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Dear Roy:

Delighted to hear from you from Chicago. I was sure that it would be some different than what a fellow expects, but of course any change from college life is always a downhill slide and not an uphill glide. College life is the happiest time in all the world for a young fellow, I believe.

I wish you might have been here when we smeared it on Mr. Jack Gardner. And then of course Missouri and Oklahoma and Oklahoma Aggies tripped on the Kansas machine, but we looked pretty poor against Oklahoma Aggies last Wednesday night. Ray Evans always plays his scintillating, earnest, hard-driving game. He is a great boy and I have never had a finer chap on any team than Ray. He is modest, sincere, cooperative and an A Number One fellow in every respect. You and I certainly agree one hundred per cent on him and I am glad that you have been able to show him as many fine sides of the existence of life as you have. I have always noticed how considerate you have been of his welfare, and I know that through the years when Ray is a big fellow in his own right and when he is in position to help young men he will do a great job.

We have finally determined on the five-man "ironman" team. They go through without a hitch most of the games, but in the last few games I have been inserting Bill Brill and he has been doing a good job of it. He always goes in if anybody is off their game a little. Bill hurt his knee, you know, and is not in tip top shape, but fits very nicely into the combination.

Mrs. Allen, Mit and Isabel are all fine, and the Kansas crowd are back on their old happy vein when the Kansas team is rolling. I tell you frankly I did not expect the fine record the Kansas team is making.

I do want to tell you one thing that stamps Ray as a great chap, and he doubtless is responsible for the team's success as much or more than anyone else. Ray won the Fordham game with a last minute goal after a fast drive down the floor and a lay-up on the backboard. Charlie Black had been disqualified when we were leading Fordham by 14 points, on four personal fouls. Our lead soon melted away and Fordham went ahead. Ray took hold, and although very few people know it, wrote Charlie a very fine letter after the game and said, "Charlie, the thing that gave me courage to fight was seeing you on the side lines standing up and cheering