

September 29, 1944.

Mr. Herbert A. Seem,  
Enid Senior High School,  
Enid, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Seem:

I find your letter in some accumulated correspondence that I was unable to answer last spring. You ask, "Do football and basketball pay for themselves?". I do not know whether you meant to ask this as applied to high school or college football and basketball.

Night football in high school generally makes money but day-time football loses money in high schools. Basketball pays for itself in high school because the boards of education build the high school building and there is no rental to pay for basketball, while sometimes football fields are rented. Basketball in high schools where day-time football is played generally carries the load for all sports.

In college football pays about five times as much as basketball. Basketball and football both pay for themselves and make money in college.

If you are still interested and will be a little more specific in asking your questions, I will be glad to give you the best information available.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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