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Professor Alfred C. Nelson, Chairman,
Faculty Athletic Committee,
University of Denver,
Denver 10, Colorado.

Dear Professor Nelson:

I am very happy to recommend for your consideration Mr. Elmer Schaake, of our Department of Physical Education and Athletics. Schaake has had an enviable athletic record for four years in the Lawrence High School here and three years at the University of Kansas.

Schaake is married, has a lovely wife and two children. Last year he assisted Coach Shenk with our varsity football team and is expecting to continue this year unless he leaves the University. At the present time he is on a full-time basis with our Department of Physical Education, having charge of the ASTP Army students under 18 years of age, and also our civilian students. These civilians are required to take Physical Education.

At the University of Kansas Schaake was a star athlete. In his three years of football at Kansas, Schaake was a member of the Big Six Champions in 1930, in 1931 and 1932 he played quarterback, and in 1932 he was captain and All-Big Six selection for this position. Schaake was a member of our championship basketball teams, playing at guard position. The year after he graduated he assisted me with spring practice in basketball, and assisted Coach Lindsay in his spring practice in football. I have found few men who possess the innate fundamental athletic ability that Schaake possesses.

After his graduation he played one year of professional football under Coach George "Potsy" Clark when Clark was coaching the Detroit Lions. He was one of the outstanding players in the professional league that year. He played but one year of professional ball so as to enable him to clear up his college debt.

After his professional debut he coached at Bethany College at Lindsborg, Kansas, where he had unusually fine success. Bethany, being a small denominational school, had difficulty in meeting her financial responsibilities as most denominational colleges have, and Schaake came back to the Lawrence High School where he had a most enviable record, winning a great number of championships before he came to the University last year.

Schaake was on the high school track team, but did not go out for the sport at the University. However, he coached track both at Bethany and at Lawrence High School, and had fine teams. This year Schaake took