

December 27, 1943.

Mr. E. A. Bramwell,
Anderson-Bramwell Co., Agents,
213 Reliance Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Bramwell:

I will get Hub's address for you. He is in Chicago with Dr. Needles Optical Company, but I do not know the exact address; but I will find it for you and send the enclosure to him.

Yes, indeed, I know or did know Peggy Harris of the MacDonald family, very well. Tell her that we consider it a very great compliment for her to describe the Allen boys as she did.

For your information, I might state that the Allens lived next door to the Elbert MacDonald family for years. They were grand people. Webster MacDonald grew up there, and although much younger we watched every day of his growth. Johnny Webster, a brother of Mrs. MacDonald, was a very close friend of my brother Elmer. They went hunting on the old farm down at Sibley many, many times, so I know well indeed the MacDonald family.

I am glad to have this short visit with you.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

December 31, 1943.

Mr. Hubert Allen,
4832 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Hubert:

I am enclosing a post card from Mr. E. A. Branwell which is self-explanatory. He writes me as follows:

"Between 1922 and 1929 we had considerable litigation in Missouri over Fire Insurance Rates, and we took over the job of properly presenting claims for our clients, one of which was your brother Hubert, who at that time operated a garage at 2722 Cherry St.

"His name does not now appear in the phone directory, so I'm wondering if you would not forward the post card enclosed to him, to be returned to me when signed, so that I can forward it, with others, and try to make a collection for him. Both Hub and I will appreciate it."

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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ANDERSON-BRAMWELL CO., AGENTS

213 RELIANCE BLDG.
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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Dec. 23rd. 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doctor:

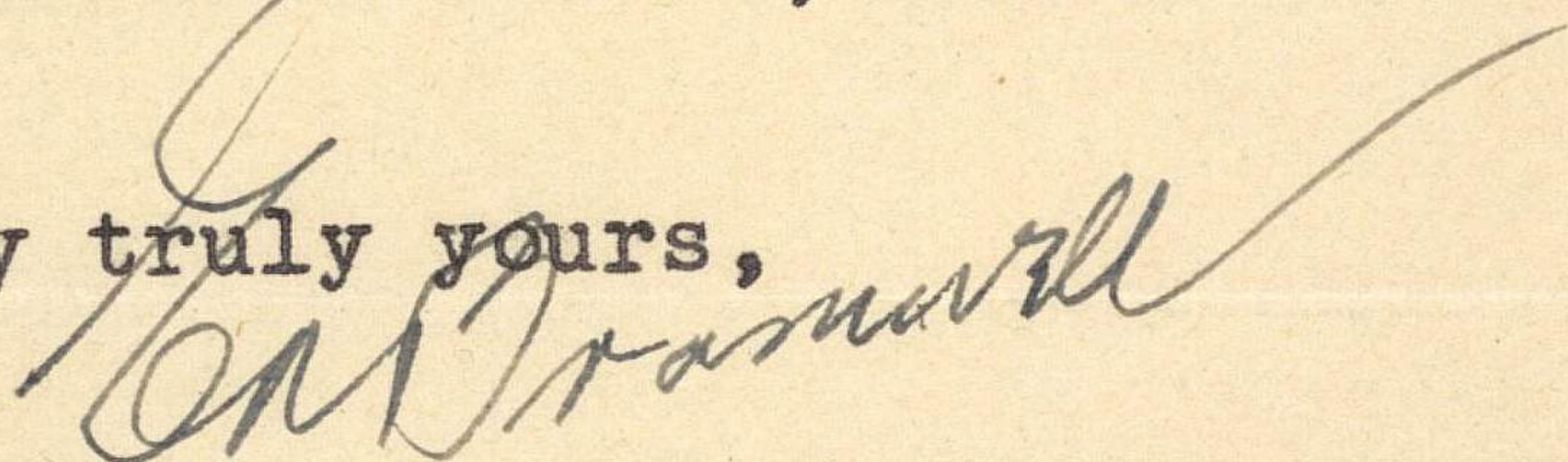
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His name does not now appear in the phone directory, so I'm wondering if you would not forward the post card enclosed to him, to be returned to me when signed, so that I can forward it, with others, and try to make collection for him. Both "Hub" and I will appreciate it.

Thanking you for this assistance, I am

EAB/B

Very truly yours,



By the way, I mentioned this to my wife, she said "I knew both of these Allen boys!" Her name was "Peggy Harris" of the MacDonald family, who ran the lumber yard in Independence, most of them having passed on, except Elbert MacDonalds wife and son Webster, and my wife's brother, Mac Harris. Incidentally, the lady who I laughingly refer to as "My Wife" said "Those Allen boys were such nice boys, and how they did stick together, and help each other". Now, Doctor, you're classified.

Bankers & Shippers Insurance Company
of New York



December 31, 1943.

Dr. Lloyd L. Boughton,
Cramer Chemical Co.,
Gardner, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Boughton:

I realize that I have not written you, Frank and Charles thanking you for your tonsorial Christmas package. I had fully intended to do this and then I was going to ask you about buying a pound of shaving cream, which I think is the finest I have ever used. When I met you on the street I spoke to you about it, and upon my return from Kansas City I find three jars on my desk.

You are certainly a rapid worker and a punctual one. I didn't expect you to give it to me. I wanted to pay for it. I have one of those pound jars of analgesic balm which I have emptied and I had it in mind to parcel post this to you, ask you to fill it up and send me a bill. But I have done it the cheap way, I guess. I just wanted to have a pound on hand so that I could use the two ounce jar and fill that up from the big jar.

I do want you to know that I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and your kindness in bringing it by.

With all good wishes for a very happy New Year under these difficult conditions, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

January 7, 1944.

Mr. F. C. Bannon,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Tim and Jim:

I am sure glad that you took advantage of that old boy while he was down. I have heard often of a fellow taking a pint off a guy, but when you get eight gallons, then you are really going some.

I called Earl Falkenstien immediately upon receipt of your letter and he is sending you four of his best for the Nebraska game.

We are leaving in about an hour for Columbia, Missouri, to play the Tigers down there and I am afraid that our boys are rather youthful for those bloodthirsty Tigers to battle around on their miniature field of carnage. Anyhow, we will fight 'em.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

F. C. BANNON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MANUFACTURERS BANK BUILDING
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

Thursday

Dear Doc: -

Thanks for your letter. I'm happy to report that we're all about o.k. now. (we hope).

A fellow who had a "C" gas book slipped on the ice today and in helping him up, I "frisked" him for 8 gallons of gas. That'll get us to Lawrence and back for the Nebraska game January 15.

Will you please send me 4 tickets to the game and let me know how much I owe you for them.

Pretty fine about Bob and his nice girl Jean.

Best regards to all

Tom & Tim

January 6, 1944.

Mr. Charles Blackmar,
Attorney-at-law,
Commerce Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Chuck:

Your very genuine response to my inquiry of Wednesday morning causes me to thank you sincerely for your very prompt telephonic reply. You gave me exactly what I wanted.

It is my intention to have Milton do his own thinking and his own acting. I merely wanted to show him that I would help him every possible way in making up his mind for the thing that he must decide upon. I think when our youngsters see that we want to be helpful to them, they will at the same time see that we cannot make decisions for them. They must be made by the individual, and I am very sure that the things we have done will enable him to do just that.

With all good wishes and deep appreciation, I am

Fraternally yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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December 31, 1943.

Mr. E. A. Branwell,
213 Reliance Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Branwell:

I have just now obtained Hubert's
address, which is 4832 Ellis Avenue, Chicago.

I trust that you will get a prompt
reply.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.

February 9, 1944.

Mr. Frank Brody,
Sport Desk,
Des Moines Register and Tribune,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Frank:

Thanks for sending me the tear sheet from your sport section. I greatly appreciate this. I tacked it up on the wall for the inspection of our basketball players and it made a distinct impression. They realize that they do not carry through, but in the stress of excitement they revert to their previous reactions.

I guess our prognostications on Iowa State worked out even though Louie lost Sauer. He has a great ball club and I am glad to see him at the top.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

February 11, 1944.

Mr. Ira J. Beard,
Department of Athletics,
Washburn Municipal University,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Ira:

I took your letter to Dean Nesmith, our trainer. He had already found one of the balls and had it wrapped and ready to mail. He did not find the other one.

I am sorry, because I am afraid that it is gone. The auditorium is used by the ASTP every day. I am afraid it fell into erring hands. However, we are making a search for it and of course if we find it we will mail it to you.

I am sorry you and Dee had such a difficult time.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Washburn Municipal Unibersity
of
Topeka, Kansas

February 7, 1944

Dr. Forrest Allen
Director of Physical Education
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:


We left your place in a big hurry last Wednesday night in order to get our squad back to their barracks by ten o'clock.

I wonder by any chance if we left a couple of basketballs. If a couple of balls are found among your property, each bearing a red W, they probably belong to Washburn.

If such is the case, would appreciate your taking care of them until we can pick them up.

Thanking you for your trouble, I am,

Very truly yours,



I. J. Beard

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Washburn Municipal Unibersity
of
Topeka, Kansas

February 12, 1944

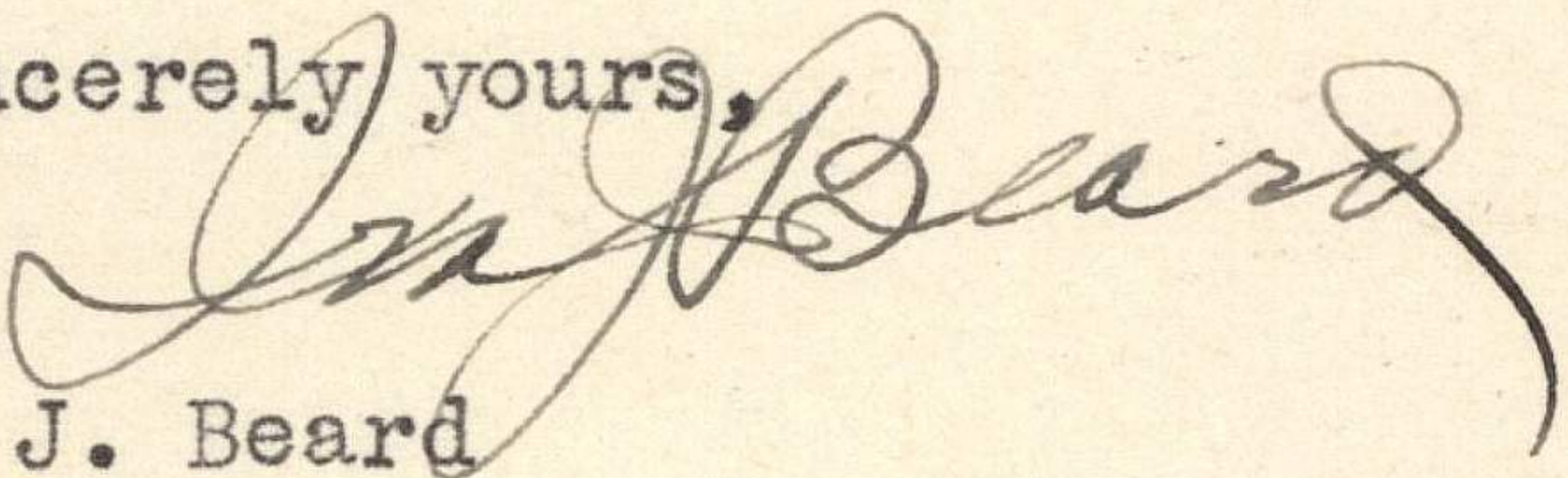
Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

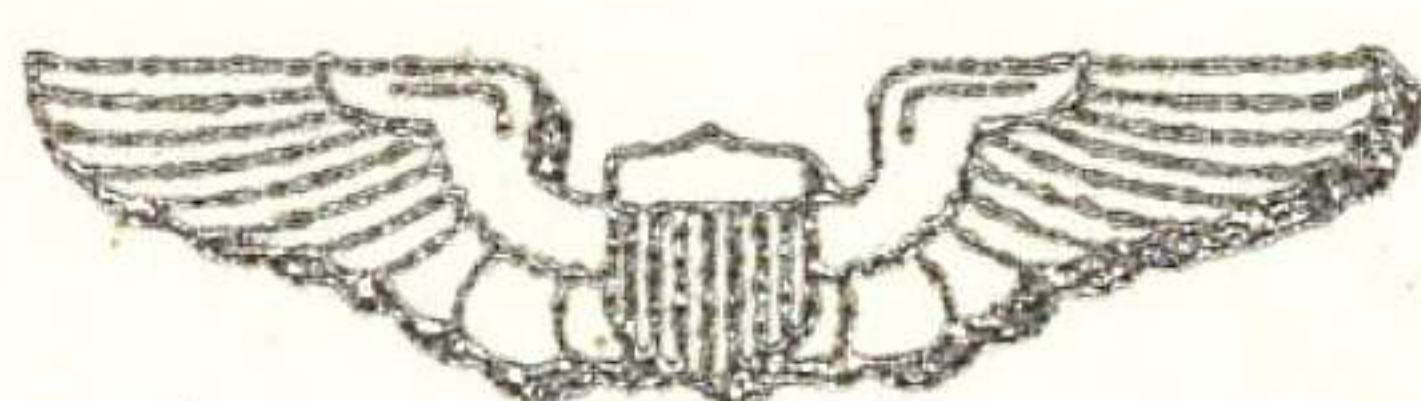
Thanks for sending us the one ball. As far as the other one is concerned, just forget it as it was pretty badly worn.

We did have a tough time getting together with you folks. However, our trouble arising out of that difficulty seems to have blown over.

Sincerely yours,


Ira J. Beard

IJB:fw



Lockbourne Army Air Base
Columbus, Ohio

Mr. Forest C. Allen
H'pt. of Athletics
University of Kansas

Feb. 17, 1944

Dear Mr. Allen

Thank you very much for your reply to my letter. Needless to say, I got a big kick out of showing it to my Oklahoma Aggie friend!

I certainly enjoyed the copies of the "Jayhawk Rebounds" and will appreciate it if you will put me on your mailing list.

I have been in the hospital for the past week with the flu, and ran into Fred Rieder, a private who works here, who is a former B.U. student. I told him about the paper you are putting out and he would like to receive it also.

Again, thanks for your interest and the best of luck to you.

Sincerely
Nick Baskett

I've seen Ohio State play several basketball games - they've been winning - but couldn't carry the ball out on the court for the teams Kansas ~~had~~ had!!
has

February 24, 1944.

Mr. H. H. Brown,
Superintendent of Schools,
Peabody, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Brown:

I called Mr. Earl Falkenstien, financial secretary of the Athletic Association, and asked that he leave four tickets for you at Hoch Auditorium, the place where we play basketball. You may call for them prior to game time, which is 7:30 p.m.

If you are on the campus at one o'clock on Saturday afternoon, if you will go to the Bursar's Office in Frank Strong Hall, you will find Mr. Falkenstien in Mr. Klooz's office and he will be glad to take care of you.

Answering your question regarding boys in civilian clothes, I might say there is absolutely no discrimination or unpleasantness at all. There are so many boys here that are 17 years of age there is nothing ever said about it.

I will be glad to talk to you immediately after the game if you will come down on the floor where I will wait for you, and I will be glad to meet your son and the other young man coming with you. I should also like to say hello to Mrs. Brown.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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PEABODY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

H. H. BROWN, Superintendent

PEABODY, KANSAS

Feb, 20 - 44

Prof F C Allen
Lawrence Kans.

Dear Mr Allen:

Would it be possible to reserve four tickets to the game next Saturday night between K.U. and M.U. I do not know the ticket situation but would like to see the game and also see Moffett play. If I may have the tickets, let me know the time and place that I may obtain them.

Mrs Brown and I are bringing two senior boys who think they will enter K.U. this summer. They are just seventeen and hope to pass V12 but will go to school if they don't. They are not very good athletes.

How are these boys in civilian clothes treated by other students? Are they made to feel they should be in service? I should like to talk to you for a few minutes but know you are busy. Of course one of the boys is mine, and I'm anxious that he obtain a sample of college before he

PEABODY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

H. H. BROWN, Superintendent

PEABODY, KANSAS

enters service.

I plan to be in Lawrence by 1:00 P.M. Sat. so can get the tickets in the afternoon. You may have many such requests and of course do not know me but I'd still like to have the tickets. I do not know the price but will not be hard to satisfy just so we get to see the game.

Sincerely

H.H. Brown

WAR DEPARTMENT

Pfc D.E.Blair

H&S Co 282nd Engr C Bn

Camp Butner, N.C.

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2 January 1944

Dear Dr. Allen;

It has been some time since I wrote you last, and there have been quite a few changes in my status in the army. As you may have heard the advanced calculus got a little too rough to handle for me in my course in New York University and I was dropped from the ASTP program there. I think the main trouble was that I should have had elementary calculus before I went to the program but they put me in it anyway and as a result it was like playing a basketball game before you have the fundamentals. It just can't be done.

From New York University I was transferred to a Combat Engineer Battalion in Fort Devens, Mass. I had not even gotten my barracks bags unpacked in Fort Devens when we were ordered to move down here to Camp Butner, North Carolina where I am stationed now. The whole Group (equalivent of a regiment) of engineers moved down with us and we have just about taken over one corner of the camp. At the present time we are not anywhere near up to full strength. We only have the cadre and a few trainees. We don't know when we are to received the rest of our men and until that time we are in a cadre training schedule. I was classified by the Board of this battalion as a clerk and typist mainly because I had had so high school typing and at that time they were in need of a typist. I don't know whether I will remain at this work in Battalion headquarters after the trainees come in or not. That about covers my experiences since leaving New York University.

Before I left N Y University a group of fellows and myself scrimmaged with the varsity of N Y U. The game was very ragged and either team had had much practice. That was in late November. We did not keep score but they did beat us I am sorry to say. I see that Bruce Drake's boys are to play NYU in New York in March near the last of the schedule. You can tell Bruce that his boys better be on their bicycles the night they play NYU because they have a bunch of little warts who could go between Ballard's legs without bending over but they are as fast as lightening and can all hit around the free throw circle and out ten feet further, with a darned good percentage. They had one boy who was playing center at that time for them who was taller than the rest, but they don't need to worry about him because he is a very weak spot. They didn't seem to have much system to their play when I saw them but they did fast break every chance they got and did work a few "western screens" around the single pivot post. Most of their screens are pulling the man into the open for a shot in about the place that a forward shoots on a number 1 play of ours. They used a tight man for man defense but did check men.

I don't suppose that I will get to see any good basketball this year as I don't think that I will be in the mid-west. I have had a hard time conveniencing some of the boys around here of that but there are a couple of fellows from John Buescher's home state who lend me support. One of them knows a boy who roomed with John's favorite Beardstown subject, Art Duefimeyer, (spelling of the name is no doubt wrong but I think you know or have heard of the boy from Buescher) when he was attending the University of Illinois last year.

I better close this letter and get some sleep now as I am on duty tonight as Charge of Quarters. Tell Dean and all the rest of the gang hello for me. Good luck on the rest of your schedule in basketball. My Uncle has been sending me the clippings of most of the games. Tell the "human handcuff" of Convention Hall fame of last year (Sparky) that I hope that he repeats his feat in all of the game this year.

Sincerely yours,

Don Blair

Pfc D.E.Blair
H & S Co. 282nd Engr C Bn
Camp Butner, N.C.

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KANSAS AUTHORS TO MEET.
TOPEKA, Jan. 18.—Members of the

Lettered in Track 1939, '40, '41.
P. E. Major.

DO YOU KNOW?



1. That you can enroll in physical activity classes for credit?

“Physical activity courses are designed primarily to secure health, recreation and physical skills. Students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are permitted to present four semester hours of credit in physical education for graduation.”—*Univ. catalogue.*

CONSULT THE COLLEGE SCHEDULE

2. That both men and women students desiring to specialize in Physical Education may enroll in the New Four Year Curriculum in Physical Education?

Register in the School of Education and enroll at the Physical Education table during regular enrollment.

CONSULT THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE

3. That a golf course, tennis courts, handball courts, swimming pool, gymnasium and other recreation facilities are available to students?

For information—men call at 105 Robinson gym; women, 106 Robinson gym.

4. That it is possible for you to participate in your favorite sport thru the opportunities offered all students in the Intramural Sports Program?

Register for Intramural Sports—men, room 107 Robinson gym; women, 108 Robinson gym.

January 26, 1944.

Lieut. Richard R. Baskett,
Dept. of Training,
Bomb Approach Section,
Lockbourne Army Air Base,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Dick:

I am sending you a carbon copy of a letter that I have written Vernon Snell, sports writer on the Daily Oklahoman. I thought you would be interested in this because it answers all the questions that you desire to know concerning our record with the Oklahoma Aggies since Hank Iba has been there.

I am sending you one of the Jayhawk Rebounds, a monthly publication we send to our boys. I am wondering if you would like to be included on the mailing list. If so, let me know and we will add your name.

Our basketball team is not so hot this year, but they are a bunch of hard-working, scrappy youngsters, and after all, that is about the only thing we could expect.

Lots of good luck, Dick.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



LOCKBOURNE ARMY AIR BASE
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Dept of Physical Training
University of Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen

I have a request to make of you regarding the record of your basketball teams.

As an alumnus of the University, I naturally stand up for the superior brand of basketball as displayed by your teams, which always leads into some friendly arguments.

I have a good friend here who attended Oklahoma A. & M. We got into an argument about the past records between K. U. and the Aggies. I attended K. U. from 1936 to 1940 and can't remember the Aggies beating us, but he seems to have a different idea.

If you will send me a record for about the past ten years between the Aggies and us, I certainly will appreciate it.

Good luck in the conference race, and thank you.

Sincerely yours
Lt. Richard Baskett

March 9, 1944.

Mr. Robert Bock,
328 East 14th St.,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Bob:

I was shocked and grieved to learn of the serious illness of your father. I admire your pluck and courage, Bob. You of necessity must be the man of the family because from the way you describe your father's illness I fear that it will be a very serious thing. Uremia is always fraught with so much danger, and the fact that your dad was such a tireless worker and did not give up until right at the last makes me believe that you have a very ill father. My prayers will be for his eventual recovery, and please convey to your good mother and your fine sister my sincerest wishes for the same.

You need not apologize for taking my time upon any occasion. It is always a pleasure to hear from you, and it will be an added pleasure to see you when you come through. All the people of our staff are very fond of you on account of your directness, your courtesy and your consideration for others. You made a very definite impression at the University of Kansas and we will be wishing for the time and the opportunity when you may come back and finish your degree. Your training which you received at home is forcefully exemplified by the attributes above mentioned. I knew when I first met you that you had a lovely home because you showed it in every act and deed.

Don't worry about the loss to Iowa State, Bob. There are so many other things of such a greater magnitude in this world of ours at present that it is merely a passing incident compared to the great tragedies that are now taking place. Of course, boys must have their time to play and athletics are one of the provisions that the educators have permitted to take the pressure off things. Otherwise we would have a lot of old men too soon.

You mention in your letter that you put Paine on the first team and the second team, but I know that was just a typographical error due to the fact that you were perhaps using the "hunt and peck" system in rather a hasty manner. Collins was a great player, and the fact that he scored so much would doubtless cause the unprejudiced people to vote in favor of Collins. He was colorful, and personally I think that he was the answer to the Tigers' finishing up as far as

they did. Pippin was a good man but he did not contribute to the Missouri team what Collins did.

When you come in we will have a good visit. Be sure to convey my very best to your fine family.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Monday evening, March 6

328 East 12 Street
Hutchinson, Kansas

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Robinson Gymnasium
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen,

I was sorry to hear about the boys' loss to Iowa State last Friday night. Menze's boys really poured it on, didn't they. But it was about time for, if you look back over the season, it was the only really good game they came up with. Why with the material they had, those Cyclone's should have, as you had predicted, took the measure of the other Big Six teams in a breeze; yet, a "just mediocre" Oklahoma team took them for a sound 14 point thrashing to tie for first place.

Well, with the season over, what do you think of the all-conference team I selected. (I was forced to choose it the day before the KU-MU game because that was the last publication date while I was still around). I chose Barrington, Ray Wehde, Brookfield, Paine, and Collins on the first five, with McSpadden, Ramsey, Paine, Oulman, and Moffett on the second five. Perhaps "Sparkey" should have received the call over Collins--I believe he's a better player--but the fact that the Tigers finished in a tie with us might warrant a selection on the first team for the Missourians. Or should I. State be given a third man, Oulman; but then what about Oklahoma, whose Ramsey and Prior aren't, in

my opinion, quite wort~~h~~y of such distinction. I am anxious to see the choices of the A.P. and the K.C. Star.

Well, Dr. Allen, here's the dope on my father straight out: Daddy was always a hard driver, a tireless worker. A very s~~u~~ccessful dentist he was, who on top of the full day of work required by his profession, served also as mayor for six years--putting in sewer system, paving streets, and improving park--, was active # and a leader in the Lion's Club and the Masonic Lodge, and was presently clerk of the school board. In a word, he was like yourself, a servant of the public. And of course that was the only way he could be happy.

Apparently, according to his # doctors here, Hall and Paine, ^{he} happened to be afflicted with "malignant hypertension." Although he is a young man, ## ^{only} ~~47~~ 47, it has been five years since he has had anything resembling normal health. Three years ago he was told at Wichita that he had very high blood pressure. Then he went to Halstead a year ago, but they got him off on the wrong track. Just a week ago last Wednesday he came here to Hutchinson nearly at the end of his rope and he seems to be getting steadily worse. This high blood pressure, as you know, comes with the hardening of the arteries (usually) which, of course, "shrink" causing greater pressure in the flow of the blood. Not that letting up on his work would have made a great deal of difference, his heart muscles have gradually weakened (his heart is greatly enlarged), his hemoglobin# count falling low, and now his organs--the stomach, liver, and kidneys--are just "about shot."

Uremia--the poisonous or toxic condition of his stomach coming from the improper elimination of the kidneys--is what is giving him such acute abdominal pains just now. The doctors give us little hope for him, but they can not daunt the spirit of my### mother, my sister, and myself. My dad is just too darn tough and scrappy to go down; despite convulsions, brain lesions, the non-functioning of the stomach (any of which the doctors predict), come what may we will not give up until the very end.

Dr. Allen I don't know why I was overcome with a little "over emotionacism" when I bade farewell to you that morning. Why I have kept perfect composure all through this--the biggest crises in my life--but I just simply have to: I must be a "man" for there are my mother and my little sister.

I don't believe I need to tell you how much I "loved" my experience at K.U. It was among the grandest days of my life--but they've all been fine for I have such wonderful parents--and as soon as this war is over I'll be back there on the hill.

My orders are due anyday now and if they have ## me report to Ft. Leavenworth for my "processing," I will be sure to stop and see you, Charley Moffett and my friends at the Delt house, and the other dear K.U. people.

I want to# a#pologize for taking so much of your time for I didn't know I was writing so much. But please tell everyone in the physical education department--Mrs. Hulteen, Henry Shenk, Dean, Strait, Schaake, and the others--"Hello" for me if you ^{will} ~~would~~.

Very Sincerely

Bob Bock

Bob Bock