Dear Otto:

If you are a civilian I am afraid that they might count the one semester a full year of participation. The second semester starts February 7. I know that all of us hope that you will have two years of football. Therefore, I think a great many would be disappointed if you played basketball and took up one year of your eligibility.

I am sending you a copy of our basketball schedule. Gosh, how I would like to have you, fellow, but I certainly wouldn't want the second semester to count a full year of participation for you. It might be that they would rule that since you came in the second semester you would still have this semester and the first of next to count the one full year. I will get a ruling on this, if possible, but here is the rub, Otto. The faculty members of the Big Six Conference who are the ruling body do not have anything printed in black and white, and they pass on those things as they come up. And that is a bad deal for everybody. What we would like to have is some printed rules and go by them, but you are just in the hands of a bunch of professors who are apt to make a silly rule, in fact more apt to make one like that than they are to make a sensible one.

Yes, the housing situation is bad, terribly bad here in Lawrence. Many of the veterans are staying at the Sunflower apartments out there. They say they are awfully nice and you can get one about the size of your liking.

I am answering this letter and sending it air mail so that you will get it as quickly as possible. We are going in to Kansas City to the pre-game football rally tonight so I am putting your letter ahead of everything else. And if you can bring Mr. Sobezak with you, I assure you that we will decorate you, and fix the young man up with a good job. It is good to hear from you, Otto. If we had you in this ball game against the Tigers I would be a little more hopeful than I am at the present writing.

Don't worry, Otto, if you keep on trying you may tie Mrs. Hulteen some day.

Sincerely yours,

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