

February 27, 1943.

Captain E. R. Elbel,
Headquarters, 2nd Dist.,
Army Air Forces Technical Training Command,
455 Lake Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Eddie:

I just called Bill Quakenbush, of Lawrence Lodge #6, and he tells me that the procedure for you to follow is to pay six months dues at the Portage Lodge #675, and ask for a denit. Then write to Wm. Quakenbush, secretary of Lodge #6, Lawrence, Kansas, and petition for membership here.

I am sure that you will have no trouble making the grade. Dean Schwegler, Bill Quakenbush and I are all members of #6, as well as are a great number of other faculty members here on the hill.

We had very little hope of winning the game last night due to the fact that the brass-collar, Col. Briggs, at Omaha, refused to let Charlie Black play basketball although the medical doctors had certified him as being physically able to play. However, Col. Briggs is afraid of public opinion. The only possible conclusion would be that we were in collusion with the medical doctors to preserve him for basketball.

I took a slap at the spineless and "intestineless" Athletic Board. I am writing you polite terms.

In Hugh S. Fullerton's AP column from New York, February 25th, he states, "When Joe Gardner, Georgetown University's graduate manager, reported that big John Mahnken's induction had been postponed until after the basketball season because he was having some dental work done, local coaches began inspecting their squads like horse traders trying to learn a nag's age." Here is a parallel case in which an athlete is deferred for dental work. Charlie Black was deferred on account of his lungs, but could not play for Kansas.

Hope everything is going well with you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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