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Mr. Roy S. Bennett
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Dear Roy:

Thank you for your good letter of the 4th instant. We will be happy to see you on March 7. I trust that we can have a good visit. There are a lot of interesting things that we will find to talk about I assure you.

They asked me to take the baseball team since they have no coach and all the material is either graduated or has quit school with the exception of two boys who played on the squad last year. One of our boys from Wichita, who played here on the team last year entered the University of Oklahoma because Jap Haskell gives so much attention to baseball. Jap is a hustler, and since he is connected with the Boston Red Sox in some unofficial capacity some of the baseball players feel they have an advantage if they play under Jap.

I am not getting any remuneration for the job. I am doing it just as an act of kindness and one of cooperation, but I will get some Phi Beta Kappas and coeds together and see what we can do about it. I know if I get the coeds on the team I will draw a crowd. Seriously speaking, Roy, it is the worst baseball outlook I have ever seen at any school, but I am going to get in there and hustle and pitch and see if we cannot do something about it.

Your letters always inspire me. I never will forget the time I came to Lawrence in September, 1919 and had the pleasure of seeing you here in a very important position and remembering that I also had the pleasure of officiating basketball games when you were playing on the Varsity. And then too I remember all the fine and loyal things that you did for me and then later to have had the pleasure of having you on our Varsity squad, playing when we had but few men, undersized, and not all blessed with the best fundamentals, but fighting their hearts out for dear old Alma Mater. Then I remember Scrubby's and John Burn's episode of going to a show instead of going to bed. Discipline, winning the ball game, and building a foundation for the fighting teams of the future was our job.

Well, Roy, we will spin a long yarn someday and we will have a lot of fun. We will certainly be looking forward to seeing you on March 7.

Sincerely yours,

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