

February 23, 1940.

Mr. Dudley S. DeGroot,
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San Jose, California.

Dear Dudley:

I promised you a rain check on my letter of congratulation to you upon the acceptance of the head man job at the University of Rochester, but I never got around to writing it.

First, here's wishing you all the success in the world, and I know you will have it because you have the ability to impart not only the knowledge but the enthusiasm. In other words, I think you can breathe into the lungs of the physical education set-up the real breath of life, and I will be pulling for you a thousand per cent to do a wonderful job.

I want you to know that there was much interest in your candidacy at Kansas State. I believe that you could have gotten the job down there because Mike Ahearn called me the next morning after I wrote the letter. I was in the dentist's chair down town. He followed it up down there and he seemed very much interested. So much for that.

We are still limping along with one foot in the grave as far as the Big Six championship is concerned. We have a group of juniors, while Missouri and Oklahoma have an outfit of seniors. We might tie Oklahoma for second or third place, but I do not believe we can lick Missouri because they have lost but one game and I hardly think we are powerful enough to do the job. We are playing Nebraska at Lincoln Saturday night, and Iowa State Monday night, and Missouri the following Friday night. Then four days later we go to Omaha for a non-conference game, and then finish the season at Norman against the University of Oklahoma on March 8th. All we have to do is to win all of these conference games with a group of boys only one of whom is better than six feet tall - 6-2½. And in each of the other teams they tower from six feet seven to six feet nine at center, with two or three other big huskies.

Lots of good luck to you, Dad.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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