

March 20, 1941

Mr. C. A. Clingenpeel
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Dear Mr. Clingenpeel:

Thank you, "Clingie", for your good letter as of March 3. The Nebraska game was a corker and we were more than delighted in our ability to whip them. They were a tough crew and the crowd was rougher than pig iron.

Yes, it has been a great pleasure to have Bob on our team. He has been a fine student and an exemplary chap, both in the home and on the athletic field, and he has been what we call a clean player. He has been a great source of pleasure.

I also thank you for your angle on the increased number of basketball players on the court. I would go along with your idea of removing the fouling player from the game for a period of one minute. You know that is the way basketball started. But, Clingie, the greatest benefit to the game would be to raise that basket two feet. You would practically cut out the two foul shots because there would be no great urge to drive into the basket for a lay-up.

You would reduce the number of fouls to nearly one-half, and instead of ganging in and crashing under the basket, the play would be to pass out for shots fifteen feet from the basket rather than under it. And the tall player would lose his importance tremendously because many of these gangling fellows would be forced to shoot the same as the rest of the players do who are not so tall. His marksmanship would not be comparable to the well-knit, well-coordinated versatile athlete who accommodates his muscles of his eyes to height the same as he does to distance. If you will raise the basket two feet and scrimmage a few times, I am sure that you will be sold on that change more than any other.

Again thanking you for your kind words and wishing to be remembered to your good wife and your splendid family, and with one other fond wish; that you have more than one of your four sons who will be a stand-out in games in which you stood out so prominently, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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