

March 9, 1944.

Mr. Robert Bock,
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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