

September 25, 1945

A. G. Reynolds, ASVIZ, USNR
U.S.N.H. Staff
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Gordie:

I was mighty happy to hear from you in your letter of September 13. Of course, I was disappointed that you could not come back to Mount Oread. You certainly would have made a great improvement over your playing of last year, and I would even have gone out on the limb far enough to prognosticate that we would have been up in the 1-2 bracket. I am interested to know how you got in at the University of Michigan. Captain Adams of the NROTC set-up lectured here and explained how the medics were selected. Captain Adams is the Provost, stationed at Cornell University, Ithaca. He is a learned gentleman, and I would not doubt his word for a minute. This is what he said: The boys who have straight A grades in the Navy are given their choice of medical school; the boys with B grades, it is problematic as to whether that group will get their first choice. In all such doubtful cases, everything being equal, they might get their choice, or the officers of the Navy might make that choice for them. But, those with C grades have no choice whatsoever. Now the little boy would like to know how you rated the University of Michigan on that basis, Gordie. I am telling you this because there is a whisper now and then that the good athletes are sent to schools with strong athletic participation at times when the ouija board says so.

I see you are in quite a dilemma, but I do hope you end up at the University of Kansas and play on a real championship team. Don't worry about anything.

Now let me digress a moment. When I dictated this letter and said championship team, the good-looking lady taking dictation said "did you say champion gyp team"? That's good enough to pass on because I think this was a champion gyp to you and me.

You get in touch with me before you make any decisions because I want you to follow out your desires. We'll certainly be looking for you around the 19th and 20th of October. And too, we invite you to don your basketball togs and work out with our boys.

I am sending you a Jayhawk Rebounds, probably the last one I'll write since the war is over. You may get quite a bit of news regarding the boys.

With every good wish to you and your future successes, I am,

Your friend,

Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education



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13, September

Dear "Dad",

My orders are here — University of Michigan here I come! But along with those orders is also a great uncertainty as to the fate of this program.

Scuttlebutt flies thick and fast. The latest, however, was printed in the papers, and I also heard it from a medical student at Indiana U.

It seems that upon successful completion of one semester of medical school, the navy is going to release us on an inactive status with a probationary Ensign's commission. If, during the

remainder of medical school we flunk out, or are dismissed for any other reasons, we automatically are back on active duty. That means sea duty or corps school.

That last part, to me, sounds very impractical and unlikely; but it does seem likely that we will be civilians after one semester. What happens after that is apparently ~~ended~~ undecided.

In event that is so, it will become possible for me to choose my school. It will be either K.U. or U. of M. Right now I want to return to KU but there are many factors

to be considered — difference
in tuition and out of state
fees, which I like the better,
etc. I hope that all those
factors will point to A.M.
Big Ten basketball would
be great, but I'd rather
play for Phog Allen.

Of course, that is assuming
that the medical school
will accept my credits.

I will get a few days
delayed orders so will be
seeing you around the 19th
or 20th of October.

Sincerely,

Lardon

August 13, 1945

A. G. Reynolds, ASV12USNR
U. S. Naval Hospital Staff
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Gordy:

I, of course, was terribly disappointed, as was Coach Shenk, to learn that you would not be returned to the University of Kansas.

I assure you nothing would have pleased me more than to have seen you graced our campus at least another year. I assure you that we enjoyed having you to the fullest, and I trust, when this thing is over, that when you make your choice of alma maters it will be the University of Kansas. I would like to see you play with a real group of Varsity basketeers. We will have a great bunch of splendid men returning when the war is over and I would derive great pleasure in seeing you operate with that high-powered aggregation. We will have Charlie Black, Ray Evans, and Otto Schnellbacher for sure. With that group of boys you just couldn't miss, so Gordy count on it. Write me and tell me that's in your mind and I will be a happy coach.

Don't worry about what little I was able to do for you. I am tremendously pleased with your fine competitive attitude. It's such fellows as you that I love to work with. You're a real competitor and you hate to get licked, so come on back, Gordy, and we will take it out on the boys who made it tough for us in a few instances.

Certainly, with you gone and only the smaller of the boys, in stature, returning you can see that we will not be very potent as it looks now.

We were delighted to know your mother. She is a grand person. Her wonderful character is reflected in your fine attitude.

Write me occasionally, Gordy. I am always happy to hear from you. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Forrest C. Allen
Director, Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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8, August 1945

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MEMPHIS, TENN.

Dear "Dad,"

I have learned through channels that seem convincing enough, that I'm not to attend the medical school at the University of Kansas. To say I am disappointed would be an understatement. I was so in hopes I could play at least one more year under "the great Phog Allen." I enjoyed last season immensely, but I would have like to have played the brand of ball for you that I have been capable of. I thought I know you hold no thought of it, I still feel extremely guilty after your more than generous offer, and my performance in the crucial Iowa State game. I would have given anything I own to have won

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that game. I don't believe we were out-classed. We should have taken the Big Six, hands down.

I love basketball, and I hate failure. We as a team failed our coach. I wanted to amend that failure but now fate has deemed it otherwise.

I have not yet been assigned to a school. If I knew any strings to pull I certainly would try, if I could return to K. U. Nearly everyone else has been informed as to where they are going.

As Coach I think may have mentioned - I've been playing a little baseball to keep in shape. I've also done a little practicing with a basketball to sharpen the



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the eye, and to take a little of the awkwardness out. There's no gymnasium here, but we do have easy access to an outdoor court. However, it is a game of singles; no one else cares to play in this heat.

I wish you a lot of success this coming season and I'll be following the team closely through the papers.

Beat Hell out of Iowa State!

Thanks again for everything, especially for the trip you made possible for my mother.

Keep your knees bent,
"Lordy"

September 13, 1945

Mr. Thomas C. Ryther
Director of University Press
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Ryther:

Will you please print one thousand (1,000) labels, with red ink, and with mucilage backing, as per attached sample, as soon as is convenient.

Also please submit bill for same upon completion.

Sincerely yours,

Forrest C. Allen
Director, Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Order for: Labels reading:

You are responsible for all valuables
left in these lockers. Provide your
own locks.

KEEP LOCKERS LOCKED

Remove Locks from lockers during hours
other than those which you spend in
gym classes

September 10, 1945

Copy

Mr. F. A. Russell,
Lawrence City Council,
City Hall
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Russell:

We wish to confirm the conversation yesterday afternoon, at which time I offered to restudy the Lawrence City Plan and Report, and bring it down to date for not to exceed \$2500. As stated at the time, it is difficult to tell just how much work would be involved, and it may be possible to make some saving from this amount. The work involved would be a rechecking of land use and other basic data, and bringing those charts and maps down to date, possibly including such items as vacant property. In addition, we would recheck the major street plan, with highway connections, and redraft the typical cross sections for various classes of streets, omitting street railway tracks. We would restudy the transit and railroad problems, and the questions involved in any future public buildings. We would of course recheck the zoning ordinance and maps, studying areas absorbed in business use over a period of years, and possible extension of business districts. In this connection we would make suggestions for changes in the zoning ordinance, probably consolidating height, use and area requirements into one series of districts, and providing for off street parking and other requirements now more commonly put into zoning ordinances.

Parks, parkways, playgrounds, and recreational facilities would be rechecked; also the problems of school locations, and particular attention would be given to the coordination of school grounds and playgrounds. We would also include rules for control of land plats within the jurisdiction of the Commission, and other items which should properly come within the revised report.

We realize that you are anxious to have this work completed as soon as possible. On the other hand, a reasonable amount of time is necessary for thorough study and conferences as the work proceeds. We believe that the revised plans and report can be completed in about nine months to one year. As the work proceeds, however, we will no doubt be able to answer questions which come up regarding specific items, such as the new high school which you mentioned.

Very truly yours,

HARE & HARE,