

June 6, 1942.

Mr. Chas. E. Strickland,
Peoples Gas & Electric Co.,
Mason City, Iowa.

Dear Chuck:

While this letter of yours dated May 28th does not call for a reply, I am just greeting Brother Strickland for that good that it does me to say hello to an A-No. 1 Phi Psi.

I, too, was disappointed indeed not to have said hello to your second daughter, Anne. Gee, I wish that Mrs. Allen might have seen her when she was here. I am asking that a University catalog and other literature be sent Anne at once. If there is anything that we can do in making her stay in Lawrence more pleasant, please command us. Tell Anne when she comes to Lawrence that we want her to come to room 105 Robinson Gymnasium and say hello to us.

Eleanor, my youngest daughter, has been attending the University of Pennsylvania and she wants to go back, but her mother has not decided definitely as yet whether she wants her to spend her senior year at the University of Kansas or finish at Pennsylvania. Bobby, who is studying medicine there, will arrive with Eleanor by car on this coming Sunday or Monday.

I certainly did enjoy the exceptional visit that I had with your family last year at Clear Lake and the nice get-together we had at Mason City. It will always be one of the pleasant reminiscences to conjure over. Please give my love to your family and tell Anne not to forget me. Has she all of her dates arranged? One of my daughters is a Pi Phi and the other is a Kappa. Could we help in any way?

Fraternally,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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PEOPLES' GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

MASON CITY, IOWA

May 28, 1942

CHAS. E. STRICKLAND
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

Dear Phog:

Thanks so much for your letter of May 26. Our call at your home last Thursday afternoon was the second in about three weeks. The first time there was no one at home and we wrote a little note and put it in the mail box. I was particularly disappointed because I was accompanied by our second daughter, Anne, who is contemplating entering the University next fall. Incidentally, I think it would be well if you would have someone connected with the school send her the literature usually sent to prospective students.

Glad to have your very cordial note and hope that you can arrange to come to Mason City and Clear Lake some time this summer for a visit.

With my very kindest regards to you and the members of your family, I am

Fraternally yours,



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

P. S. I was very glad to have the boys at the house tell me that they had pledged Charlie Black. Good work!

CES

June 4, 1942.

Mr. Dolph Simons, Jr.,
1509 Massachusetts St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dolph:

The Junior Red Cross classes are being held at the Jayhawk Plunge on Mondays and Wednesdays as follows: 9:30 Life Saving, 10:30 Intermediate, and 11:30 Advanced and Junior Life Saving. Miss Betty Harman, Miss Nada Clifton, and Miss Lavone Jacobson are in charge of these classes.

I would suggest that you get in touch with Miss Harman at the pool on Monday or Wednesday morning.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

May 28, 1942.

Mr. Marvin Sollenberger,
1100 Indiana Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Solly:

I am writing this letter to you because I learn you will be out of town until Saturday.

A great number of boys have been in my office today wanting to check out their equipment and get their deposit refund on towel fee, and of course there has been no one in the towel room to render this service. You know, Solly, that in spite of the fact that you had a sign posted during examination period, that this would not take care of all the boys. Many would desire to get their finals out of the way, which should come first, and then would attend to these other matters. There has been a time or two when you have not been as alert as you might have been in the job.

For the present we are checking the cards out of our office, but that takes a lot of our time and it is rather inconvenient, but we did not wish to turn these boys away.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

May 26, 1942.

Mr. Gene Sullivan,
Sports Editor,
News-Press,
St. Joseph, Mo.

Dear Gene:

I was very happy to have your galley copy from your
"Wise Owl" sports column.

I have talked to Dean Nesmith, our trainer, and have
asked him to go through our supply room and pick out any
basketball equipment that we could possibly send you. You
will hear from us in a very short while with our donation.
Thank you for remembering us. I am always happy to contribute
anything to our soldiers that we are able to do.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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WISE OWL

By GENE SULLIVAN

News-Press Sports Editor

Help! Help! Help!

Lieut. Ted O'Sullivan of the Fort Leavenworth reception center was in St. Joseph the other night. Here's the story he told us: The permanent personnel of the center numbers 500 officers and enlisted men. Thousands of selectees pass through the center each week. Most of them remain there for varying periods of time. All of them want to have recreational outlets right on the post. Yet there are no provisions made for the purchase of athletic equipment.

"Please, please, please," Lieutenant O'Sullivan said, "see if you can't get some athletic gear around St. Joseph. We are badly in need of it. We can use anything for any sport. It doesn't have to be new and shiny. All we ask is that it have a few rounds left in it. It doesn't even have to be seasonal. We're just as glad to get footballs and basketballs right now as we are to be given softball and baseball equipment. But we need the equipment and we need it now."

"The men who find time on their hands at the center are men who are getting their first touch of army life. Many of them are away from home for the first time and you know what that means. They need something to take their minds off themselves, and sports is the ideal medium. Lacking funds to buy equipment, we have to depend upon the good people in the vicinity of the center."

Fans Can Help NOW

That's the picture, folks. Let's do something about it. We're willing to do our part. How about you? Look in the dark corners of those closets of yours. Get up into that attic and out in that woodshed. If you find anything that isn't being used around your diggings and could be used by some soldier we'll see that it gets to him.

Find what you have tucked away and then do one of two things. Either call the sports desk at The News-Press, giving your name and address, the type of article that you have and when it can be picked up, or bring it down to the sports desk. If you bring it down, put your name and address on the article because we want all who participate in this drive to get credit for his or her part. Here are some of the specific articles Lieutenant O'Sullivan mentioned:

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| Softballs | Baseballs | Footballs | Basketball |
| Softball bats | Baseball bats | Softball gloves | Baseball gloves |
| Ping-pong tables | Ping-pong bats | Ping-pong balls | Pool tables |
| Checker games | Dominoes | Decks of cards | Horseshoes |
| Tennis rackets | Tennis balls | Boxing gloves | Volleyballs |

Cash Will Help

There you have it. You individual fans take a look around. And it would not be a bad idea for the athletic goods dealers of St. Joseph to look over their stocks. They may have an item or two that is gathering more dust than it's worth. They're not barred. And the organized sports groups in St. Joseph could come through too. How about those school property rooms? Is there something in there that isn't essential? Dig it out and bring it down.

And we don't want to leave out the fans in the trade territory. If you have some pieces of equipment that you want to give, mail them to the sports desk at The News-Press. You'll get credit for them right along with the fans in St. Joseph.

Now about the matter of cash. If money is turned over to Lieutenant O'Sullivan he has the authority to buy equipment. However, he suggested that this plan be worked out. The money should be sent to the sports desk at The News-Press and in turn be converted into orders on St. Joseph sporting goods stores so that the money will remain in this community.

So there you are, folks. We're ready to pick up the stuff and see to it that it gets into the hands of our soldiers at Fort Leavenworth. What do you have to offer?

GENE

May 26, 1942.

Mr. Chas. E. Strickland,
President and General Manager,
Peoples' Gas and Electric Co.,
Mason City, Iowa.

Dear Chuck:

Mrs. Allen told me of your stopping along with Harold Evans when you were down at the Phi Psi house. I regret very much that it was impossible to see you, because I would have cherished a visit with you very much. It does seem that our paths cross all too seldom.

I received a letter from Gus Lauterbach this morning and of course the law of association worked immediately. I had been intending to write you, but when Gus's letter came in that reminded me of our very wonderful visit in Clear Lake last summer. I will always remember you and your family's wonderful hospitality. Please remember me to your lovely wife and family. And also remember me to our friends down the street that Mrs. Lauterbach and I visited that Sunday afternoon.

I will be seeing you from time to time, but I do want you to know that I think of you good people very often.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Fraternally yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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May 26, 1942.

Mr. Claude J. Sample,
1606 Kearney, N. E.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sample:

I very much appreciated your Christmas greeting in the form of a postcard last winter. You had no address on your postcard so it was impossible for me to communicate with you.

While in Sabetha, Kansas, recently I talked with Rev. Edward L. Baker, the minister of the First Congregational Church, there. He told me he had your address and gave it as the one I am using for this letter. I am making a "please forward" notation on the envelope, hoping that it will reach you. If it does, drop me a line so that some of your friends may have access to your address.

I trust that life is going along with you in fine shape and that at some time in the future we may get together to renew old acquaintanceship.

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

May 9, 1942.

Dean F. T. Stockton,
School of Business.

Dear Frank:

Thank you very much, Frank, for sending me
greetings from Alex R. Hodges, of Lexington, Virginia.
Alex was quite a boy.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
LAWRENCE

FRANK T. STOCKTON
DEAN

May 5, 1942

Dr. F. C. Allen
Physical Education Department
K.U.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I recently met A. R. Hodges at a meeting in
Lexington, Virginia. He asked me to convey his regards
to you.

Sincerely yours,

F.T.S.

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Jayhawker 1911

The Sachems, the Senior Society of the University of Kansas was organized in the Fall of 1910, by a number of upperclassmen and graduates who are working for higher degrees. It is the first distinctly class society ever formed at the University. The founders of the society believed there was a field at the University in which a senior organization could be useful, as similar organizations have proved their usefulness in other schools. Each of the 12 charter members has been a student at the University more than four years and therefore warranted in including PSB

The society is made up of members representing all schools and all interests of the University. Its object is to further in every way possible the interests of the

and the student body, and especially to promote the unity of spirit and action among the ever increasing student body which tends to break up into groups. In fulfilling this object a number of successful smokers and other social gatherings have been held, at which the guests of the society have been addressed by members of the faculty on subjects of university interest.

5 Faculty advisors

Charter Members:

Wm. Caldwell.	Fred. T. Haddock	Henry Kohman
Burton Sears	Watson Campbell	Hal Harlan
J. Earl Miller	Ralph Spotts	Benjamin Forbes
Frank C. Lynch	Jos. W. Murray	Fred. M. Thompson

Elected Seniors:

Robert Fisher	Robert Heizer	Jacob O. Jones	
Geo. W. Russell	Mat. A. Graham	John Ise	Fred. Pettit
T. J. Stephenson	Chas. A. Halter	Tom Johnson	
Thos Purton	Edward Weidlein		

Sachem absorbed Skull & Bones in
the spring of 1914 - C of Jayhawkers
1915

1914 gave a chair for student union
for several years gave a silver cup to
best kicker on football team

Worked for better fellowship & spirit
and better conditions at Kill
support of Jayhawkers & Alumni Assoc

In 1914 - 28 students and 14
faculty advisors.

Sachem Fall 1910
 Black Helmet 13 Oct 1910. 12 Sopho.
 Torch. 1912.
 Sphinx (77) Feb 19, 1912. 18 members.
 Skull & K. 1912.
 Maine (Gr.) 1911 March -
 Owls - Feb. 1914.

Skull & K - Honorary Senior Society
 Fall of 1912 - 19 members
 Synthesis of strength, Scholarship & love of alumnates.
 Qualifications
 Prominence in University activities
 Excellence in Scholarship
 Efforts in behalf of best interests of the
 University

My dear Dr. Allen:
I trust this is the data Mrs. Dutton has called
for all your instances - My data is not for each
of the 32 odd years - For the first six or eight
years for which I have the data there was no
change in objectives nor stated qualifications of
members - I seem to recall that for a few years
between then and my connection with Sackem
(covering ~~the~~ ^{the last 16 to 18 years}) the Jayhawk State-
ment was cut down. In my time as advisor
I am aware of no formal change of objectives
or qualifications, unless in the way of practical
applications and classifications. For instance
the scholarship test, ^{originally passing} was defined first as
a "C" average then as 1.5 when that became
the general norm. For a time good character
was stressed as an attribute of recognized leadership
first in 1919 and thereafter regularly since 1924/5
The care of the cairn and its annual upbuilding
has been a pledged task of Sackem. By the

Constitution of the M.S.C. of 1919/20 and its
revisions since) Sachem was invested with
a guardianship of the true traditions of the
University.

From the outset Sachem had an faculty
advisory body announced in the Flypaper
what they did I don't know. I was told by
some boys and I believe John Lee who was long
an advisor that they were consulted in the
choice of new members - There was a check on this
when John Dyer became Dean of Men and all
elections were subject to his approval and perhaps
Chancellor Rindley's. In my own case at first
the boys might ask my ideas on some boys and
show me their list in advance - Then the chief
Sachem sought my advice on how to get recogni-
tion analogous to that of Mortar Board - that
brought up the question of advisors and their
role. He confirmed what other chief Sachems
had intimated in consultations with me, that

the status of Sachem's advisors was uncertain. The outcome was the adoption of the present ~~arrangement~~ after talks between himself, Dyer and myself, possibly others since the talks were individual. My advice was sought on a tentative list which little changed became the advisory board of which you recall being a member. I believe it was slightly changed the next year by Sachem - then remained except for changes due to men leaving or becoming too busy to attend about the same for over a decade when the board was built up again somewhat owing to losses making it no longer adequately representative. I suggested this to Prof. Warner who handled the additions. The past two years there have been further changes as to the history of which I know but little. I understood they came from the Chancellor. This note is simply for clarification of any personal uncertainties you may have been bothered about not as a matter of fact.

tion or record - of course -

I do think you could say on the strength
of the records and consultations that the
objectives of Sachem and membership
tests have remained formally in line with
those originally announced.

Hastily
F.M.

P.S. - I find variant stories of the origins of Sachem -
for Murray, a charter member, assured me certain
stories were untrue. Apparently it was the
outgrowth of ideas a group of us talked in 1908/9 -
some of that group were the founders of Sachem and
the objectives etc are those we had talked over
I left here and was at Illinois in 1909-12 - the
summer of 1910 I visited in Lawrence and talked with
F.M. Flint, Buntow ^{about} Illinois traditions
particularly senior activities. The stone bench
by Green Hall according to Flint was a concrete result
I quit recall whether Deak, Miller, Fisher or other first
Sachems I saw told of organization plans then or not.

May 11, 1942.

Mr. George Stapleton,
Company H,
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear George:

I wish to extend my best wishes and congratulations to you upon your marriage. May you and Mrs. Stapleton have a long and happy wedded life.

I also want to congratulate you upon your high ranking in the test for officers' training. Lots of good luck to you, George.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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May 4, 1942.

Mr. William H. Shannon,
c/o Supervisory Cost Inspector's Office,
U. S. Navy,
City Dock, Pier #3,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Friend William H.:

I know you must have some rank but you are too modest to put it on paper. You have always been that way.

I was most pleased to have your wonderful letter of the 3rd ultimo, and do not think that I have not appreciated the same. The fact of the matter is, I have been covered up with detailed and administrative work. Dr. Elbel left about the middle of March, and instead of our basketball season ending at the normal time we were picked to represent the Big Six because we tied with Oklahoma but our offensive-defensive ratio was better, so we were the Big Six representative. Then we played Oklahoma A. & M. for the right to represent the Fifth District, which is the Missouri Valley area, and we succeeded in defeating them in a close game in Kansas City. Then we met Colorado on March 20 and lost to them by two points, and Stanford defeated Rice. Those were the four teams in the Western N.C.A.A. play-off. The next night Stanford defeated Colorado by about 11 points, and we defeated Rice by 2 points, 55-53.

During all that time and during basketball season my work was accumulating, and instead of being made easier it became heavier because I was appointed to several faculty committees in addition to my regular appointments. And taking over two of Dr. Elbel's teaching subjects really sunk me!

Now, so much for that alibi. I trust that you will accept it as a good one.

I have followed your activities from Washington with your training on down to Miami, and I know how very much you would like to get into a more active assignment. But undoubtedly you are doing a great job there. It is a fine thing to get into the Army or Navy service and see with what dispatch things are executed. We do come to appreciate efficiency and gentility which we find among the officers.

I would enjoy very much sitting down and chewing the fat with you, and if I have an opportunity to be down south I will certainly make it a point to see if I cannot contact you in Miami. Your admonition for me not to mention your activities in too great detail has caused me to be rather secretive. Uncle Sam wants to give out as little information

as possible regarding his men and for that reason I am not saying anything. But I would like to tell them where you are stationed and so forth for the benefit of your many friends here in the University. It must be very gratifying to meet so many of the former students and graduates. We certainly will be looking forward eagerly to the time when you are able to return to the University. I enjoyed my contacts and friendship with you. It was all very stimulating, I assure you.

Now, back to the athletic situation here at the University. I believe athletics are on a little lower ebb here than they ever have been. But that is to be expected, naturally. We may have football next fall, but I believe that after the football season is over and perhaps some basketball competition that most of the athletic activities will pass out of the picture. Professional baseball will go pretty well because of the large crowds who are accessible to the stadium and can depend upon the utilities to get them there. But for the colleges which are situated away from the large cities I am afraid there will be a difficult time. The tire rationing and the gasoline rationing which will come on this summer will certainly curtail the number of spectators to football games in the small towns. By next year, I understand, we will have two hours of daylight saving instead of one. That, of course, is to give the workers more daylight hours and the enemy bombers less time to shoot at lighted factories. Frankly, I think all the sport pages will be curtailed drastically on account of the price of newsprint. I always tell the boys never to get excited about the fact that they read their names in the newspapers. Newspapers print their names to sell papers and not to eulogize the individual.

The campus is thinning out very perceptibly when we look for the male members of the families. This next fall the University people are expecting an additional ten or fifteen per cent decrease in enrollment, but I believe that the Summer Session will have more than they have been normally expecting. Almost all the students are going to be in some activity this summer. Even the girls talk as if they want to go to summer school. I think the pollen is getting into the nostrils of all the people, whether young or old. They realize that man, woman and child are all in this war and none can escape it. I can see a definite trend in the last few months toward this feeling on the part of everyone.

I am very happy that you received your commission, but you did not tell me what it is. Any little part that I might have played to help you was freely and enthusiastically given. You have left many friends here at the University and I am certainly pleased to pass on your greetings to our mutual friends. Won't you write me again, and anything that you say that should be passed on, please designate it. I realize that the enemy would like to learn some things that we might consider inconsequential, but some of these things might mean much more to them if they were given an opportunity to learn.

With kindest regards and very best wishes for your continued success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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HOTEL



FACING BEAUTIFUL BISCAYNE BAY

ALCAZAR

BISCAYNE BOULEVARD AT FIFTH STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA

Tuesday Evening -- 3/3/42.

Dear "Doc":

I was indeed sorry to miss seeing you before I had to leave Lawrence, my orders came so unexpectedly and gave me such short notice that I was unable to see many of my friends -- guess you were out of town that week end. Nevertheless I tried to get in touch with you and I have thought of you many times since leaving Lawrence.

I was called to Washington for duty in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts. I spent exactly four weeks in the Bureau going through an indoctrinization period. On Feb. 16 I was detached from the Bureau and ordered to Miami, Florida as an assistant to the District Supply Officer and Supervisory Cost Inspector for the Seventh Naval District. My duties will be primarily cost inspection work on Government contracts; it involves ascertaining the real costs of the items in question -- this is in strict conformance with my past training. However, I am somewhat disappointed in that I had hoped for more active participation in Naval activities, but if this work is where I can be of the most service to the Nation then that is where I want to be and I will perform my duties to the best of my abilities.

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BISCAYNE BOULEVARD AT FIFTH STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA

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I am most fortunate in my assignment, both in the type of work to be done and in my commanding officer. The work will be largely administrative in nature and will afford an opportunity for individual initiative. My commanding officer is a Captain and an officer of long-standing in the Navy; he is a real gentleman and one for whom it is a pleasure to work with and for -- he seems to be so considerate and appreciative of every thing you do. I look forward to my tour of duty with him and I am sure that it will be very enjoyable even though perhaps short -- I am not at liberty to say any more at this time. (In fact do not mention my above mentioned activities in too great detail.)

Miami is a beautiful city -- it is so clean and appears to be so prosperous. The weather has not been up to form, according to the natives, since my arrival. We have had a lot of rain and it has been very cool -- in fact cold with the buildings without adequate heating facilities. The whole surroundings are a most radical change for one who has always lived in the north.

I enjoyed my brief stay in Washington -- I saw many things and was confronted with many new experiences. It was particularly

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gratifying to meet so many of my past students at K. U. -- there is a large number of them in civil service positions. These are the rewards of a teacher and many instructors cannot see beyond their salary check (I fear this is all they expect from teaching). At times this change does not seem to be a reality and it is hard to believe that I have been divorced from the classroom and my books -- they had become practically my whole life. I thoroughly enjoyed my teaching work and I look forward to the time when I will be able to return to it, even tho' this may be in the far distant future with conditions no one knows at the present time. Of course, if the Navy offers opportunities to men with my training, I may well remain in the Service; this appears to be very probable at the present time, but one does not dare to plan too far into the future.

I have looked in vain in the newspapers down here for the basketball results in the Big Six -- my guess is that you are on top and have given the rest a "run for their money". I trust that present conditions will not make too severe inroads upon college sports and athletic programs.

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FACING BEAUTIFUL BISCAYNE BAY

BISCAYNE BOULEVARD AT FIFTH STREET

MIAMI, FLORIDA

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Well I must close for this time and I want to keep in touch with ^{you} as new duties and assignments arise in the future. I wish to thank you again for all of the courtesies extended to me -- particularly am I grateful for your most gracious friendship -- I shall never forget it -- it was indeed a pleasure and a privilege to have known you. I am very proud of my commission and I know your letter had considerable influence -- I may have to call upon you again in the future -- I will do my best to prove that I am worthy of the trust and confidence placed in me. Kindly remember me to the people around the athletic office -- particularly to our mutual friends. Wishing you the best of luck in this season and many more to come. I remain,

Most Sincerely,

P.S. I do not have a permanent place to live as yet and the indicated address is that of our office -- you can always reach me thru' it.

William H. Shannon.

City dock, Pier # 3
Miami, Florida.

% Supervisory Cost Inspector's Office
U.S. Navy.

April 25, 1942.

Emory Scott,
Jr. Chamber of Commerce,
Goodland, Kansas.

Regret exceedingly that overburdened schedule
of coaching and teaching, plus difficult train schedule,
prevents my accepting your community's fine invitation.

Forrest C. Allen.

April 21, 1942.

Staff Sgt. W. R. Shaffer,
Headquarters Co., ERTC,
Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Dear Bub:

The address which you asked for is as follows:

Major Adrian H. Lindsey,
W.D.C.,
4th Army Headquarters,
Assistant G-3,
Presidio, San Francisco, California.

I trust that you will be able to have him help you for whatever you may ask.

It is indeed a pleasure to write a letter in your behalf. I am glad that you are well satisfied under the conditions, and I sincerely trust that you will be able to earn an officer's commission. It certainly does look as if many of the young married men of America are going to be called into the service right away. All of us are in this war up to our necks, and I am happy to do anything that will be constructive for the service.

I wish that you might have dropped in on us any time this winter and had seen some of our red hot games. Bub, it seems as if none of these games ever cool off here in Lawrence. For the last three years we have had double overtime games or overtime games with the Aggies. Then we go out to Manhattan and knock their ears down emphatically. But they have certainly given us a lot of trouble here. We didn't lose a game here, but the game with Denver was won in the last 30 seconds of play and the game with the Aggies in the last 15 seconds went into an overtime and then we went on to win, but it had everybody limp and almost lifeless. The people here at home say that it is necessary for them to bring their physician with them.

When you write him please give my kindest regards to

your good folks, and remember that if at any time I can be of any service to you please command me.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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April 21, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to recommend to you for your consideration Staff Sergeant W. R. Shaffer.

Shaffer was a member of my Kansas varsity basketball team for three years and he did a wonderful job. He was loyal, energetic and resourceful. He was one of the most dependable men that I had on my squad and he built morale by my always being sure of him in every situation. He had morale because he was a man who not only cooperated, but his training habits were of the best.

He was not the mere accidental type of athlete, but his play was founded upon experience and a knowledge of the game. Shaffer got along with his fellows in an admirable way. He was popular with the men, and dependable to the nth degree. I have a very high regard for his intelligence, his veracity, his loyalty and his ability.

I am very glad to recommend him without reservation or evasion.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 14, 1942

Dr. F. C. Allen
Head Basketball Coach,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

Since I have now served in the Army for one year the 29th of this month as an enlisted man I have come to the conclusion that it is going to be a long drawn out affair and that I might just as well do the best I can while here. Therefore, I want to apply for attendance to the Officer Candidate School for Physical Training Officers.

According to a War Department letter that I have in front of me an applicant must possess, along with other requirements, the following special qualifications:

- (1) A Bachelor's degree in physical education from a recognized college or university; or
- (2) An equivalent knowledge gained through experience in the field of physical training or recreation.

As you know I majored in Mathematics at K.U. so I must depend on paragraph 2 above. Would you favor me with a letter as to my character, personality, etc.? I am sure that a letter from you to accompany my application would help a great deal in determining whether or not I have the necessary qualifications.

I would like to ask one more favor---could you give me the address of Ad Lindsay?

After one year in the Army I have learned a great deal about the Army. Of course it has its drawbacks, but I cannot say that I have very many kicks coming. Since it looks as if many more of the young people of America are going to be called I can say that I am glad to be doing my part as little as it may be.

Thanking you for these favors in advance, I remain,

Yours very truly,

W. R. Shaffer

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Staff Sgt.,
Headquarters Co., ERTC,
Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

April 22, 1942.

Mr. Laurence Stanton,
1401 Central,
Dodge City, Kansas.

Dear Laurence:

We had a fine group of boys here Saturday morning, and I was very happy to meet Donald Burt. Of course, the play was very informal, but we were pleased with him, and we would certainly love to have him here at K.U.

Otto Schnellbacher had a good visit with Donald, and Otto is coming in to talk with me soon about him.

We are always happy to have a boy who has been well coached in good fundamentals, and we know you have done a fine job in his case.

With best wishes to our friends in Dodge City, I
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Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

1401 Central
Dodge City, Kansas
April 15, 1942

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have just completed arrangements with Dr. Foster L. Dennis, of Dodge City, so that Donald Burt will be able to make the trip to the Relays. You may expect him to be on hand at the appointed time.

You may be interested in learning that Burt led the Southwest Kansas League this year in scoring with a game average of 18 points. We played 14 league games. This was a new league record, the old one being a little more than 13 points per game. Then too he was third high in scoring in the State AA Tourney even though we played but two games and the ones that beat him played in four games. He holds the AA record for the most free throws made in one game. In our first tourney game this year he dropped in eleven out of eighteen attempts.

Donald is one of the best shots that I have ever seen. He is just as fast as any one that I saw this year. You may remember that he made 18 out of our 28 points against Emporia in the clinic game which you worked for us in Dodge.

Donald is able to do college work without much trouble. I would not want him to attend KU if the work would be too difficult for him.

I shall appreciate hearing from you in regard to the boy after you have had a chance to know him.

Yours sincerely,

Laurence Stanton
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