

June 18th, 1941

Mr. Lefford F. Cushingbery
Medicine Lodge, Kansas

Dear friend, Cushingbery:

I find that I failed to answer your good letter of April 14th. My baseball, Commencement speeches, my speeches in the Grapefruit and Lettuce League, and the University Commencement as well as the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary have kept me from digging your letter out of my belated correspondence file.

Of course we had a good visit with Bill Forsythe during the Kansas Relays when the boys shot baskets. I understand that Bill is all set to be with us this fall.

Now regarding fraternities: While I'm a Phi Psi, I absolutely refuse to have anything to do in rushing a boy for this or that fraternity. I did not show your letter to Mit, nor shall I, because I have always insisted that all of my staff stay away from rushing during rush week and after the boys have made their decisions, then of course I drop down to the house to say "hello" to them.

It's often been said that I have a great many of the Phi Psis on my basketball team, but it's through no activity of mind that they become Phi Psis and if they make the team I assure you it's no favoritism shown them by me.

I mention this in a very straight forward fashion so you will know my attitude in regard to fraternities. A non-fraternity boy has just as much a chance to make my team as does a fraternity boy. I have lived too long a time to let a Greek letter shown upon the breast of a boy influence me in making a decision regarding his athletic ability.

I do appreciate your interest and it has been a pleasure to me to have known you. I hope that when you play in Wichita, February 2nd, or in any of our Conference games, that you will make your presence known. It will be a pleasure to have a visit with you. I appreciated your hospitality while we were in Medicine Lodge last spring.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and
Recreation-Varsity Basketball and
Baseball Coach.

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