhawkers more happy and comfortable, if at all possible. Lacy during peace times never missed a football or basketball game. In fact, I believe that he has only seen the Jayhawker basketball team lose one game in all the time he has been coming. He is our good luck charm.

Ens. Don P. Ebling, at 339 Virginia St., Hollywood Beach, Florida, wrote me on May 29th. He says, "They are still preparing me as an officer..... I haven't seen many fellows from school except John Kline. He is scheduled to become a gunnery officer on a DE, but his school will last for about four more months."

Ens. Jesse Paul Turner, c/o Fleet P. O., New York, dropped in the office in May on a very short visit. On June 1, he writes, "When I returned to the ship we had a new captain and two other men had been transferred, so we have a smaller