

April 11, 1944.

Dr. Don Carlos Peete,  
4140 Cambridge,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Peete:

I was certainly happy to have your kind missive of April Fool's Day, but instead of fooling me it pleased me very much to hear from you and your family. I am leaving now for Hutchinson, Kansas, where I speak to the Parent Teachers Association tonight, and then I go on to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. At Cedar Rapids we have an all-sports banquet - about 400 attending - so we should have a nice meeting. I sometimes think I am a little crazy to run all over the country, but we get into this maelstrom and the vortex of it seems to not let us loose.

Eleanor is coming tomorrow on the streamliner and I will see her Friday morning when I return. The Allen domicile is cleaned spic and span as if the bride is already to arrive. Bobby has everything in shipshape for his wedding on the 26th, and the Allen family is all agog.

The new draft regulation has eased the tension somewhat in the Allen household.

I will be seeing you soon, I hope. With kindest regards to all your good family, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH





PALMER HOUSE  
CHICAGO

April Fool—

Dear Phoggie: Alice and I  
are here for a few days  
attending the Am. College of  
Physicians' Meeting. The day  
is cloudy and a cold brisk  
wind is blowing.

We enjoyed the western  
playoffs but missed our  
usual goodtime with you  
and Mrs. Allen. When I  
tried to pay for the  
tickets I found you had



that soon we can have  
some more of those  
delightful visits and all  
the pressures of war  
etc will be locked away  
and the key lost -  
Utah had a fine  
team and won the  
"heart of the crowd" from  
the start with their fine  
sportsmanship and team  
play - We were pleased  
that they went on to win -  
Sorry we didn't see  
much - He's a fine



been up to your usual  
generosity. I was really  
thankful not because of  
the monetary value but  
because you were thinking  
of us. We do enjoy and  
value your friendship  
and somehow we would  
like to see the storm  
blow away from your  
lives for you have  
given so much to those  
about you. Our wish is



person could hope he  
gets a break in the service.  
Wedding bells are getting  
louder & closer for Bob.

Give all the children  
our best wishes - I  
have to run now & hope  
to see you soon -

As ever,

Gratefully  
Don -



Postville, Iowa.  
Feb. 27, 1944.

Mr F.G Allen;  
Dear Sir;

I received your most welcome letter some few weeks ago but have not had the opportunity to answer it as soon as I would have liked to have.

I want to take this time to thank you for the many minutes of your valuable time you have given Lloyd. And I am indeed sorry that he could not or did not come thru for you.

Perhaps it would have been much better if in the beginning I should have written to you and familiarized you with the type of boy Lloyd is.

For some unknown reason and from some unknown cause he developed an inferiority complex during his early high school days. I had hopes of this complex disappearing as he got older but it is evident that he still retains much of it.

His high school basketball Ivan Blackmer who was a very fine center at the U of Iowa in 34 found him different than any boy he had ever coached. If he took him out of a game and gave him the works for a mistake and then put him back in the game he would tie himself in knots from trying too hard and he would actually be doing a worse job.

Mr. Blackmer finally tried another method. If he was going badly he took him out of the game and gave him a pep talk. Told him he could do his job just as well as the next fellow and when he put him back in again he seemed to play even over his head so to speak.

When he went to Iowa he still retained a considerable amount of the said complex but Blackmer and Pops Harrison being good friends they got together on the situation and Pops who was then freshman coach, seemed to, what I thought, remove this complex from the boy.

He was assigned to Chapman second scorer in the big Ten and from the letters I had the boy did a swell job defensively. He was among ten boys who were held over for an additional month to practise. I had every reason to believe that he had whipped the old "complex" but he still carried it to K.U. with him.

He thought he was doing all right in the Missouri game and he did not quite understand why he was taken out and from then on his confidence began to slip and along with it his interest.

Perhaps I should give you an insight to his characteristics but it seemed that I would appear to be asking for favors and I do know that you have enough to do without teaching psychology too. The other boy is just the opposite. He gets self-satisfied and loaf. The coach takes him out and gives him the works so to speak and when he gets back into the game he really puts out.

I know you have given Lloyd a lot of valuable time. I appreciate it and I know he does too. And I am truly sorry that he could not come thru for you as I know he can if he had tossed off that damnable complex. Thanking you again for what you have done for him I beg to remain, Your very truly,

L.E. Palmer.



March 24, 1944.

Corman C. Pennock, PhM3/o  
U. S. Naval Hospital Staff,  
Farragut, Idaho.

Dear Corman:

Your dad asked that we send you a Jayhawk Rebounds,  
which we are very happy to do. We are writing another  
one in the very near future and will put you on our  
mailing list. We are glad to send this Rebounds to  
another K.U. man.

With best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

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March 21, 1944.

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

Dear Doc:

I am very grateful for your letter of March 9th, enclosing a letter of recommendation for use in connection with seeking to enter the service.

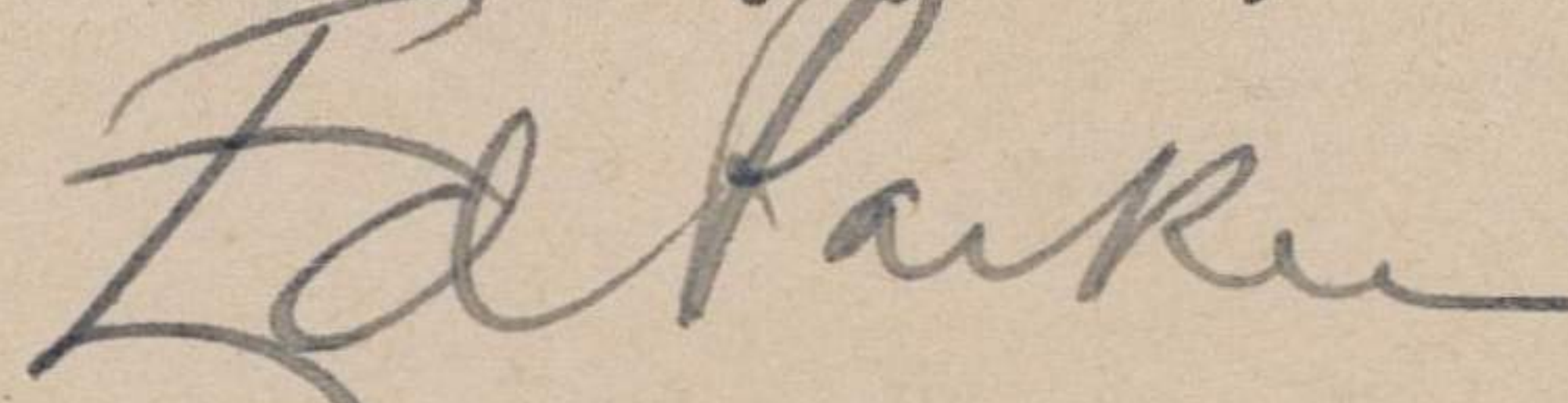
You were very generous; while I did really have a burning desire to succeed, as far as humanly possible, in helping to make the K. U. Basket Ball Team in my day live up to its usual high standard, when I stick with the facts as I remember them, and retain the proper degree of modesty, I know full well that my contribution was relatively inconsequential.

Nevertheless, both of your letters were deeply appreciated, and I do look forward with great pleasure to the day when I will again have the privilege of visiting with you and other friends on Mt. Oread.

The other day when I went to the Local Navy Personnel Procurement Office, I was surprised and very pleased to find "Gyp" Hill there filling out his application. He is back from Chicago, once more with Jordan Marsh Company of Boston, he and his wife and three children now living in Braintree, Mass. It was a real treat to see him, and we took time out to reminisce about old times.

With regards,

Sincerely yours,



Edwin F. Parker

EFP:PH



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February 15th.  
1944

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

Dear Doc:

You are right as can be on the two counts at Iowa State; namely, the going on the floor and talking to officials by a coach without permission, or with permission if it is to question the judgement of an official- it couldn't possibly do any good. I talked to Louis Menze about this and he readily agreed that he was definitely in the wrong and should not have done it. As to visitors in the dressing rooms of the officials, that too, has been discussed and an agreement reached whereby all dressing rooms for officials, both in football and basket ball would be free of visitors. Louie promises that this will not happen again.

As I told you over the phone I just can't imagine an official talking to a player in any way that should embarrass the player. I never heard an official make any remark to a player that he would not make to the coach, in all the years that I officiated. I just don't see how they could be thinking in such terms. To most officials there is absolutely nothing personal in their relationship with the players or coach, and regardless of what the player says or does the official simply administers the necessary penalty according to the rules and immediately forgets all about it. I am not saying that it could not happen, but it just doesn't make sense to me that any official would.

I am sending you the letter that Bud Knox sent to me after that game; please send it back after you have read it. I believe Bud to be a gentleman at all times, and know that you too feel that way about it, even though you are at a loss to understand how this happened.

At our basketball clinic here in December we agreed on some signals that the officials were to give to the Scorer and Timer; unfortunately we couldn't insist that all officials come here since so many of them had so few games. This information was sent to them with the hope that they would carry out the idea. For next year we will make this as definite a part of their work as we do the signals given by the football officials. The signals you sent are very good and for the most part are the ones that we agreed upon at the clinic. I believe you will find that some of the officials are giving them- John Lance should be one of them.

I also agree with you about sending officials about the con-



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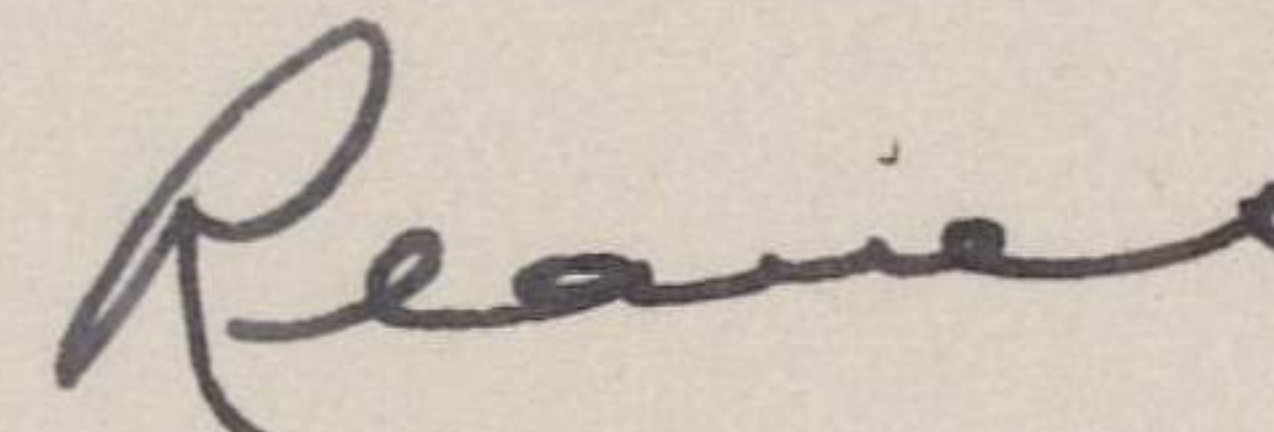
conference that they may get common ideas of good officating. I hope we will be able to do this more next year; since this season proved that we still can draw crowds. I sold this idea to the Directors, and it was not difficult to do, when I first began this work. While it is true some schools have been able to draw crowds in both football and basketball others have been pretty hard hit. It is difficult to establish a policy that has to be altered in some cases; we did alter the policy inregard to the Kansas-Oklahoma game.

Notice where Jim St.Clair will be on hand for the Oklahoma-Oklahoma Aggie game at Norman this coming saturday night. I would go down if I didn't have so much work to do here. I had planned going to Lincoln this week-end butthat is out now.

Will be up for your game with Iowa State on March 3rd.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,



R. E. Peters



Oskaloosa, Iowa  
January 31, 1944

Mr. R. E. Peters  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Reeves:

Saturday night after working in the Kansas - Ia. State game, at Ames, I was unjustly accused of using profane language which is not in my vocabulary.

While in the dressing room, shortly after the contest, Mr. Allen came to the door stating that one of his players had been called a son-of-a-B by one of the officials and that he, the player, thought it was I.

A few moments later, when ready to leave the gym, I was confronted by the player who made the outright accusation over again.

To Mr. Allen and the player I flatly denied the charge.

The boy may have heard the profanity, I am not saying he didn't. I did not hear it and would be at a loss to suggest any of the several sources from which the words may have come.

When working any ball game I find no time to listen to the spectators or persons not connected with the teams.



Am sending this report to you  
because I believe it my duty to do so.

Personally, I was very much disappointed  
since it is the first time I have been  
accused of not being able to conduct myself  
as a gentleman. I was glad to cancel  
a game at East Des Moines in order that  
I could take the game at Ames because  
I enjoy working college ball.

Very truly yours

Bud Knot.



March 9, 1944.

Mr. Edwin F. Parker,  
Schmid & Company, Inc.,  
24 Milk Street,  
Boston 9, Mass.

Dear Edwin:

It is a pleasure to do this small job for you. And here's hoping you get that commission in the Marine Corps. My son, Milton, was offered a commission in the Marine Corps but the spectrum test got him. He happens to be color blind. He also had a commission offered him previously in the Navy, but the same difficulty thwarted his opportunity, so he is now waiting for the call. He has rather a high number and while he is waiting he is practicing law here in Lawrence, having passed the bar last year.

I hope that you can bring your family out here some time. It would be a pleasure to see you.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



March 9, 1944.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to testify as to the character, personality and ability of Edwin F. Parker, of Schmid and Company, Inc., 24 Milk Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

I have known Mr. Parker since 1926. He was on my varsity basketball team for three years and did a bang-up job. He was aggressive, intelligent and courageous. Big men were no obstacle for him. He met them in a versatile and aggressive manner.

He was also instructor in physical education in my department, doing an excellent job. He has an unusual ability to lead and to direct. His is not the mere accidental type but is founded upon knowledge and experience. He has a most happy faculty of getting along with people.

I understand that he is now applying for a commission in the Marine Corps. It is my opinion that he is a very valuable man as potential officer material. I recommend him without reservation so far as character, intelligence and cooperation are concerned.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 29, 1944.

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

Dear "Phog" :

It's been so long since I have had the pleasure of strolling up Mt. Oread to visit with you and other friends on the Hill that I should identify myself as the miniture would-be athlete of the years 1926--'31 who did his darndest to make the basketball teams which, as usual were made up of men so big and so good that midgets didn't get very far, despite the welcome you gave and fair chance had by all comers.

A lot of water has gone over the dam and quite a bit of grass has been scuffed by my feet since I last saw you. I was in the insurance business for about ten years, save for a few political crusade detours, and then in 1940 I began work for an engineering company of which I am still Treasurer. This concern did a job on the development of special confidetail devices for the armed forces but now must remain relatively inactive for the duration. Meanwhile this company has occupied much of my attention and after the war I will be here indefinitely I presume.

Just now I am applying for a commission in the Marine Corps along with hundreds of others. The places that are to be filled with officers to be trained in the coming months require experience in working with younger fellows. Other things being the same, some preference may be given to men who have coached or instructed in athletics, participated personally in sports or who have taught school.

For this purpose would you kindly be willing to write a letter to "to whom it may concern" saying what you can about my strenuous if not glory-crowned efforts to take a valuable part in K.U. athletics and refer to the work I did for several years as an assistant instructor of students taking Exercise courses. Anything you could provide in this line would be most appreciated, you may be as ured.

I read with pride that your basketball teams have continued straightthrough the years to make an excellent showing every time, usually at the top when the season closes and often up in that rare atmosphere of national prominence. The boys in other parts of the country and even far away places in the world are learning a few of the smart and better slants

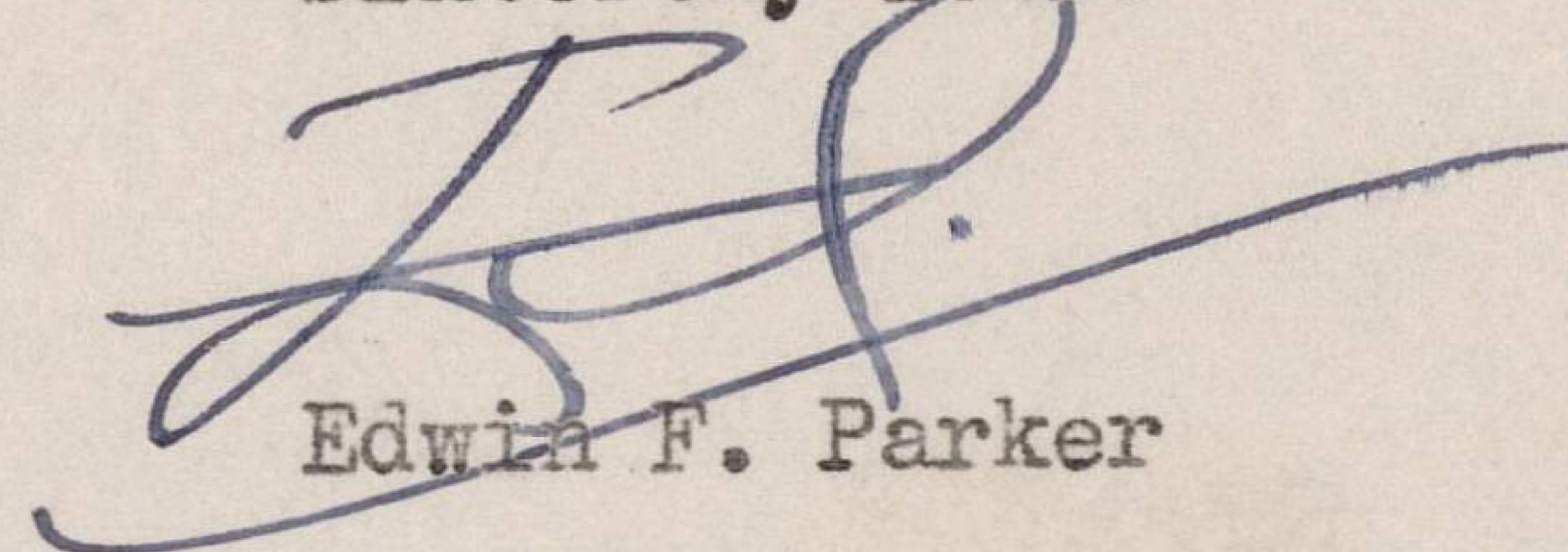


of the game lately but I for one among many know that Mt. Oread is the home of the best brand and that to you and those who assisted you in the old days (like John Bunn) and others more recently belongs real credit for putting the game on the map and all over it.

When the war is over and transportation and other hinderances are swept away I will pack up my small brood and spend a long time out home there. I certainly look forward to that day and to renewing old friendships.

Meanwhile, I trust you and yours will be blessed with good health and continued success and I remain,

Sincerely Yours



Edwin F. Parker

EFP:H

*The above sentiments stand even if you must tell the world & the Marine Corps what a lousey guy I am!*



March 13, 1944.

Col. Lyle S. Powell,  
APO 430,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Lyle:

It was kind of you to think of me and to send the clipping from the other side of the world - and when you say the other side of the world I know it is from the other side of the world. I haven't been able to get in touch with Mrs. Powell, but I think we know where you are. However, we will get this information before we address your letter.

I am sending you a Jayhawk Rebounds, a mimeographed letter that I send to all of our boys who have been in athletics or activities here on the campus with a view of giving them the addresses of the other fellows. In that way it keeps the boys informed so they can drop a note to each other.

I am reading a part of your short note at Rotary today. Last week we had a cablegram from the Bendigo, Australia, Rotary Club announcing that Colonel Karl Baldwin was their guest of honor. We keep our famous members constantly before us and wish for them the very best, and a safe and happy, and - we hope, a near early return. It will be great to have you come back and tell us about some of your wonderful exploits. But I know there is a lot of grim stuff that you will delete.

With kindest regards from Rotary and your many other friends and admirers, I am

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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DON CARLOS PEETE, M. D.

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925 W. ARCADE BUILDING

1500 Prof. Bldg.  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

February 18, 1944.

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

Dear Friend Forrest:

I have been trying for some time to write you this long over due letter.

First of all, I want you to know that we are all mighty proud of this year's team and especially their coach. I think that you and your team have done a remarkable job. You know it is not easy to be out manned as we have been this year and come back and give the really outstanding teams a scrap as they have done. So, will you please express to the team my thanks for the old Kansas fight and spirit? I know that it will carry them on to victory over Missouri.

Don is coming along in great style and I know you would have been very proud to see him manipulate that pivot shot which you were showing him at the house the other night. He did it beautifully and his coach, Mr. Wedeen, is very enthusiastic over his prospects. He really thinks that you are tops, but of course we all do - as a matter of fact, we think the whole Allen family is tops.

Please give our best wishes to all and we hope to see you before very long.

Sincerely yours,

Don  
nice reception you got in S.E.P.  
DCP:EG. Old Bruce is a good sport  
Will have to be careful he might be  
after some promising athlete in Kansas!  
may be Don!



March 10, 1944.

Mr. Don Peete, Jr.,  
4140 Cambridge,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Don:

Thank you for sending the persimmon face picture of old Phoggy. I have been a little late in acknowledging receipt of your letter of February 6th because they had me covered up with details and added correspondence.

I haven't heard how you came out at Leavenworth, but I am hoping that you won. I was interested in your success against Border Star. Some time when I have an opportunity I will get hold of you and show you a few additional tricks, if possible.

Lieut. Tony Hinkle was the fellow who suggested that the free throw be shot from the spot of the foul. There is one thing, perhaps, Don, you haven't thought about. The coach would tell the fellows to grab them in the center of the court, and they would never get near the basket. What about that?

I see where the bracket of the western N.C.A.A. has been drawn with Iowa, Iowa State, Pepperdine and Arkansas. Apparently this was done to fill the bracket so they could get enough money and also so they would have an entry from this section to play the eastern entry in the Garden. Then the winner of the N.C.A.A. will play the winner of the Invitation Tournament in New York and the Red Cross will profit about \$20,00 or more. This alone is justifiable, I think, because the money will go to the Red Cross. I am boosting anything that will give some money to the Red Cross since I have the chairmanship of Douglas County.

Please give your Dad, your Mother and Miss Amy Lou my very best. And here's lots of good luck to you in your basketball.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

PGA:AH



Sunday  
night  
Feb 6, 1944

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



Dear Doctor Allen, How are you? Sunday  
afternoon I was looking at the sport page  
of the Kansan and I saw this clipping.  
There was no other write up with it  
or I would send it along. Saturday  
afternoon the intermediate basket ball  
team I am on played Border Star and we beat  
them <sup>26-18</sup>. It was the first game I ever had  
played and I really got a thrill. Thursday  
night I got my homework done early so I  
could listen to your broadcast and I  
enjoyed it every much. That fellow that  
said to shoot the shot from the place of  
the foul instead of the free throw line  
had a good idea, (I think) if they were  
on their side of the court. I must go  
now so I won't keep you any longer.

Sincerely,

Don Peete Jr.

P.S. I was certainly sorry to miss you and  
Friday night.



DO A GOOD TURN DAILY

Miss  
Allen



March 6, 1944.

Mr. Carl Pine, AM3/c  
A & R Sea Guard,  
Naval Air Station,  
Norfolk, Virginia.

Dear Carl:

I appreciate the confidence that you boys have in me and I will endeavor to give you the answers to the best of my ability. Your first question is that you boys desire to know what high school conference tournament is the largest in the nation. The largest tournament at the present time that I know of is the Illinois tournament with sixteen teams. They have no classification of Class A, B and C.

Iowa perhaps has the next one with eight A teams and eight B teams. The tournament will be held in the Iowa fieldhouse which should assure an attendance of about 13,000 at a game. The Illinois tournament is held in their large, massive gymnasium at Urbana and I believe they seat about 12,000.

In the Indiana tournament the finals of four teams are drawn one team from each of the four sections of Indiana and they meet at Indianapolis in the Butler fieldhouse. The seating capacity of that fieldhouse is between 13,000 and 14,000.

If you expected to ask which state drew the greatest total attendance, then I would tell you Indiana because their district, regional and sectional tournaments all draw tremendous crowds. The Indiana high schools have a larger seating capacity in their various fieldhouses and gymnasias than any other state in the nation.

In Minnesota the high school tournament is held at the Minneapolis fieldhouse which seats between 12,000 and 14,000.

Now, regarding the states which have the largest high school memberships in the state association. Ohio has the most with 1150. I am speaking of high schools that have basketball teams in their membership. Iowa has 938; Illinois has 920; Pennsylvania has 900; Indiana has 800; Kansas has 650; and Virginia has 225. You ask in your letter, also, "how many high school teams this state has compared to its rival". I take it that you ask about Virginia because you are writing from Norfolk. I have given you the comparisons, I hope, that you desire.

You ask also, "which state is rated as the Basketball State of the nation and which state has more basketball per capita." Kansas has more high school basketball teams per capita than any of the states that I have enumerated. Her population is less than one and three-quarters million, while all of the other states mentioned with larger memberships have many



times more population than has Kansas.

New York City and the large metropolises have separate high school organizations. New York City alone has 600 basketball teams.

Now, answering your question, "which state is rated as the basketball state of the nation". I am sure that is a very difficult question to answer because most every boy from his favorite state is sure that that state is tops. Indiana has long claimed the honor but that claim comes from Indiana. Her high school association has a ruling which prohibits any of the Indiana high schools from playing any of the other high schools out of the state. This provincial ruling makes a comparison impossible. I do not believe that any state has a monopoly on basketball. There are twenty million people playing basketball in the United States and the attendance has run for several years past the one hundred million mark. There is good basketball played in all states and there is some poor basketball played, but when there is so much interest and enthusiasm the competition is bound to develop to an unusual degree.

I trust that I have given you boys the information you desire. These figures are correct. If there are other items that you would like to have, or if I have not made myself clear, please feel free to write me. It is a pleasure to do anything for you boys in the service.

My kindest regards and best wishes to you all.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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June 800 My base City

Feb 29, 1944

Panama 900

Minnesota

Dear Mr. Allen.

Va 225

125745 M

Butler Field House  
14000

June 800 attendance

Knowing that you are regarded as an authority and an author of many books on basketball I feel you are the proper person to settle all of our disputes concerning the game. Since most of the boys connected with these arguments are from different sections of the United States and each think their section is the answer to the question arising. We have all agreed to except your decision as the answer to our arguments.

to know what High School Conference tournament is the largest in the Nation? Which state is rated as the Basketball State of the Nation and which State has more basketball per capita. Also how many high school teams this state has compared to its nearest rival.

The boys all respect your judgement on these topics and any information you may give us will be deeply appreciated by myself and the boys.

Yours Resp.  
Carl Pence A M 3/4  
at R Sea Hd.  
Naval Air Station  
Norfolk, Va.

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920 Ill 1st



H. S. B B Teams

Ohio	1150
Iowa	938
Ill	920
Penn	900
Ind	800
Kan	650
Va	225

Attendance 14.5. Conf. - Tournaments Largest?  
 1st Illinois 16 Teams. No Classification  
 Iowa 13 ~~7~~ moved to 2a City -  
 8 a & 8 B.  
 Butler 14 ~~7~~  
 Indiana 1 each from 4 sections  
 12 to 14 ~~7~~  
 Minnesota

most enthusiastic -  
 attendance combined in  
 all separate tournaments  
 Indiana -

New York City & Large  
 Separate 600 Teams N.Y. Com.

The Basket Ball State of the Nation?  
 more Basket Ball H.S. Teams per capita? Kansas -



No.



DR. FORREST C. ALLEN  
 PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPT.  
 UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
 LAWRENCE, KANSAS  
 USA.

LT JOHN A. FITZGERALD  
 SENDERS NAME  
 44 EADAM ST  
 SENDERS ADDRESS  
 MT. AIRY

13 Jan 1944  
 DATE

Somewhere in England

Dear Doc;

Just a line to let you know generally where I have ended up at this stage in the game. We are having as good a time as we can have, still doing the best we can to put an end to this mess. The country is pretty, the weather typically English - cold & damp.

The cities give you different feeling than those at home. You can certainly tell these folks have taken plenty. The British are friendly and very cooperative. I have my eyes talking and working with them. The use of the pounds, & shillings still confuses me, but it's great sport.

I haven't seen a Rugby game as yet, but I intend to soon.

This is just a line to let you know my status and to ask you to send me a copy of your newsgate letter and a personal line when you have time. That is really appreciated. Give my regards to everyone and let 'em know we're right in there fighting all the time.

Sincerely John

V - MAIL



Pflicht



February 11, 1944.

Mr. L. E. Palmer,  
Postville, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Palmer:

I am sorry that I did not acknowledge your good letter of January 22nd sooner than the time I saw you and Mrs. Palmer at Ames on the 29th. However, I do want to write you and let you know that I am tremendously interested in Lloyd, as I am in all the boys on the team.

He is still troubled with his lack of aggressiveness. I have had so many new men on the squad that it is difficult to give Lloyd as much time as I would like. It seems that each one of them requires more attention than we can get in the short time we have to coach the boys.

Lloyd has used the one hand shot and I have suggested that he use it, but the greatest difficulty that I have is his using an underhand scoop shot. It is so easily blocked. I speak of this because when he comes into the basket instead of raising the ball over his head for a lay-up he brings the ball up under his knees for a bank shot.

I assure you that I am very fond of Lloyd as he is a fine, clean young man, and if I can stimulate further his interest in the academic as well as the basketball activities I assure you that I will be very happy to do so. You may count on my full cooperation and friendship for Lloyd.

I trust that I may have the pleasure of visiting with you and Mrs. Palmer at some future time. With all good wishes,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Postville, Iowa.  
Jan. 22, 1944.

Dr. F. C. Allen  
Dear Sir;

I wish at this time to express my appreciation for the time you have devoted to coaching my son, Lloyd Palmer. And for the opportunity you have given him to play on your Kansas university team from time to time. It has given him the urge to work harder in his studies and his grades are improving rapidly. His homesickness has practically disappeared and I can truthfully say that he has never had the interest in both basketball and in scholastics that he now has.

Being rather quiet and difficult to get acquainted with he perhaps has never told you that he spent the last two years in high school developing a one handed push shot. But his letters are constantly full of worries that he was not hitting with the other type of shots. I have no point in mentioning the latter except to let you know how interested he is in basketball.

Hoping I may have the privilege of meeting you and thanking you in person sometime in the future I beg to remain

Yours truly, L. E. Palmer



January 5, 1944.

Lieut. M. J. Peters,  
U. S. Naval Air Base,  
Olathe, Kansas.

Dear Marty:

There are some of our people here who want to come over for the basketball game, and would like to know what time your game starts on January 11th. Will you also let me know what will be necessary for them to get in to see the game?

We might drive over a little early and I would like to give these people the information before we leave Lawrence.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



January 4, 1944.

Mr. Ernie Pontius,  
Lawrence Journal-World,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Ernie:

Gosh, you have been wonderful! In your PA work you just add that necessary tonic to a ball game. Sure, there is a lot of excitement and wild gesticulation at a ball game, but there is a certain refinement that you give in your introductions and in hooking up all the extraneous things that no one else can give.

You are a maestro at this work and I want you to know how greatly we appreciate the fine contributions that you are making and have made. How we and many, many others will miss you when you leave! We hate to think of it, but we are realistic in our outlook, - but gosh darn it, it still makes us feel badly just the same.

With deep appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.