

Football League, however, is conducted on a pretty darn high plane. As George Marshall, the owner says, the professional teams admit that they pay their players but many universities and colleges hypocritically deny that they do! Dad debated the move for a long time, but his salary is such that he couldn't afford to turn it down.

Ruth and I thoroughly enjoyed Mrs. Allen's very sweet letter. Ruth and the boy are both doing very well and are home now. Of course, the old man is beginning to wear down under the strain of personally administering the 10 o'clock, 2 o'clock and 6 o'clock feedings! Thank goodness I had years of physical education work to build up my resistance for these nocturnal marathons and endurance contests! We have named the youngest athlete in the DeGroot clan Donald Forrest. The middle name, of course, is for the finest boss and one of the greatest guys I have ever known, and I hope you don't mind our taking the liberty of naming him after you. I only hope Donald Forrest can live up to his name; and he'd better be a basketball star or else! Ned already performs a pretty fair two handed pass as well as a bounce pass, so he's on the road at the age of three.

I am working on an assignment for Headquarters AAF right now which will require a trip to Denver or somewhere in the Middle West, for a conference within the next couple of weeks. If I can come through Kansas City I'll make every effort to stop off and visit all the old gang at KU. If I possibly can, I hope to see KU's game at Denver or one of the later ones in October.

I presume that you will be starting basketball practice pretty soon and that your next "Rebounds" will tell us what your prospects are. Stanford is finally breaking down on its "duration" athletic policies to the point of playing basketball this coming season. Although I live in Palo Alto, I very seldom get out to Stanford. I did see Everett Dean about two weeks ago, however, and intend to get over there again in the near future.

Good luck in the season to come, Doc, and best regards to Mrs. Allen and all our friends at the University.

Yours sincerely,

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