

October 19, 1938.

Mr. Ed Ellett,
Aladdin Oil Company,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Ed:

This is written to you in strict confidence, and I wish you would regard it as such, but I feel that I should tell you some things.

The budget committee of the University, at their meeting last spring, recommended that Mr. Allphin be given two years to find another position. I was instructed to notify him. He came to me and wanted to know why he was not being retained, and I told him that the budget committee had made several specific citations as to that, but he did not seem satisfied. He said he had always been a good teacher and everybody would certify to that.

Then I told him I had talked to a number of students who took his courses. Maybe it was during a moment of weakness, but I told him that you had taken his course and had come to me on several occasions and said the course was a joke, that it was the weakest course you had ever taken in college. Then I said, "Why don't you write him?". Now, maybe you will get a letter from Herb, and although you may think I put you on the spot, I trust that you will write him in all kindness and fairness and tell him what you repeatedly told me.

If you will do this, Ed, you will do a service to the University, because most people dig out of those things and do not want to take the rather fair but harsh method of telling a fellow sometimes when he doesn't satisfy. If I have "done you wrong" I will make it up to you, but somehow I felt that you would rather enjoy doing a good job of it. You remember you volunteered this information to me.

Perhaps you will hear from Herb, and perhaps not, but I would like to hear from you, and I just wanted to give you this information in advance.

Cordially yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.