

To Ensign T. M. Van Cleave, Jr., USNR  
 Armed Guard Center (Pacific),  
 Treasure Island,  
 San Francisco, California.

Tom was formerly a practicing attorney in Kansas City, Kansas, and was our "first aid" and the most important one among our alumni in interesting young boys to obtain a higher education on Mt. Oread. I want you to know, Tommy, that we enjoyed your letter very much and we are using this, with your permission, to show how men in the service feel about the continuance of athletics in colleges. Every good luck to you, old fellow. I saw your wife Caroline at the wedding festivities. She looked fine, healthy and happy, but I know she must be lonesome for the old man.

"After being in the Southwest Pacific for sometime I recently returned and found that Dad had written me and enclosed your excellent pamphlet, Jayhawk Rebounds.

"It is as you know quite difficult to keep up with the news about people and places when you don't receive your mail for two or three months. However, when you do get your mail it is really a pleasure to sit down and leisurely read it starting with the first and reading till you catch up. This of course gives us practically all the information about what has happened while we are gone.

"I notice in your Jayhawk Rebounds that you discussed the coming football and basketball seasons. I am certainly glad to see that you are planning to continue sports at the University of Kansas. This would be true even if they had only 11 men out for football and 5 men out for basketball.

"All the service personnel that I have come in contact with are interested in what happened in the world of sports. Regardless of the caliber of the players my men and all the rest are interested in whether the Yankees won or lost and who is going to play in the World Series. The men under me are of course only a cross-section of service personnel generally but I am certain that they are truly a representative group.

"I recently ran across John Breidenthal who is recreation officer for a large camp. It seemed that he had been coaching the basketball team without a basketball. Fortunately I had one on hand which we couldn't use. I gave this basketball and a few softballs to him and he was very glad to get them.

"Please give my regards to Mrs. Allen and Mit and Isabelle.

Sincerely,

Tom."

R U M O R ! ! ! Authoritative talk is going around among the wise ones that the War Department will raise the ban on the Army boys in the colleges so far as athletics are concerned soon after the football season is over. Doubtless the ODT saw too much travel and congestion for the football season. Basketball, requiring much smaller numbers, may get the nod. However, due to the traffic congestion, the Army may not grant it, but the word in the East is to the effect that they will.

We are indebted to Lieut. John T. Andrews, 541 Kenwood Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, an old Purdue athlete, formerly president of Lawrence Rotary Club, and