

October 8, 1940

Chancellor Deane W. Halott  
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Dear Chancellor Halott:

It seems to me as if I have been receiving much, too much, undeserved sympathy from some well intentioned people in our metropolis. Rumors have been going around the past year or so that I am a sick man and it will not be long before I will be in a lying position looking up at the daisy shoots. Grapevine rumor has it that the center of Phog Allen's circulatory system, otherwise known as the cardiac pump, is selling him short.

If I felt any better I might get arrested. Only last week one of the leading citizens of this town, who does have some cardiac trouble, came to my home. He reported that some friends visited him last winter and stated that Dyke O'Neal, Dr. Snyder and Phog Allen all had some very bad hearts and might drop off any day. They mentioned the fact that Swede Carlson went this way and that if the said F.C. did not behave and go slower he would go away with the rest of them.

I do not like to have such gross misstatements out before the public and it is for that reason I am writing you this letter. Some five years ago I applied for a \$30,000 annuity in a small mutual company which had suffered a great many very large losses. It was the policy of said company to cut down on their annuities and I was turned down, the excuse being that I had an enlarged heart.

Three years ago Warren Woody, Manager of the Equitable in New York, with offices on 20 LaSalle Street, Chicago, wrote a twenty-year endowment policy for me for \$25,000. I went through a very rigid inspection in Chicago by the Equitable's head medical examiner, and every test was given me that the Equitable can put a fellow through. After spending one day in doing all the dices that a fellow is subjected to, I passed with flying colors. Electro-cardiograms, fluoroscopes, chest pictures and many different tests were gone through with, but with very satisfactory results.

Just a few months prior to this chest examination, Dr. Lawrence Nelson of the Salina Clinic ran an electro-cardiogram on my heart at Salina and he pronounced me quite a healthy specimen. So I guess I have been getting too much sympathy from people who do not know the whole truth.

Perhaps you have not heard a word about it, but I wanted you to know that I am in good shape to play on your team.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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cc: Mr. Henry  
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Budget Committee