

SECURITY NATIONAL BANK

Kansas City, Kansas

From the Desk of—  
MAURICE L. BREIDENTHAL,  
President.

Dear Phog—

I was glad to get your note and also the 38 Pages of Rebounds. I spent most of my morning reading that. It is easy to see how the boys in the Service simply eat this up. You are entitled to a lot of credit for this effort— but you should have a Dictaphone so you would not be dependent upon a secretary and her notes.

Phog I have been home



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for over two weeks now and  
I believe I have this thing  
licked — altho they are still  
shooting the Penicillin into me.

any way I am picking up  
strength and eating like a  
horse. I would like nothing

better than to have you  
drop by 431 to 15th for a  
visit. The first chance you  
get be sure and do this,

Please give my regards to  
Mrs Allen.

Sincerely  
Maurice



September 12, 1945

Rush Captain  
Sigma Chi  
1245 West Campus  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I should like to call your attention to the capabilities of Duke C. Burt, as rush material for your fraternity. His father, Harold Burt, former star full-back at the University in 1922, 1923, and 1924, spoke to me when he was here with his family, and asked if I would kindly get in touch with the representative of your fraternity to see if it would be possible to offer him some rush dates.

You doubtless already know the capabilities of Duke Burt as a fine athlete and excellent student. He is working out daily with the University football team. I am sorry that I cannot give you his room address but that can be easily ascertained. I will greatly appreciate any courtesy that you may show him with rush dates.

Sincerely yours,

Forrest C. Allen  
Director, Physical Education  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Sigma Alpha Epsilon  
1301 West Campus  
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Phi Delta Theta  
1409 Tennessee St.  
Lawrence, Kansas

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September 1, 1945

The Registrar's Office  
Stanford University  
Stanford, California

Dear Sir:

We understand that John W. Bunn, Dean of Men at your University has joined the armed forces and has been awaiting transfer overseas. As we do not have his address we are writing to ask you if you will please forward it to us. We have a Newsletter that we put out, and we should like Mr. Bunn to get this.

Thank you for your service.

Yours very truly,

Marjorie E. Dinsmore, Secretary to  
Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Physical  
Education Director.

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October 19, 1945

Sp (A) 2/c Dom A. Brano  
Navy Athletic Center  
20 Milk Street  
Portland, Maine:

Dear Dom:

I received the money for the book "Better Basketball" and am sending it under separate cover today. I believe that you will find this book to be a great help because I use the same ideas in my varsity basketball coaching.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lm



WELFARE & RECREATION OFFICE

U. S. NAVAL STATION

79 Exchange Street

PORTLAND 3, MAINE

16 October 1945

Mr. Forest C. Allen  
Director, Physical Education  
Varsity Basketball Coach  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen;

Received your letter of 22 August 1945  
in regards to the new book you wrote on  
"Better Basketball." I would like it very  
much, and hoping that I receive it very  
shortly.

Enclosed you will find \$4.10, for the  
book and postage.

Thanking you ever so much, I am

Sincerely  
Sp (A) / c Tom. A. Burns.



October 15, 1945

Mr. Nelson Blakemore  
Bedford, Iowa

Dear Mr. Blakemore:

I am sending you my textbook, "Better Basketball" duly autographed as requested by Mrs. Blakemore for Pvt. Jimmie Nelson. Thank you for your money order of \$4.00.

With all good wishes. I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Bedford, Iowa.  
Oct. 11, 1945

Dear Mr. Allen,

Two summers ago at the Iowa  
Coaching School you said you would  
send upon request your book on  
Basketball. I think you said  
it cost \$4. Would you please  
send me a copy. If the \$4 is not  
enough you can send it C. O. D. for  
the balance.

Sincerely,  
Nelson Blakemore  
Bedford  
Iowa

(over)



Dear Mr. Allen -

Nelson's cousin, "Pot. Jimmie  
Nelson" who is with the troops in Japan has  
requested this book - Will you please autograph  
it for him? Thank you -

Mrs. Blakemore



Nelson Blakemore  
Bedford, Iowa

BEDFORD, IOWA.  
OCT 12  
6:30 PM  
1945



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



Stanford University Calif.  
Sept. 9 - 1945

Dr. Forrest C. Allen:  
Kansas University

Dear Dr. Allen:

The office here has sent me a letter from your secretary, Miss Dinamore, asking for John's address overseas. I shall be happy to send it, for I know John would enjoy the newsletter.

John is teaching in the sports program in Germany and expects to go from there to Cherbourg and then to Nice. He mentioned in to-day's <sup>entry</sup> that Adolph Rupp had just joined his group at Seckenheim.

John is on leave from Stanford for a year, so will be on the campus here very little after his return.

~~His~~ address is

Special Services Athletic Section.

Hq. Com. 2, U.S.F.E.T., A.P.O. 887,

c/o P.M., NYC

N.Y.

c/o Col. Kenneth Fields

Best wishes for you and Mrs. Allen.

Most sincerely

Bonnie Bunn -



November 7, 1945

Mr. H. B. Burchett  
3437 Michigan  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear H.B.:

I will be very happy to look at the knee again when you drop in. I am always at my office on Saturday morning. I presume that you would like to stop by next Saturday as we play Kansas State here. Let me know if that will be convenient and I will be glad to look at your knee.

Give your step-dad, Mr. Henry B. Stewart, my regards.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Nov. 1, 1945  
3437 Michigan  
Kansas City Mo.

Dear Dr. Allen,

I was down to see you, a few weeks ago, about my left knee.

I stayed for the game that afternoon, and enjoyed it very much. I thank you very much for the ticket.

I looked for you after the game, and stood outside the K.C. dressing room till all the crowd had left and most of the players had come out. I am very sorry I missed you.

My knee is better than it was then. But it still gives me trouble. I can't seem to straighten it out, and at times I can not bend it, but so far back, untill it snaps, then it is all right.

My step dad, Mr. Henry B. Stuart, would like for you to take another look at it. I can come down any Saturday that it is convenient for you to see me. If you would please drop me a card and let me know just when, I am sure I can make it, and would appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,

H. B. Burchett



November 10, 1945.

Mr. H. B. Burchett,  
3437 Michigan,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Burchett:

I will be looking for you next Saturday morning. However, I have a meeting at 10 o'clock, and suggest that you come to my office at 9:30 a.m. I will be glad to see you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



November 8th, 1945  
3437 Michigan  
Kansas City, Mo

Mr. Forrest C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence Kan.

Dear Mr. Allen,

I received your letter today and I will be  
down Saturday morning, November 17th. I will be  
planing on seeing K.U. beat Kansas State that after-  
noon.

See you then.

Sincerely yours,

*H. B. Burchett*

*9. 6. 10 -  
- 6. 2 (9:30)*



# The First Methodist Church

"The Laymen's Church"

THOMAS ALFRED WILLIAMS, MINISTER

330 NORTH BROADWAY . TELEPHONE 3-8105

Wichita 2, Kansas

October 8, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

This is to express my personal appreciation for your address to the Methodist men and boys at Salina. I heard many fine remarks of appreciation for the thoughts you gave us. I was very sorry I could not talk to you a minute afterwards and convey my thanks, but another meeting was coming up, and I had to go to it. I'm sure the same was true for many of the other ministers. Annual Conference always keeps us hurrying from one meeting to another.

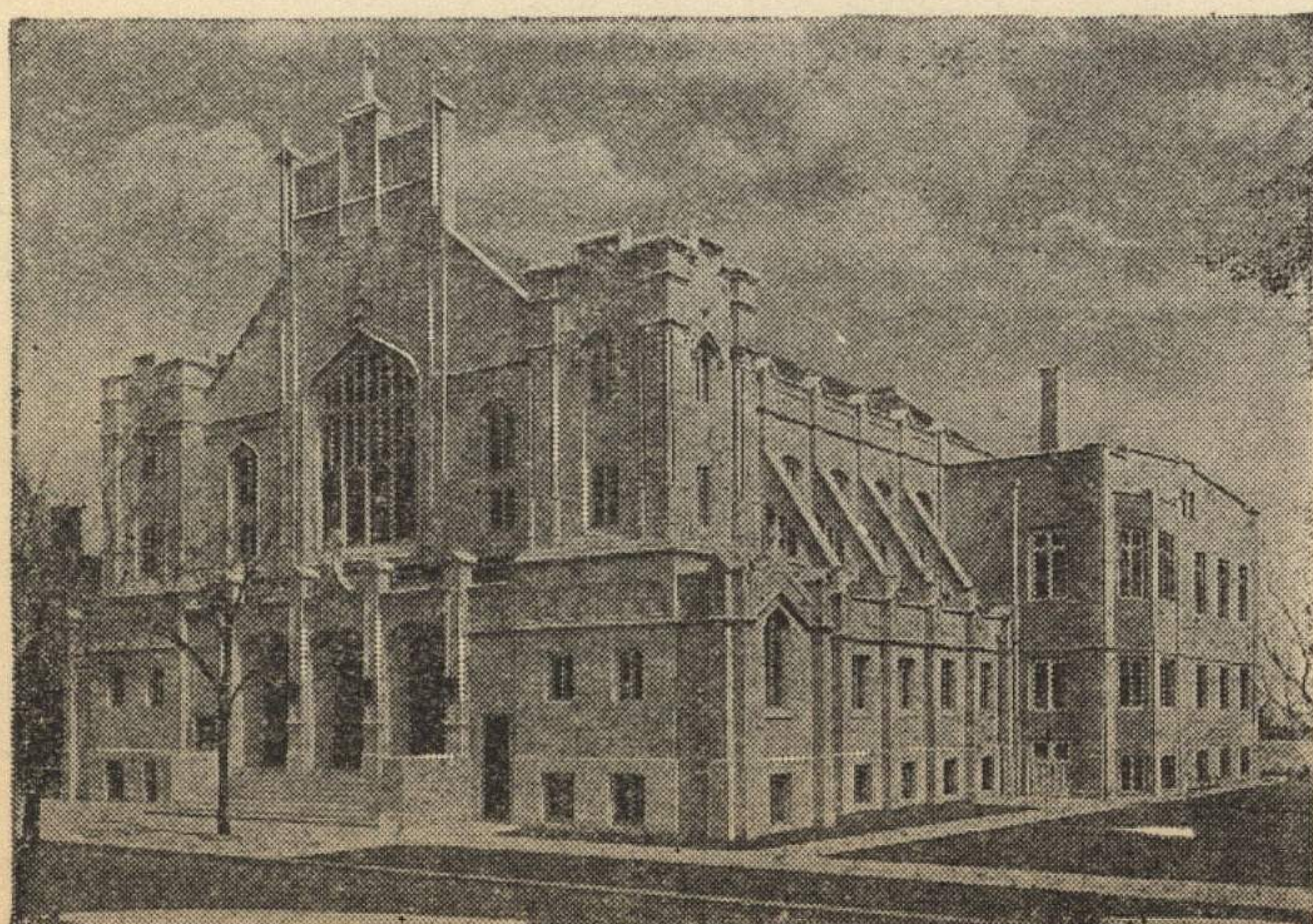
Changing the subject, I would like to bring to your attention a boy who is now enrolled in K. U. His name is Milford Pritchard. Milford was a lieutenant in the air forces, a bombardier, and made his missions from Italy over Germany. He received his discharge last summer. I think he is around 27 years of age. He went to school with the idea that he was too old to go out for athletics or mix much in the social life of the school. He is a fine athlete, having played on major teams, both baseball and basketball, here in the city before going into the service. I think a word of encouragement from you about going out for basketball would help.

I appreciate how busy you are, and do not want you to go to any trouble, but if you have opportunity to speak to him, I would appreciate it greatly.

Best wishes to you in your work, and good luck during the coming season.

Most sincerely,

*Clarence J. Borger*  
Clarence J. Borger,  
Assoc. Pastor.





October 27, 1945

Pfc. Robert L. Bock  
9911 T.S.U. S.G.O. Det.  
Medical Supply Services School  
St. Louis, 2, Missouri

Dear Bob:

You'd better come back to old Mount Oread and add to the great chorus of Rock Chalk, Jay Hawk, KU. You will never be satisfied unless you finish at Kansas.

Only Charlie Black is back here now, and this would be a good year for you to show your wares on Mount Oread. I am sure that it would not take you long to establish your Sports Editor's Claim on the Kansan, so we are inviting you back with open arms, and trust that you will respond pronto!

Anyhow, come back and see us before you decide on Emporia. It's a fine school, but you are in a bigger league here.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education  
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:GH



Oct 25 1945

Dear Phog,

I'm getting out of AAF  
within the month under new  
order releasing cadets & pre-  
Cadets (enlisted reservists &  
voluntary inductees) as surplus  
personnel. I've been in 20  
months.

I'm undecided on whether  
I'll go to KU or KSTC, Emporia.  
I have Sports Editors post  
on Emporia Gazette offered me.  
And I'd study music at the  
fine music school there.

I've played much basketball  
in the army under Lt. Eugene  
De Follis, Perrin Field, Sherman,  
Texas. I have that old  
"savoir faire" I lacked



when I was under your  
tutelage. However, I  
was handicapped <sup>just a little</sup> that  
winter of 43-44 with a  
fractured patella of rt knee.  
<sup>sizeable</sup> chunk is separated about  
quarter inch from cap but  
it bothers me no more.

But you'll have Evans,  
Black, Schnellbacher all  
back this winter I would  
expect and I'd do best  
if I want to play basketball  
to go to KSTC.

Just that I'd let you  
know about me. As Harry  
Morrow still with J.W.P. I  
could not even get enrolled  
in Journalism School until  
I'd finish 2nd semester  
English Comp. But if



I could get old Sports-  
editorship back that  
would be strong incentive  
to go back to the great  
place on Mt. Oread. Of  
course, these words might  
lead one to think differently. But  
it's all a matter of where  
I can get the most of  
what I want.

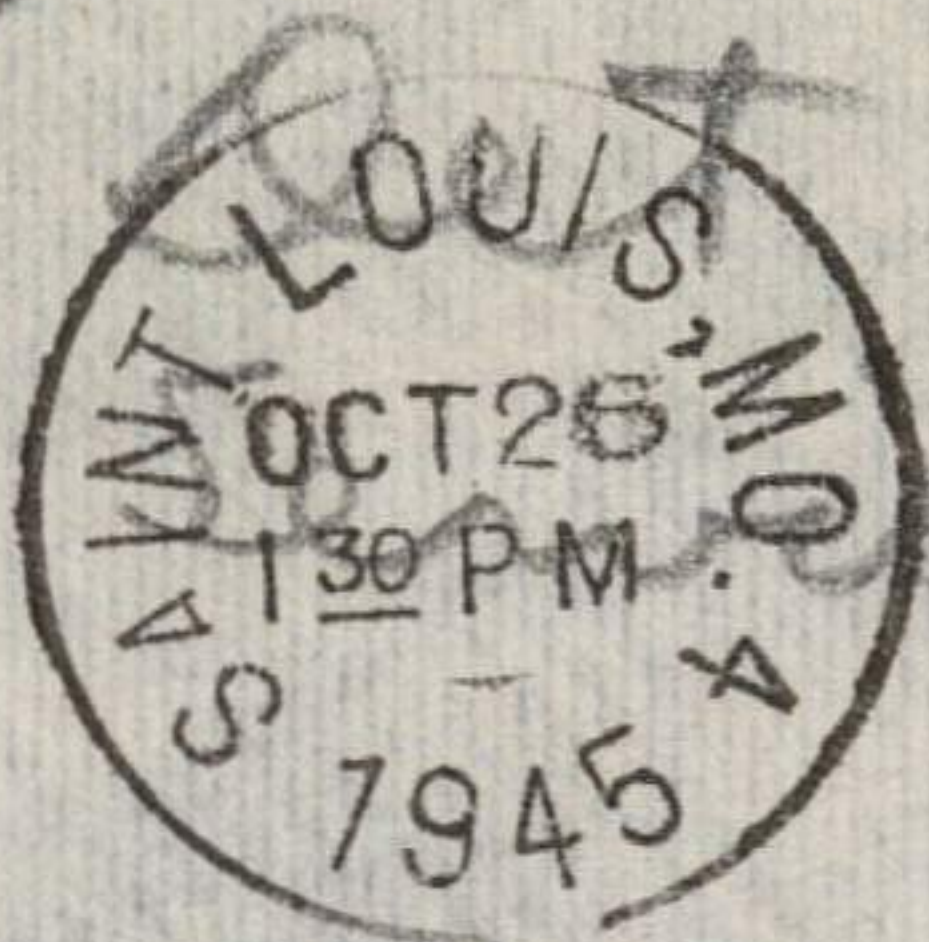
Cordially  
Bob Bock



Pfc Robert L. Bock, 17199786

Free

9911 T.S.U. S.C.O.  
Medical Supply  
St Louis 2, Mo



Phog Allen  
K.U.  
Lawrence  
Kansas



October 30, 1945

Miss. M. Halstead, Secretary  
H. Roe Bartle  
Lared Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Miss Halstead:

I have your letter asking me to obtain tickets for the football game. Mr. Ernie Falkenstein, financial secretary, of the Athletic Association left with the team Friday morning for Wichita. They played Saturday and he didn't return to his office until this morning.

I took the check in to him and he will give Mr. Bartle the very best possible tickets that he has. I personally appealed to him for it. There has been such a tremendous demand for these seats that they may not be as good as they would have been even two weeks ago but I can assure you that they are as good as I could possibly get for myself. By the way, I have not gotten mine yet so you rest assured that I did everything I could for Mr. Bartle.

You tell Roe that there isn't any trip I wouldn't take for him even on a dark and stormy night.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lm



November 1, 1945

Pfc. Robert L. Bock, 17199786  
9911 TSU SGO Det.1  
MSSS, St. Louis, 2, Missouri

Dear Mfc. Bock:

Dr. Allen just dropped into the office for a few minutes on his way to basketball practice. He had been in Topeka all day and just made it back. He asked me to write and tell you that today they are enrolling in the 12 week term. If you enter either one, two, or three weeks late you can still get enough hours and will be eligible for varsity sports.

Dr. Allen will write to you later when he has time but he wanted to tell you about the enrollment.

Sincerely,

Lela Mings, Secretary



Oct 30, 1945

Dear Phog,

Glad to get your letter and yes it did appeal to my sense of loyalty to state and alma mater. KU moved to the top of my list, if I can matriculate mid-semester or whatever week of the term it will be in mid-November I'll most likely be with you.

Will I have to wait to February. In such case I'll perhaps find school on quarter term basis so I can play basketball this winter. I don't want to have to wait from now to Feb to get started again.

Sincerely  
Bob Rock



November 7, 1945

Mr. Charles R. Braden  
Elsmore, Kansas

Dear Mr. Braden:

Thank you so much for sending me the picture of the athletic group which included my brother, Harry B. "Pete" Allen. He was Lt. Col. at Stanford University for the past seven years and also commandant of the R.O.T.C. of Stanford University until he was retired at 65 on his last birthday. He is with Haney Company in San Francisco as the safety director. He lives at Palo Alto and I know that he would be glad to see you when you are out on the coast. Won't you look him up?

It is most thoughtful of you to offer the grain cradle for our museum. I have just talked to Raymond Nichols, Executive Secretary to the Chancellor, and he says that the University would indeed be happy to accept the cradle from you. They now have in the museum a replica of the first McCormick Harvester and this doubtless could go along with that. If you would care to ship it to me or Mr. Nichols we will see that it gets into proper hands for exhibition and permanent care.

Yes, I am glad that we have at least gotten one man from Nebraska. They have drawn so many excellent Kansas athletes that I am glad to see some reciprocity. Gene Petersen is not a kurland but he will make a great player before he finishes college. He is but eighteen years of age and a fine student. I expect great things from him.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes and appreciation for your thoughtfulness, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA/lm



Mr. F. C. Allen,  
Lawrence, Kans.

Elsmore, Kans.  
Oct. 8-1945.

Dear Sir:

While looking through some old pictures yesterday, I ran across this one. I thought perhaps you might like to have it because of its age and the fact that your brother Harry was in it. I graduated from K.U. in 1904 and knew "Pete" quite well. If you should not care for this picture, it might be that he would.

Also I have an old grain cradle that is in excellent condition which I bought at a public sale a year or so ago. It had been hanging on the same nail for almost fifty years. I am leaving



for California in December and do not care to  
"hang it on another nail." Would like to give it to the  
University if they can use it in any way, maybe  
in the museum. Please contact the proper  
parties and learn if they would like to have it. If  
so, I will send it up at first opportunity. They  
would like to have it at Manhattan but U. comes  
first.

I notice in the press news that you have a  
really tall center this year - and that he is from Nebraska.  
Nice going. Hope he proves another Kusland. Am  
sorry that I will not get to attend any of your games  
this year but am planning to see the Rose Bowl game  
as a substitute.

Yours respectfully,  
Chas. P. Braden