

May 10, 1943.

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Dear Dud:

Pardon me in not answering sooner your good letter of January 21. I had fully intended to answer this letter two dozen times, but at each and every occasion I muffed the ball.

I am pleased beyond measure that you were enabled to visit Mary and her family. Bert and Ruth and Mary and Pete have a great time together and I am happy for them. And Sonny - I'll bet he got a real boot out of meeting those all-Americans.

And by the way, I want to congratulate you on your fine accomplishment with the East team. You did a great job. I am glad that you had an opportunity to meet Don Faurot and his splendid wife. They are wonderful people. While we do a lot of battling, Don Faurot and I have always been very good friends. We have never had one untoward word in all the time that we have had relationships. A fellow would have to be an awful grouch not to get along with Don Faurot.

We would certainly like to have Bert back with us, and do we miss him! I am hoping after the thing settles down that we can have him back. He did a great job for us when he was here.

Regarding my writing Asa Bushnell for you in the N.C.A.A., I find that I failed to do this, but honestly, Dud, I had it in my mind that I had done so. Of course, it would do little good for me to put in a word with the N.C.A.A. outfit because I am very much at war with St. John and company, which means Major Griffith and the big fat boy, his handy-man Friday, "Ole" Olsen. But I would have been happy to have written Bushnell for you because I know that you could have done a swell job. Of course, Ned Irish, Pat Kennedy and company are a pretty close group. We were lucky to beat Fordham in the Garden because the pair that worked for us fouled both Black and Dixon out at the most critical times. I do not cry over the officiating, but the work of the pair in the Garden in the Fordham-Kansas game was putrid. But we said nothing, either in New York or any place else.

The people in Philadelphia told me that the pair that worked for us, and by the way, I have forgotten their names, worked terrible games in New York, that none of the visitors could win when that pair worked. And I think Creighton drew the same pair that we had. We were just lucky to get