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November 7, 1945

Mr. Dan Partner
Sports Desk
Kansas City Star
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Dan:

I was quite sure that I had autographed a copy of "Better Basketball" for you because I had a conversation with Dr. Peete concerning you when I sent it. I had presumed that it had been misplaced and I was happy to send you another.

I am glad that you are going to handle the basketball coverage for the Star this Winter. I know that it will be done in your usual highly efficient coverage of this game.

Regarding Gene Petersen. It is a rather interesting angle. Gene wanted to study veterinary medicine. He had visited personally with Louie Menze at Ames and he also made a trip to Manhattan to visit Coach Fritz Knorr, as well as writing Ohio State. Nebraska does not have a veterinary course, neither does Kansas but he states that he has always wanted to come to Kansas even during his high school days.

Confidentially at this moment, when he came down to Lawrence and paid his own expenses I sold him on the larger influence that he would have and the greater service that he could render as a medical doctor. His highest grades were 98 and his lowest was 84. He had 95 in chemistry so you can see that his future long after his college days were over was the thing that he was seriously considering.

This is also confidential to you. Gene Petersen wrote me two letters neither of which I answered. When he wrote me the first one and I refused to answer he wrote me the second saying, "I think I know why you didn't answer my letter."

Pat Penny, a newspaper reporter, who was then writing Hill stuff for the Journal World came by here on her rounds. I pulled the two letters out of the desk drawer where I had lain them and said, "Pat, here is some news which you cannot print." Pat is the sports editor of the University Daily Kansan at the present time. She looked at them and said, "Well, I can write him, Can't I?" And she wrote him on her Phi Pi stationery.

Mr. Dan Partner, November 7, 1945.....2

I do not want to do this at the present time because I want to let the "brothers" guess but I wanted you to know the story. When we get together I will be able to spin some good yarns with you. With all good wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach

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THE KANSAS CITY STAR.

MORNING EVENING SUNDAY WEEKLY

KANSAS CITY 17. MO.

Tuesday

Dear Phog:

I'm begging forgiveness....In unpacking our household goods that have been in storage since December of '42 I found a handsomely autographed copy of "Better Basketball." And so I'm returning the copy I borrowed. Thank you.....Enjoyed the short visit in the office and am looking forward to a long session of shooting the breeze with you....I'm scheduled to handle the bounce-bounce coverage for The Star this winter so will be running into you often, I hope.....What's the dope on the bean-pole center I hear you "swiped" from the dear old U. of Neb.??? Let me hear from you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Jan", written over a horizontal line.

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September 12, 1945

Mr. Arthur G. Peterson
5421 South 29th St.
South Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Arthur:

I have just finished talking with your mother this morning. I am sorry that I could not get you because I was going to tell you that the information contained in Dean Thompson's letter is erroneous. According to conference rules you are eligible to play in any Fall, Winter, or Spring sport when you enter school. There is no requirement that makes it necessary for you to complete two semesters with twenty-four hours credit. Why an official in any institution, with full knowledge of the rules, would make such a statement dumbfounds me.

I looked up the eligibility rules and the interesting thing was that Dean Thompson made the motion that during the war the one year residence eligibility rule was to be discontinued. It was seconded by Professor Craft of the University of Oklahoma. So it is very clear indeed.

I have looked at the copy of your transcript and I want to compliment you on your very excellent grades. You are a splendid student and we are very proud to have such a student and athlete as you here at the University.

Doubtless some people may say that you are coming to the University for the purpose of playing basketball. You should be very sure to disabuse anyone's mind of this fact when you are such a fine student.

When you come to the University, Sept. 18, come into Robinson Gymnasium to the office of Physical Education where you will find me, and where we shall be very happy to make every arrangement for your room and other student facilities. Please let me know the time of arrival in Lawrence, and whether by train or bus. With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Forrest C. Allen
Director, Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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October 6, 1945

Mr. Max Patrick, Sports Editor
The Associated Press
Star Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Skipper Patrick:

During our short and pleasant discussion last Thursday afternoon I forgot to relate to you that I was the founder of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. The coaches association was formed as a protest of the Rules Committee deleting the dribble without discussing it with the coaches.

I was the first research chairman of both the Coaches Association and Rules Body. I also promoted Nasmith Night for the purpose of giving Dr. Nasmith a honorarium for his services to the game of basketball as originated. Dr. Nasmith had not been frugal financially and had lost his home in the first World War. This act was to restore his home and to give him some ready cash in his older days. We presented him a check for \$7400 and some odd dollars. This amount together with his retirement fund from the university left him comfortably situated.

I also got basketball as a regular sport in the Olympic games. In 1936 Dr. Nasmith's sport was one of the regular events of competition at Berlin. In 1940 the games were to be in Tokyo but the war interrupted that, of course.

I only mention these things because I thought perhaps you would write something on them at some time. Also you might want to know about them so if anything came up in your writing you could have access to this sketchy background that I have given you.

If at anytime in the future you want to discuss these points I will be happy to give them to you. With all good wishes. I am,

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STAR BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MO.

OCT. 2, '45

DR. FORREST C. ALLEN,
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS,
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

DEAR DR. ALLEN,

I WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH YOU FOR ABOUT A HALF HOUR
THURSDAY AFTERNOON IF CONVENIENT WITH YOU.

I WANT TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT SEVERAL THINGS. I UNDERSTAND
IT WAS ABOUT 40 YEARS AGO THAT YOU ENTERED K.U.

I THINK THAT YOU HAVE DONE AS MUCH FOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL
AS ANY MAN IN THE NATION, CERTAINLY MORE THAN ANYONE IN THIS SECTION.

IF IT IS OK WITH YOU, I'LL BE OVER AROUND NOON THURSDAY FOR
A CHAT.

REGARDS,



MAX "SKIPPER" PATRICK, SPORTS ED

Sept. 15, 1945
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Dear Doctor Allen -

I have set up temporary residence as a neighbor of yours right over here in St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City. My knee continued to bother me during the summer so after an exam by Doctors Dickson and Dively, orthopedic specialists over here, they decided to remove the cartilage. They did find the cartilage to be badly fractured and it had to be removed in several pieces. The operation was Monday (Sept. 10) so now I'm over the hump and hope to get out of here by Thursday or Friday.

Remember Vern Yates, Phillips player, we tried to talk to at the tournament! I talked to him several times since but don't think there is a chance of him going to N.H. He is really a "screwball" - quite Phillips this summer to work for Cassma and then came

back in a week. He was lucky to get back with
Phillips. Confidentially, Bruce Drake has had
him as a guest on the Oklahoma University
campus a time or two this summer. No one
knows what he will do - he is as
unpredictable as the Oklahoma weather.

Best regards to Mrs. Allen and
the Family -

Respectfully,
Fred Fralle

P.S. Have my wife and daughter with me -
so may stop in Lawrence to see you for
a minute on our way back to Bartlesville.

September 10, 1945

Mr. Owen Peck
941 Sandusky Ave.
Kansas City, Kansas

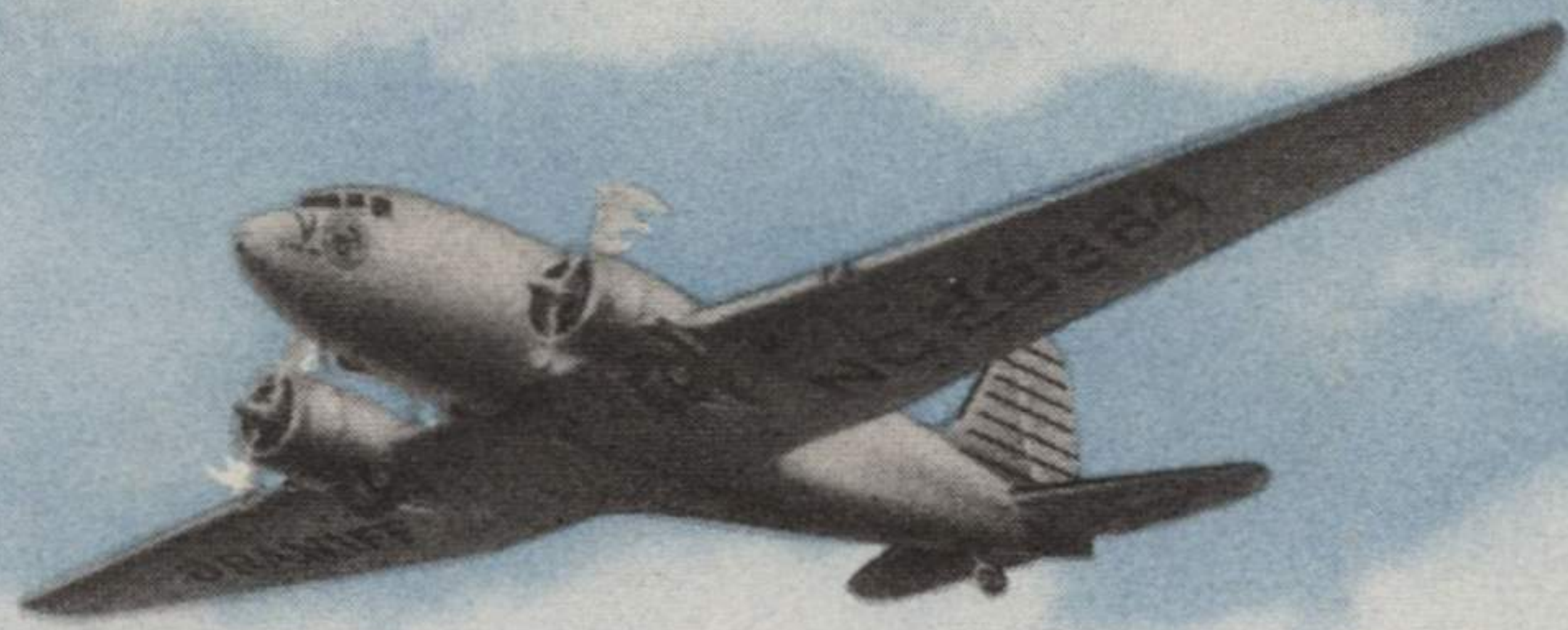
Dear Owen:

I was mighty glad to have your letter, which arrived this morning. Odd Williams just came into the office and asked about some of the boys and I showed him your letter. I assured him that you would see a picture of the mongoose and the cobra with a most approved knee bending by the mongoose. This, of course, will be in a film, but we have got it. Anticipating the pleasure of your return, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Forrest C. Allen
Director, Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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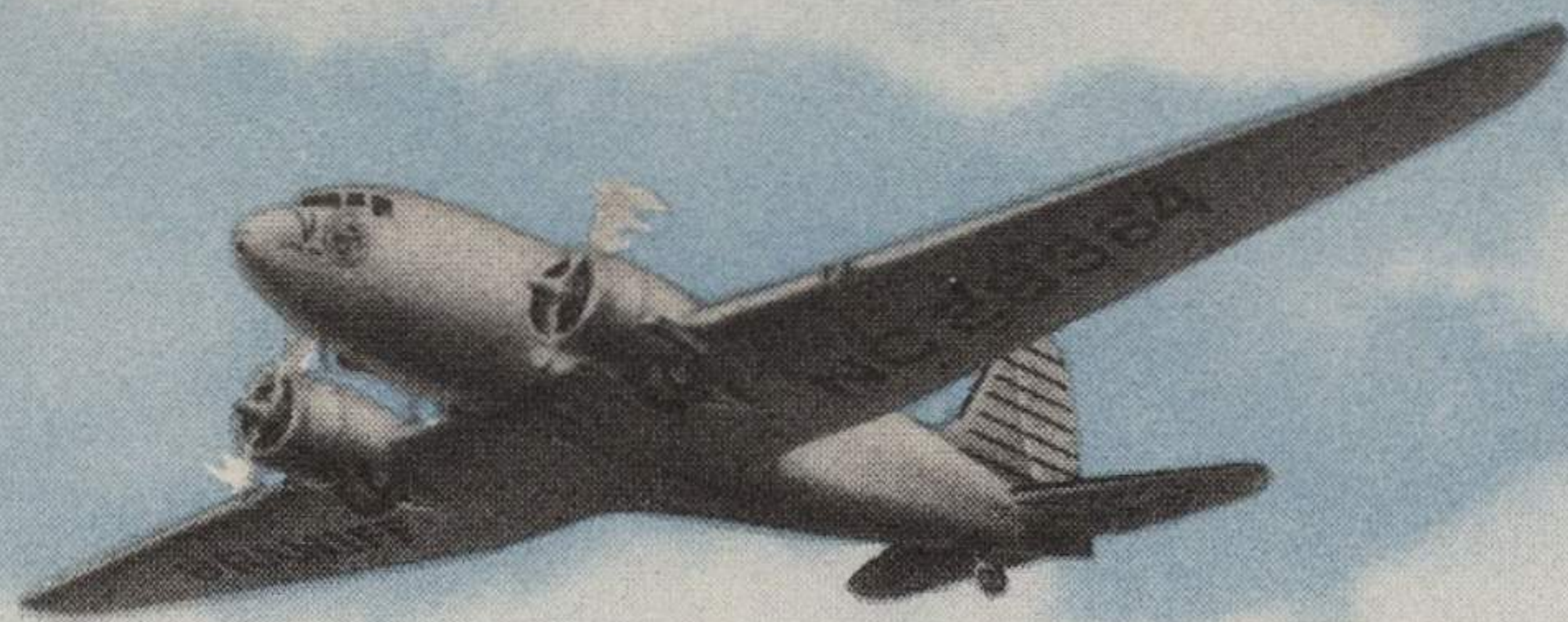
IN FLIGHT

Sept 8, 1945

Dear Doctor Allen,
Just a line to let you know that I will be coming back to school next week. I've been putting up hay and milking cows this summer.

I know that you are working hard preparing





IN FLIGHT

for this years team.
We all are anticipating
for the returning
of such find men
as Ray Evans.

Well it looks
as though I'll have
to make a trip to
africa to see the
mongoose, with its
knees bent, defeat
the colera.

Sincerely yours,

Owen



June 5, 1946

The Portland Cement Association
347 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

Please send us your pamphlet called
"Tennis Courts for All-Year Sports".

Sincerely,

Henry Shenk
Assistant Professor
of Physical Education

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April 30, 1946

Mr. A. G. Peterson
845 Missouri
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Gene:

I have missed seeing you around the office now and then. It has been so darn long since I have seen you that I wish you would stop in sometime to say hello and visit for a few minutes.

I hope that you are getting along swell.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 22, 1946

Mr. Ray S. Pierson
Peoples National Bank Building
Burlington, Kansas

Dear Ray:

Just a note to let you know I received your fine letter of the 2nd of March and, of course, your check for the Oklahoma basketball tickets.

It was swell that you could be in Norman for the game and I, too, am sorry that we did not get to say hello afterwards.

Thanks for your congratulations and respects. We are regretful that we could not turn the tables on the Oklahoma Aggies, but there will be another day.

I sincerely hope that your son is recovering rapidly and that, if you have taken him to the Mayo Clinic, you have been able to discover his trouble. I hope he soon will be on the road to recovery.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

TEL. { OFFICE 214
RES. 145

RAY S. PIERSON
LAWYER
PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
BURLINGTON, KANSAS

March 2nd,

1946

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doctor Allen:

Received the two tickets to the Oklahoma game and arrived at the game just as the National Air was being played. Ray, Jr. and I had two choice seats in the center of the Court on the opposite side from where you were sitting. Our train was almost two hours late and the train we left on was exactly on time and we saw all except the last few minutes of the game. I certainly want to congratulate you and your squad on your splendid victory that was so well earned. You were playing against a dirty team that elbowed, shoved, charged and hacked every chance they had and it seemed to me as though the officials called ~~on you~~ about one-half of the fouls they could have called on Oklahoma. On the other hand, they called them mighty close on your boys. The crowd was the largest group of poor sports I ever heard. If Oklahoma treats all of their officials in this manner, I don't see how they can induce any self-respecting official to work one of their games.

My fifteen-year-old son has been in the hospital for three weeks and is slightly better. However, I am taking him up to Mayo's next week. He apparently is suffering from the after effects of the flu that he had last Thanksgiving and has some form of sleeping sickness. I had him over at Emporia under the treatment of two of their leading doctors and they don't seem to know what is wrong with him. They talk about a tumor on his brain, of virus infection and possibly Parkinson's disease. We are taking him to the Mayo Clinic to try to find out. He seems to be all okay physically and is growing like a mushroom.

Enclosed herewith is my check for \$5.00 to take care of those basketball tickets and what is left, I want you to buy a loud colored necktie down at Carl's or wherever you want to buy it and maybe it will bring you luck when you take on Henry Iba's team at Kansas City this month if he doesn't run out on you (which I think he will).

My boy got a great kick out of the game at Norman the other night

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RAY S. PIERSON
LAWYER
PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
BURLINGTON, KANSAS

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and it seemed to have done him more good than any medicine he has taken.

Thanking you again for the tickets and regretting that we did not get to say hello to you and thank you in person, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Your friend,


Ray S. Pierson

RSP:CJ

March 20, 1946

Phi Delta Theta
1409 Tennessee
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Fellows:

I want you to know that we of the basketball squad appreciate your fine wire sent to us at the Muehlebach Hotel.

Even though we did not win, it is such support coming from a chapter as yours that means much, not only to the members of the squad who belong to your fraternity, but to every member of our squad.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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WE KNOW YOU'RE THE BEST. NOW YOU SHOW THE OTHERS.

EVERY PHI DELT AT KU WILL BE IN THE AUDITORIUM

WATCHING. YOU PIN BACK THE AGGIES EARS. LETS GO GANG=

PHI DELTA THETA.

March 11, 1946

Mr. J. D. Paget
Contractor and Builder
3911 Cambridge
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Paget:

I am sorry that I cannot favor you with passes for the Kansas-Oklahoma Aggie basketball game.

There are no passes issued for this game and besides the entire allotment of the tickets that came to the University of Kansas have been sold out.

Yes, I remember you very well and I would be glad to accommodate you if it were within my power. I am the coach of the Varsity basketball team and have nothing to do with the disposition of the tickets. The tickets are handled by the Athletic Financial Office, of which Mr. E. C. Quigley is the Director of Athletics and Mr. Earl Falkenstein is the Financial Secretary.

I regret that this condition exists and only wish that it were possible for me to extend to you some courtesy that would be within my power.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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WESTPORT 8009

J. D. Paget
Contractor and Builder

3911 CAMBRIDGE
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

Mar 9 - 1946

Dear Mr Allen:

Have read of the approaching
Kansas vs Oklahoma Aggies basketball game
and would appreciate your sending me
four passes if they are available at
this time.

J. D. Paget

P.S. I am the contractor who takes care of
the ceiling work at your Country Club
in case you've forgotten! Would appreciate
an answer.

March 7, 1946

Mr. Ernest Pontius
Chamber of Commerce
Wren Building
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Ernie:

I will work on your team but I am too darn busy to sit around the Chamber of Commerce at ten o'clock next Monday waiting on three or four prospect cards. Just pick out the ones you want me to call on and I will do it. And doing it means doing it for you.

I am sure you will understand how darn busy I am with the trillion and one things I have to take care of.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Chamber of Commerce

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Lawrence, Kansas

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March 6, 1946

Dr. F. C. Allen
University of Kansas
City

Dear Dr. Allen

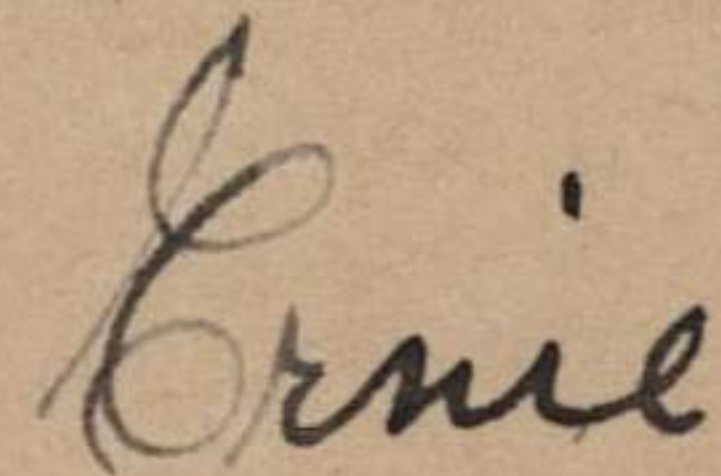
This letter, like the coming Chamber of Commerce membership campaign, is short and to the point.

The afore-mentioned campaign for '46 will be a two-team, two-day affair with the kickoff coffee and doughnut session scheduled for Monday morning, March 11th, 10:00 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

I have accepted the Captaincy of one of the membership teams, and in turn am asking you to work on my team. This year's prospect list is a good one, and you will not be asked to call on more than three or four prospects.

Will see you Monday morning, March 11th, in the Chamber rooms. Remember the time, 10:00 a.m.

Sincerely yours,



Ernest Pontius

February 11, 1946

Miss Norma Pearson
364 South 10th
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Miss Pearson:

Dr. Allen has asked this office to make the reservations asked for in your letter of Friday, February 8. Enclosed, you will find five tickets for the Nebraska game and four for the Iowa State game.

I am sorry we do not have the tickets for the location that you used to get in pre-war days. Those tickets were sold sometime ago and, in fact, we are entirely out of reserved seat tickets for the Iowa State game and I am giving you four chair seats at the end of the playing court. We still have general admission tickets in the top balcony which I know you would not want.

For the Nebraska game, we have been able to get you the five seats in section 7, row B, which is the second row of permanent seats over to the side. I am sorry, we did not anticipate your attendance at these games -- in that case, we would have held back the tickets for you. I recall very definitely that you always had the first row of temporary seats at the east end of the playing court.

Hoping you will find these locations satisfactory and thanking you for your order, I am

Sincerely yours,

E. L. Falkenstien
Financial Secretary

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cc: Dr. F. C. Allen ✓

Friday.

pls. recd.
Dear Doc.

You know how important it is for me to have my usual seats for the games and I hate to trust anyone but you to see to it I have them.

I am enclosing a check for \$11.70 for 5 tickets to the Neb game the 15th and 4 tickets to the Iowa game the 25th. I think they are \$1.30 each.

I think they are the front row seats in Section Seven under the goal. You know where I mean.

Thanks so much and I'll be seeing you.

As Ever

Norman Pearson

364 S. 10

K.C., Mo.

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January 22, 1946

Director of Admissions
Pomona College
Claremont, California

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing the Form 2. Personal Rating Blank
for Miss Irene R. McAddo, formerly of the University of Kansas.

Miss McAddo had difficulty as she was forced to work
her way through college. It was necessary for her to make some
adjustments which were distressing to her at the time. It in-
terfered with her studies and her peace of mind. Miss McAddo
had lots of ability, but was throttled from her educational quest
by lack of sufficient funds to give her the things she most
desired.

I am hoping for her the best in life.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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