

July 14, 1942.

Mr. John C. Powell, Jr.,
525 Clay Street,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am very happy to acknowledge receipt of your good letter of the 13th instant. It will be a pleasure for me to talk with you and Bob any time that it would be convenient for you to call after this week. My son, Bob Allen, is expecting to leave this Saturday morning for the University of Pennsylvania where he is studying medicine. Bob, Milton (my other son), and I have a family golf tournament on in which we are trying to determine the champion. We play in the late afternoons, and after next week you just choose the evening.

On Monday we have a dance here on the University campus. It is called the "cornmeal shuffle". We barricade the main drive of the campus and sprinkle corn-chop on the pavement and have a thirteen-piece dance band that furnishes music for anyone who likes to come out. It is very pleasant and cool, and as I have charge of the recreation program I am always on the campus in the evenings.

Doubtless you, Mrs. Powell and Bob could get away next Monday evening and drive down. We can assure you a cool spot on the campus. I believe Mrs. Powell and you would enjoy the music, and we could move to some quiet and cool place to talk about the future of Bob Powell. Won't you bring Mrs. Powell along with you, as I would enjoy talking to the whole family at one time.

If I were a young man at the present time I would not be the least bit hesitant about attending college in this time of stress. A boy can get in on the reserve here and if he gets into a vital course of study for the national defense he is assured of continuing until his graduation. Those vital activities are engineering, chemistry, pharmacy, bacteriology, and medicine. Of course they are all pretty stiff, but a fellow can also enlist in V-1, Naval Reserve, and take such studies as will permit him to continue in college until his graduation. But we can talk this over when we see you.

Trusting to hear from you, and thanking you for your letter,
I am

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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