

A
June 6, 1945.

Mr. Leroy "Bud" Parmelee,
Lambertville, Michigan.

Dear "Bud":

I see that I have waited nearly a month to acknowledge receipt of your fine letter and also to acknowledge the film, Killing the Killer. Mighty nice of you to let me have it. I really will not need it until next fall or early winter, but I am going to take it over to the Visual Education department and see it run through. I am sure it will serve my purpose because the relaxation of that mongoose is something to behold.

Again, thank you so much. And if at any time you ever want it back, I will be happy to send it to you.

It was a great pleasure to be with you last summer and I only wish that we might meet again this summer, although I am not too certain about that. I am going to be in the Summer Session here at the University, teaching - and our Summer Session is much later this year than last.

I'll bet you and Mrs. Parmelee had a great time with Ray Eliot before the Michigan game. He is a rare guy.

Yes, I remember Lynn King very well. He was a star on the Drake Bulldogs. I would have enjoyed sitting in with you two august gentlemen and spinning a few yarns.

Again thanking you, and assuring you that it was a great pleasure to make your acquaintance, and wishing you everything good in this life, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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P.S.

I am sending you one of our Jayhawk Rebounds that we have just gotten out. I snatched the Oklahoma story from my Tales of Yesterday in the back of my book, but I thought you might enjoy scanning over the pages. It is quite a chore to get these out each month.

F.C.A.

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LEROY (BUD) PARMELEE
REPRESENTATIVE

Lambertville, Mich.
May 16, 1945

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

Dear Phog! —
I have received your letter,
and your very fine book, and was
certainly pleased with both. Mrs Parmelee
laughs at me studying basket ball now,
but your book is just interesting enough
that I can't leave it alone. Thanks very
much Phog.

The film you asked for will
be in the mail tomorrow. I believe.
I explained to you that it is only an
eight millimeter film, and its a little
faded. Hope it serves your purpose. You
may keep the film; as a duplicate
would be even more indistinct.

Mrs Troutman has asked me to spend
two weeks again on base ball clinics; so
hope our trails cross once more. I
enjoyed every minute at Boone, and
making your acquaintance along with
Ray Elliotts certainly were high lights.
Mrs Parmelee, and I joined Ray
in Dearborn the night before the

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TOLEDO, OHIO

Illinois - Michigan game, and we had a good time together. We were pulling for an Illinois victory, but it wasn't to be.

Lynn King, an Iowa boy on the Kansas City fall club had dinner last night at our home. He played quarterback at Drake, and spoke of you several times. Lynn, and I were on the St. Louis club together.

I hope the film is what you expected, and am looking forward to seeing you this summer.

Sincerely
Bud Parmelee

June 9, 1945.

Mr. Neal Prochaska,
R.F.D. 2,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Neal:

Mr. Quigley referred your letter of June 1 to my desk. I am awfully glad that you are still considering the University of Kansas.

I am going to Chicago Sunday to attend the convention of Rotary International. I will not return until Friday. When you plan to come, let me know ahead of time so that I will be in town. I want to show you our campus and tell you some things about our University that, in our short time I did not have an opportunity to elaborate.

Anticipating the pleasure of seeing you in the near future, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Topeka, Kansas
June 1, 1945

Mr. E. C. Quigley,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Quigley,

In regard to your letter of May 31 about going to college, I am sure of going, but where I am undecided. I am keeping the University of Kansas in mind very much.

I have another college in mind, Washburn. If I attend there, I could drive from home and save board and room which amounts to a large sum of the cost. Mr. Erickson of Washburn has been to see me twice. He has several of the Silver Lake Graduates.

I will come down to look
at the campus and talk with
you in the near future.

I appreciate you and Mrs.
Allen keeping in contact with
me. I will keep in contact with
you and let you know when
I will come down.

Very truly yours,
Neal Prochaska
P. F. D. 2
Topeka, Kansas.



A
May 10, 1945.

Mr. Jacob Podoloff,
The Podoloff Insurance Agency, Inc.,
Arena Building,
20 Grove Street,
New Haven 11, Conn.

Dear Mr. Podoloff:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter and was interested in reading your comment.

I have not been one of those individuals who are against the ten second rule. Many coaches stalled in the back court and then used the pick off in the back court, then raced for the other end of the court for their own basket. I have always thought of this as basketball in the reverse. The strategy in this game, of course, came about to see who would score first and then they would go into a stall game if they were ahead, making the team behind come and get the ball, then use their pick-off.

I have advocated a 12 ft. goal because now the hunt is on for 7 ft. players and they place him under the basket where he camps. I agree with you that if they would zone him off, that would take care of the situation. But why have all those zoning rules and three-second rules when all you would have to do is raise the basket?

It is an interesting thing how unprogressive many people are. They will never try anything which requires a very simple experiment like raising the basket to try it out. Of course, they want the drive-in and lay-up. Eighty-two per cent of all the fouls are made within an arc of 15 feet of the basket. For that reason it seems to me appropriate to raise the basket. Sure, it would eliminate some of the drive-ins and lay-ups, but it would immediately open up the area where the congestion is. Rebounds would come out higher and the short shots would fall down under the basket, permitting a smaller, faster man to capture the ball.

A player accommodates the muscles of his eyes to height the same as he does to distance. You will understand that I am not advocating a 12 ft. basket for high school players. They are immature and do not have the height and stamina that independent and college teams have. The only teams that were in the championship hunt last year were teams that

possessed a man who was 6 ft. 6 in. or taller. Henry Iba has a man for next year who is 7 ft. 3 in., so he says. It will only be a few years until they will be forced to raise the basket out of the reach of players, not out of shooting reach, but the dunking reach.

I enjoyed reading your comments and I am happy that you like the indoor game well enough to express your opinion for its betterment.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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The Sports Parade

By Leonard Cohen

Another one of those really big boys of basketball will appear on the Garden floor tonight when John Ludka, Syracuse's 6 ft.-10½ in. center, opposes City College. He's only a freshman and may still be growing, for all we know. But his presence this evening makes timely a couple of letters we received about our comments here last Wednesday regarding the problem of tall men in basketball.

The suggestions they contain possess some merit, as did Israel Ornstein's idea, discussed then, of eliminating the backboards so that the giants of the court would be unable to use their terrific height advantage in the scramble for rebounds.

Jacob Podoloff of New Haven agrees with us that you can't legislate against any group of players because of their height. "I think you can get to the heart of the matter if you see why it is that tall men have taken possession of the game," he writes.

Mania for Speed and Scoring Draws Blame

"The demand for speed and the mania for continuous scoring has caused a change in the rules which is responsible, in my opinion, for the importance of the big man. The particular change in the rules is the one requiring that the ball be advanced to the middle of the floor within ten seconds or the side carrying the ball loses possession. Back court play, opening up the play, is a thing of the past because of the rule. Furthermore, when a team had the entire court on which to operate, the small, agile man had a chance against the biggest man, but when the game is compressed within ten seconds to one-half the area, the big man, under a system of zone defense, becomes important.

"Without that ten-seconds rule, zone defense wasn't worth a tinker's dam. Eliminate the importance of zone defense and you eliminate the reason for the big man. There will always be men of size who can fit into any team, but with the whole floor open to play, the big man cannot afford to be so near the basket all the time and the little five-footers can make a monkey out of the average big man. Ganging up under the basket will be partially eliminated. Then you will see a return of fancy passing and dribbling and the 'eels' that used to be the marvel of basketball will return. I would like to see one game played without that ten-second rule again.

"I admit they have improved shooting and have speeded up the game (although to what purpose I do not know)," Podoloff's letter concluded.

Nat Holman, coach of the City College team and as keen a student of the game as you'll find anywhere, has this comment in the City College Campus. "The professionals have a rule which takes care of the big man more than adequately. If you define a certain zone and enforce a three-second count on any man in that zone with his back to the basket, you would get rid of these robber barons of the backboard. The zone would be the width of the foul line and include everything from the foul line to the basket.

Holman Proposal Successful With Pros

"While in this zone the player would have three seconds to take a pass or shoot, or else get out. If he didn't his team would lose possession. This rule has worked rather well in pro basketball. If we could get some conference or group of schools to adopt it experimentally for one season, we could really tell how it would work."

There you have two more different suggestions on dealing with the seven-foot (or close to it) rebound-snatcher. The first one would undoubtedly result in less scoring, but would lessen the value of the stationary big man under the basket. The second would keep the play confined to one-half the court area, as under the present ten-second rule, would still permit clogging up the defended team's area, but would keep the big man moving after three seconds in the bucket.

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Taking its cue from the National Football League, the American Soccer League is also said to be considering some move to end the plethora of tie games and may adopt an overtime rule at its meeting at the Hotel Imperial Saturday night. Fifteen of the 57 games played thus far this season have ended in stalemates.

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Maj.-Gen. Robert B. Williams, commanding officer of the Second Air Force at Colorado Springs, Col., writes in to state that the Superbombers' football team, playing primarily for the entertainment of fellow service men, performed before approximately 175,000 people, including 125,000 service personnel this past fall. As part of the Army Air Forces' physical fitness program, the Superbombers' season was a highly successful project . . . The army of Sonja Henie fans is advised to wait no longer; tickets for her show starting at the Garden Jan. 17 are going as fast as they ever did in previous years.

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April 30, 1945

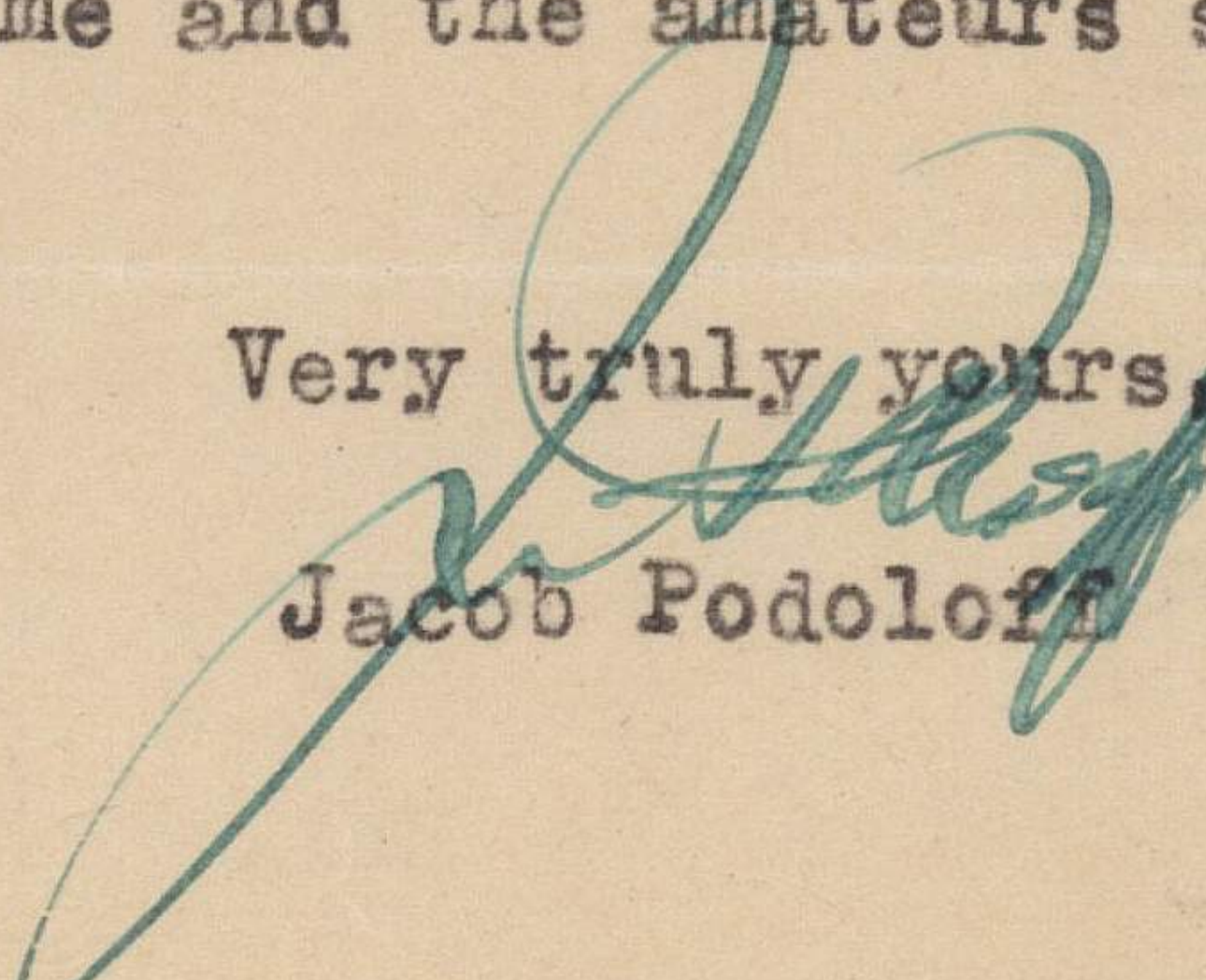
Mr. Forest C. Phog Allen, P.H.D.
University of Kansas
Kansas

Dear Sir:

I noticed some comment of yours in the New York papers with respect to the rules of present day basketball, and for one thing I am entirely in accord with you when you say we are in the midst of "hysteria of poor basketball" due to top speed style of play which the spectators seem to be requiring.

I am enclosing comments of my own which I sent to the sports editor of the New York Post and would appreciate your reaction. I used to enjoy playing basketball as a sport, and I also enjoyed watching it. However, at the present time I can't see that the game amounts to much other than a mad rush up and down the floor with strength and stamina counting most and skill and strategy counting least, although I must admit that the shooting has improved. Years ago there was a clamor for bigger basketball courts, but with one ^{feet} swoop the ten second rule cut the court in half. Of course, the basic trouble in all of these things is the fact that we are playing to cater to the paying fans and, of course, they do have their rights. But maybe the paying fans should see one kind of game and the amateurs should play the sport as a sport.

Very truly yours,


Jacob Podoloff

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April 26, 1945.

Dr. and Mrs. Don Carlos Peete,
3717 Belleview,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Don and Alice:

Thanks, Don, for writing me regarding the electrocardiogram. I know how busy you are, and if you hadn't written me at all the responsibility was mine to get in touch with you. I am glad that there is a definite increase in cardiac tone. It wasn't the thought that I had in resigning to save that old ticker, but I just thought I would like to play a little more golf than I have had opportunity to do, and just sort of not take myself too seriously.

It was wonderful of you to take your time from your busy schedule to do this for me, and again I say that I appreciate it very much.

We are looking forward to seeing Bobby and Jean after the end of this month as I understand the next month they will have a little free time so that they can get off over night, at least, on week-ends. This month we have not seen them at all.

I am getting ready to write another Jayhawk Rebounds. In fact, I am going to do it in the morning. The draft board meets from 10 to 12, but I just saw the chairman, Ogden Jones, and we are going to meet at 8:15 and we hope to get through at 9 o'clock, so I will try to start it in the morning. I have been wanting to get this done before the end of the month, and this seems to me about the only chance I will have to at least get it started.

This afternoon over KFKU I just finished a book review of "Yea! Wildeats!", by John R. Tunis. I am sending you a copy of the review, and am sending the book to Don, Jr., to read. I think he may enjoy it, and maybe Sammy Lou will like it. This fellow Tunis is the man who wrote The Great God Football, Debunking College Sport, for Harpers, and he also wrote for Harpers, Badminton, the Fastest Growing Game in the World. I challenged him on it and he came to Lawrence and we had quite a time. So I see he is taking up basketball in a big way and hasn't written a story on badminton yet. I laughed and told Mrs. Hulteen that I noticed he hadn't written a book on badminton - "Yea! Birdies!" Anyhow, I hope that Tunis likes the article. It was on the book review section under the auspices of the English Department, by Professor John Hankins. He asked me to do it.

After you have finished with the book, will you kindly mail it back to me here at the University?

I am still counting on having that visit, which will materialize in the not too distant future, I am sure.

Congratulate Don, Jr., on his baseball ability. I am writing him a short note.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely, Your Friend,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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DON CARLOS PEETE, M. D.,
SUITE 1500 PROFESSIONAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY 6, MISSOURI

April 24, 1945.

Dr. F. C. Allen,
Department of Physical Education,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Friend Forrest:

I have been intending to write you a note for some time on your recent electrocardiogram but it always seems tomorrow would be a good time to get to it, you know me and writing letters. I did want you to know comparison of your tracing with the one we made four years ago shows definite increased cardiac tone. You may want to know what that means - well, I think that you are in better physical condition today than you were four years ago which also means that you have to give up the idea of resigning, or retiring I should say, in the near future.

It was awfully good to have that short visit with you when you were down and I hope that you will soon be able to come down and we will have one of those good old time sessions of reminiscing. I see Bobby and Jean quite often and they are both busy as firemen going to a four bell alarm.


I also want to take this opportunity to tell you how much that Alice and I have enjoyed the Rebound. It is just like sitting in on a bull fest with many of our old friends and many of those that we know well from their past careers.

Hoping that your family is all well and we will have the pleasure of seeing you soon, I remain

Sincerely, your friend

Don

DGP:EG.

Don is the  on the Pen Day team
I saw him play last Sat. and was I
proud + Alice too -

3717 Bellevue

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University of Kansas,
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Hoping that your family is all well and we will have the pleasure of seeing you soon, I remain

Sincerely, your friend

Bob

DCP:RG

Bob is in the office on the 1st floor
I saw him when he was out
towards the office -

EF
January 22, 1945.

Mr. R. E. Peters, Commissioner,
Big Six Conference,
342 So. Chelsea,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Reaves:

A ball is put in play within three feet of where the ball goes out of bounds. What I want you to do, please, Reaves, is to take it up with that high school official and tell him he is handling college men, and not a bunch of kids. You know I have coached long enough that I am not splitting hairs and I never try to take advantage of anybody, but confound it, when some fellow tells a kid of mine that he is interfering with our normal play.

If we are going to use Van Reen again I want to know that he is going to handle the game like the other officials, else I won't want to use him. He did a good job. We lost the year before down there, and we used him again this year. However, it is such silly little things as this that interfere with good administration, and I think you are in a fine position to iron those things out. That is why I wrote you. It takes time and trouble to do it, so you know that you and I don't have to go into a long dissertation on that.

I hope you can get down to see Louie's team and my team tangle. It should be a ball game. I am not selling Louie lightly on account of the poor showing he made at Columbia.

I am glad to know that Dick is getting along well in improving his play. He is just a youngster and has a lot to learn, and I know you are handling him in fine style. His mother and Dick are fortunate in having a fellow like you with the patience and understanding to work with the boy.

Yes, I had known your boy was in Italy. I remember you told me. Gosh, Reaves, I want you to know that I am just as anxious about him as I can be. I know what a tug it is on the heartstrings of you parents. Please assure Mrs. Peters that I will be thinking of him often, and pulling for the very best for him and for you good people.

In our busy lives we sometimes fail to express our inner feelings for each other. In your business as commissioner I try to keep at the safe distance that a coach and a commissioner should stay, but I have never forgotten the days back at Warrensburg where we really battled them

and had a lot of fun. I remember those baseball days as vividly as if they were but yesterday. So just know that I am pulling for that boy of yours in every possible way.

I never thought of sending you a copy of the letter that I dictated earlier this morning, but I think I will do it now. I wrote Bruce Drake a letter this morning so that a year from now we wouldn't have the same thing happen to us again down there. I guess Oklahoma will always be that way, because it's Oklahoma. They are fine fellows, but it is the worst hit-and-miss set-up that I have ever seen.

Just think, there wasn't a man in that building that could let us in that dressing room, and the janitor was home and didn't have a car. And if it had not been for a fellow that was keeping the outside door where the athletes come in for Bruce, who loaned his car, then the Lord knows when the fellow would have come to let us in. He got him, and when he opened our door, after the boys had lain on those benches in their own way trying to sleep or act as if they were - but actually they were as nervous as a bunch of cats on a tin roof - and when this janitor came with the key, I said, "Gentlemen, the president of the University of Oklahoma!" That was an outrage!

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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January 18th

1945

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

Dear Doc:

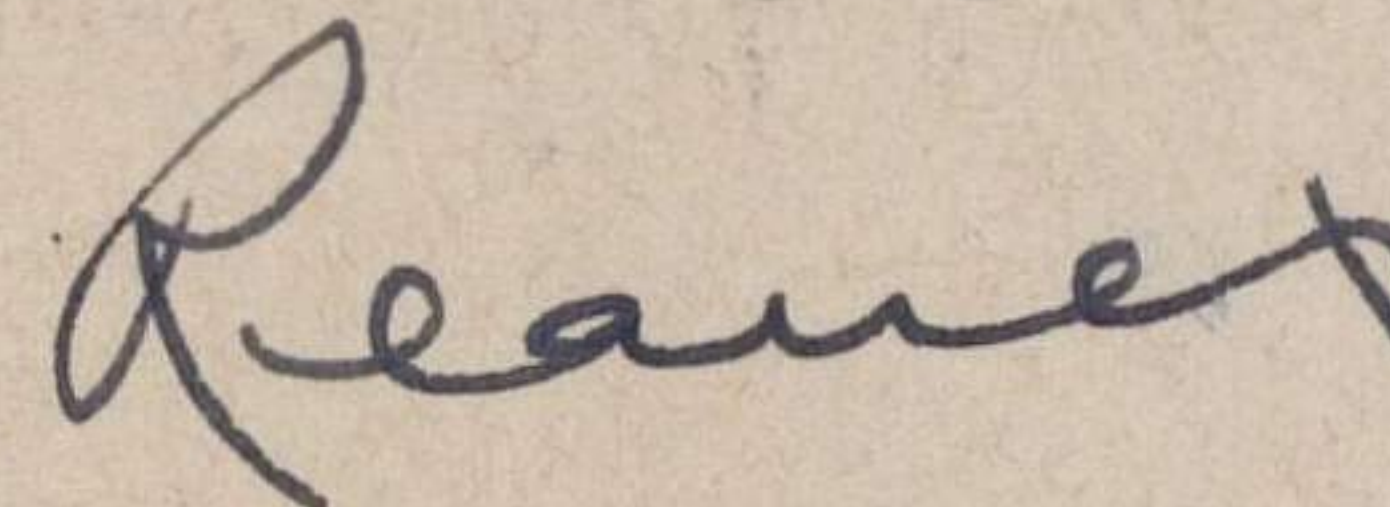
Here is a copy of the basketball conference schedule for 1945 with all officials assigned.

In the handling of the out-of-bounds situation we have two extremes; the official that is too technical about where the player must stand and the official that allows the player to roam up and down the side line at will. According to the rule the ball must be put in play at the spot where it goes out of bounds. However, common practice and in some places, common agreement allows a space of several feet from where the ball went out of bounds, and when it is under the basket we allow the player to move to either side of the basket. I do feel that the official should be more careful about the spot from where the ball is to be thrown in if it is in the front court. Near the point where the ball goes out of bounds should guide an official in his handling of this play situation without any trouble. I see no reason why the player should not be allowed to move as far back from the sideline as he desired.

Glad to get your report on a well worked game in Columbia. I may get down there for the Iowa State game this Saturday. Right now it looks like Kansas and Iowa State but knowing the other teams as I do I realize that anything can happen between now and the 5th. of March. Your nephew, Dick is improving in his play and may get in there yet.

Guess you knew that my boy was in Italy and has been on several missions to date. He is Co-Pilot on a B-24, Liberator. He says the flack is heavy over there. If those Russians keep going as they have been the past few days the flack and everything else over there will ease up.

Sincerely yours,



R. E. Peters

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September 21, 1944.

Mr. Vadal Peterson,
Basketball Coach,
University of Utah,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Pete:

It was good of you to write me as you did in your letter of August 31. I assure you the pleasure was reciprocal. I guess I am a peculiar mortal, but I am rather proud of some of the enemies that I have. I certainly did enjoy working with you. We had a fine visit and I think we found each other fairly human, and realize that we are both ordinary mortals who perhaps get the breaks in life above a lot of our fellows.

I have always said that if life would end now I have gotten far more than is coming to me. Luck plays a tremendous part in an individual's happiness and success.

I am mailing you an autographed copy of my text, "Better Basketball". Perhaps most of this is old stuff to you, but I want you to have one for your desk.

I was much interested in your defensive drill that you lectured upon. Your pivot drill I think I understand, but the rotation of your men when you have six or eight pairs opposing each other I would like to know more about. Do you have any available material that would show this, or could you write me a short note giving me a diagram of your method and how you rotated the men? I refer to passing the ball on defense when the men are about eight or ten feet from each other.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Athletic Council - - University of Utah



OFFICE OF THE MANAGER

SALT LAKE CITY

August 31, 1944

Dr. Forrest G. Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Phog:

I wish to express my appreciation for having had the privilege of associating with you during the coaching school.

I feel that I know you better, and possibly some of the reports that circulated have been refuted in my becoming better acquainted with you.

It was an enjoyable week, and I am looking forward to future contacts with you.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Vadal Peterson
Basketball Coach

VP:bb



Another bunch load
of Junes, who have seen
their last days fighting

Host & Belgian

Jan 1945



A GI Truck load of
Kraut Prisoners at
Hute Belgian
Jan 1945.

100
100
100

These were captured
near our positions
there.

This was in the breach
of the bulge.
(Bastogne)

Velox



a JU. 88 Nazi bomber
that won't fly again

Noticing the German
black cross they use
for an insignia

near Bastogne

Belgium

Jan 1945

1361



My Ration Book
down print.

Brno, Belgium

Jan 1945

Not a civilian in sight
hard come. We were
living in their home.

333



One of our quin
erms. (40 mm)

Near Naneq Krause

Sept 1944

7610x

7610x

7610x



Another German Anti
Tank 88 "Kaput"

as the Germans say:

Bastogne Belgium

Jan 1945

251



A German 88 mm
Anti Tank gun.

Near Bastogne
Belgium. Jan 1945.

Also a German tracked
vehicle in rear bunker
but we they all should
be. Bastogne Bldg.

251 Jan 1945



A Nazi Royal Tiger
Tank knocked out by
our Division near
Villers Born Eaux,
Luxembourg.

Jan 1945

These are the toughest
of them and to crack
it has up to 1 ft
armor plate.

U. S. NAVY PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL
IOWA CITY, IOWA

25 August

Dear Doc:

Thanks for your kind words
and the book. I find it excellent
reading to say the least.

No, I have never received a
copy of your book but, needless to
say, it would be a valued
addition to my library. I'm
looking forward to many trips
to the "Flaw-on-the-Kaw" when
I again get back to Kansas
City

What has happened to Ray
Ebling? It has been a year
since I've heard anything
of him. His sister, Eugenia,
is (or was) working in California
while her husband, "Pete" Holmes,

U. S. NAVY PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL
IOWA CITY, IOWA

was at sea.

Tension is high here concerning discharges. As usual, the Navy red-tape is fouling things up in fine style and all is confusion. So we continue to wear it out on the government payroll whether we like it or not.

Thanks again and very best regards.

Sincerely yours,
Tom Parker