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Dear Sergeant Wardell:

Your letter addressed to Kansas University, care of the Athletic Director, has been referred to me. I can appreciate what a difficult time you must have with some of those half-baked, toady boys from the east. You know, a lot of those fellows think that when they travel to Philadelphia they have gone "way out west"; and when they have gone to Pittsburgh - well, that is half way across the world; and when they get to the middle west they have gone no place. They have never heard of the Pacific Coast, a lot of them, but I am afraid a lot of them will before the war is over.

If I sent you a record of the K.U. team, which I would be glad to do, it wouldn't change their opinion any. But I have here on my desk a copy of Dick Dunkel's Team Rating and Forecast for the week ending January 16, 1943. Not so much for your information, but so that you can give an explanation to those toady boys, I am sending you an excerpt from this rating sheet which should explain to those fellows (although they may not get it) the things that an ordinary citizen would have no difficulty in absorbing.

"Dick Dunkel's ratings are based on the cumulative correlation of scoring differential with rating of opposition, and they have been continuous since the 1935 season. They show the potential scoring difference between any two teams. Thus, a 45.0 team should defeat a 35.0 team by 10 points, if they were to meet on a neutral court and play strictly according to past performance. However, research in over 30,000 games has determined that the average team is 4.0 points better on its home court than when visiting. Therefore, in the forecast below, 2.0 points have been added to the neutral rating of each home team, and 2.0 points have been subtracted from the neutral rating of each visiting team. The standings show neutral ratings only. The ratings have been 79.2% accurate in forecasting winners since 1935."

He then lists the ten national leaders as follows:

1. Creighton	73.7	6. Duquesne	72.8
2. So. California	73.7	7. West Virginia	72.2
3. Oregon	73.6	8. West Ky. State	72.0
4. Wyoming	73.5	9. New York U.	71.8
5. Kansas	73.5	10. Notre Dame	71.8