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Dear Bob:

I am glad that your shoes came in handy. Make good use of them and work on those fundamentals that I showed you, and when you get back to ole K. U., we'll be using you and those fundamentals.

I am sorry that the boys got licked so badly at Norman. Oklahoma has a powerful team and they just overpowered the boys. We didn't have enough to match their steam-roller tactics.

I would be glad to have you play around here with your basketball. I think you could do some good. We have one good Navy boy, Wendel Clar, from Dennison U. Then we have Charlie Black coming back. We have Gene Peterson, a "rangey" boy from Salina State Champions, and Stroebel, I think, who played at Washburn last year will be in November 1st with the V 12 boys. You remember him, Bob. He was a good boy--played center. Owen Peck has been called for physical examination, and they put him in 1-A, so we will lose him. Then we have a boy, Ebel, from Hillsboro, a nice big guard. So while our team will look very young and immature, I believe we have possibilities of having a better team than last year. There will be a lot of new faces. This is not a resume of all the players, but just a line on a few. Gene Peterson, this player from Nebraska, has fundamentals of minus 0. He is only eighteen and it will take him a year I am sure before he will be able to handle himself with our fundamentalists. All over the Conference they are crying their head off about Kansas getting Peterson, and I am getting a big laugh because when the team lines up, I am very sure Peterson will not be in the line-up, and all the boys in the Conference will have had the cry for nothing.

What I started to tell you was that Bob Allen is going to sea in less than a week, so you perhaps will not get to see him for several months, unless you have already called in the meantime. I know what limited liberty you have, so I can understand why you haven't had an opportunity to call.

Dean Nesmith, Coach Shenk and all the football players are at the Wichita game today. They left this morning, but I will tell Dean you said "hello" when he comes back Monday morning. We should beat Wichita.

Lots of good luck to you, Bob.

Sincerely,

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Varsity Basketball Coach

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