

"Dec. 30. Sparky McSpadden used the bowling alley grip on stopping St. Joseph's senesky cold. Ask Sparky to show you how he did it. Black, Dixon, Buescher and Schnellbacher really played a wonderful game against St. Joseph's and the results prove it. . . . .

"Jan. 1. We beat St. Louis tonight 60-25 and that was our last game on the road. We won all games on this trip and it is due to the splendid playing of Elack, Buescher, Dixon and Schnellbacher. The boys gave everything they had and fought like our American soldiers, sailors and marines are doing today back at Guadalcanal, Wake Island, North Africa and other fighting fronts. The boys had a wonderful spirit and I know they are going to carry it on throughout the season."

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How prophetic were Ray's words written at that time because the boys never lost a conference game. If you ask me for one of the potent reasons of the Jayhawker basketball team's success it was the ever-ready cooperation and good will, unflinching courage and almost indescribable furious fighting quality that Ray Evans injected into all the games.

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Christmas greetings continue to come from all parts of the country. Lieut. John A. Pfitsch, from "Pflugerville", Texas, one of our own boys here at Kansas, was a real Santa Claus when he shipped to us at 801 Louisiana Street a full bushel basket of these choicest Texas grapefruit, oranges and nectarines. Bobby Allen is home from the University of Pennsylvania on a Christmas leave, and Milton Allen and his family all came over to help Mrs. Allen and the rest of us thoroughly enjoy this wonderful Texas nectar. Thanks a million, Johnny, and we are still confident that you will do as fine a job at the front as you have done here at the University.

Pvt. Mano W. Stukey, Co. A, 87th Inf. Trng. Bn. 3rd Platoon, Camp Roberts, California, writes: "I have been placed in the Intelligence branch . . . Most of the men in this branch of the service are really swell fellows. Lots of them are coaches - Stair from Joplin, Mo. H. S., another coach in from Seattle, one from Minneapolis. Aside from them we have a few lawyers, teachers and others with leadership ability. . . . We are all hoping this thing won't last too long and that we will all be back home again to carry on where we left off." Good luck to you, Mano.

We are delighted to hear from Lt. and Mrs. Maurice Cannady, USNR, 203rd AAFTTD, Middle River, Baltimore, Md.; from Ensign Eddie R. Linqvist, M.T.B. Ren. 30, New Orleans, La.; from Av. Cadet R. F. (Dick) Miller, Class 11A, Av. Cadet Regt., USNATC, Corpus Christi, Texas; from A/C Harold E. Wright, Class 44E, Flt. 8, 3rd AAFTTD, King City, Calif.; C. Sp. Wilfred "Frenchie" Belgard, of Charlestown, Md.; Lt. (jg) Jim A. Bausch, USNRB, Shoemaker, Calif.; and Lane Davis, 7th C.T.D., Reading, Pa.

Mrs. Allen and I have received greetings from Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hall, C. Sp., 12 Reg., 13 Batt., USNTS, Great Lakes, Ill.; Ensign and Mrs. Murray Brown, USNPF School, Del Monte, Calif.; Lieut. and Mrs. John Cress, 71st AAFTTD, Camden, Ark.; Lt. (jg) W. A. "Tony" Coffin, USS Trinity, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif. - Tony was a Phys. Ed. major and former coach at Haskell; Otto and Mrs. Rost, 6200 Oleatha, St. Louis 9, Mo. - Otto was captain of our fine football team back in 1931; Ensign and Mrs. Howard Engleman, USS England, c/o