

January 23, 1940.

Mr. E. J. Collins,
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My dear friend Collins:

I am glad to have your letter of the 21st instant. I am passing it along to Dean Nesmith and I know he will enjoy hearing from you.

We have just finished this past semester a course on the treatment of athletic injuries which we call "Theory and Practice of Athletic Training". Last summer we offered an eight-weeks course in this subject. I am not sure whether we will offer the course again next summer because we are seriously discussing the advisability of offering Advanced Basketball in its place for this summer. I rather think this is what we will do. In that event we would not offer the athletic injuries course.

My schedule is such that it would be impossible for me to devote enough time to an individual to give him the finer points of training. It takes weeks at best. So I am afraid your suggestion would not work out.

Why do you not try to get on as trainer on the hourly basis rather than doing it for nothing? It seems as if a laborer is worthy of his hire, and as long as you do it for nothing no one will appreciate your work. They pay the property man a price for his hours of work and you should be much more valuable than a property man.

Answering your question as to which would be the better time to come, I would say that it would be better for you to enter in the fall semester because you have a great many football injuries, and knowing Dean Nesmith you could work very closely with him on actual conditions. And too, we will doubtless offer this course in the fall semester next year.

I trust that I have answered your questions as fully as possible for me to do so. I am happy to have word from Paul Newell. Give him my kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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