

November 8, 1941

Mr. Don Ettinger  
507 W. Kansas  
Independence, Mo.

Dear Don,

I was disappointed and yet delighted on my visit to the hospital this morning. I had brought you a woven, hickory basket filled with luscious fruit from all climes. It was heaped full of grapes and oranges from California, bananas from Bolivia, Delicious and Jonathan apples from good old Missouri, pears from Arkansas, and other fruits from I know not where as well as cheese straws from Loose-Wiles in Kansas City---all for you, Don, and it was a heaping basketfull.

Before I started in I met Albert Haas who with Mrs. Haas and other football lovers were on their way to Manhattan to see Kansas State play South Carolina today. Albert had stopped for a visit with you. While we were both disappointed in not getting to see you, and I especially in not getting to deliver your fruit basket, we were happy to know that you were visiting with your parents. I know that this must be a day of joy and relaxation for you. Will you kindly give them my kindest regards. I enjoyed my visit with them very much at the Iowa State football game.

Now regarding the fruit basket. I left the same with Miss Goodrich, the nurse, and told her that the fruit, since you were not there, was for the staff of the hospital, but that they were to save enough for Don Ettinger when he returned. So I am expecting you to go over to the hospital and collect your share upon your return to the campus. So here's hoping to see you when you get back. Stop in the office and say "hello", and Don, be sure not to forget to make up your back work if you have any and do not cut a class. You will have a great opportunity to win the friendship and esteem of your professors. Their sympathy and best wishes will be for you on account of your injury and more if you make no excuses and cut no classes and get up all of your work in the face of this unfortunate injury. So do not make the mistake of even slightly imposing upon their good nature due to this injury of yours.

With all good wishes I am

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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