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Mr. Elwyn Dees,  
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Dear Elwyn:

I was happy to get your letter of the first instant and agreeably pleased and surprised to know that you had a new training room fully equipped waiting for you. Gee, I was glad to see you land there, and I know that you will do a one hundred per cent job for them. A job like that, coming as it did, is always a pleasant surprise.

Contacts that a fellow makes in his run over the country pay real dividends. Most of the basketball games that I scheduled with Pitt, California, Stanford, Notre Dame, and the other teams were from contacts that I had made with coaches in the National Collegiate and other places.

I am pleased, too, that you are getting some teaching experience. That will build a lot of confidence in you and will make you broader in every respect -- I don't mean physically. I am glad that the pictures aid you in the teaching of taping and manipulation.

I have been watching your Pitt football team with a lot of interest, and I want to say that I think the verdict of the country is that Pitt is doing a great job, especially when they lost their old master, Dr. Sutherland.

Give Maxine our love and rest assured that we are for the Dees family first, last and all the time. With two little youngsters in your home, and six miles out of the smoke, I am sure that you are having a very pleasant and well-rounded family life.

Now, Elwyn, regarding the arch normalizer. I had Dell Davidson make a wooden press-board platform for me, 20 by 24 inches, and he screwed the normalizer on this board. This press-board is about  $5/8$  of an inch thick and has a moulding around it, and the screws are set in from underneath into the arch normalizer. This is then placed on the concrete floor and is not easily kicked around on the floor. It is a great thing for basketball players' arches. When their feet are tired after a strenuous practice we have the boys roll their feet before and after practice, and it really gives them a lot of zip and pep. I am frank to say that it will cut your work fifty per cent in the way of manipulation of feet when the boys are tired.