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Mr. Earl C. Woodward,
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Dear Woody:

Carney Smith is a fine boy and I like him very much. You know, Woody, I always tell you straight from the shoulder concerning things, and I think that is what you want.

I cannot verify this, but I understand that Carney Smith is loosing out at Paola. I do not know for what reason. Carney was a fine boy here, but the last year there were some things that caused him a good deal of difficulty. He joined Shrine and stepped around in a way that caused some comment. I do not know whether he was a "good timer" or not, but some way there is some discussion as to whether he has made good or not.

I do not want you to misunderstand this letter. I have always liked Carney Smith, but if I failed to tell you these things then I would be unfair to you. I trust that my statement will not hurt him. But I also would have felt guilty had I not passed this on to you.

I had several very earnest talks with Carney before he left the University, but some way I think he thought I was a little too strict on him. I was emphasizing to him the necessity of staying close to the training margin.

So long as certain alumni of the University do certain things to buy the human athletic material on the hoof you are just going to get a lot of boys who feel that they don't owe anybody a thing except the boy that is putting out the realm. I trust that you can read between the lines that some boys, like Carney, would have been wonderful boys if certain fellows had not made them feel that they were being brought in to play ball and not to pursue their studies.

I ran up to Mankato the other night and as I drove through Glasco I thought of one Earl Woodward, a very slender chap who had an uncanny eye for the basket. I remember your fine