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Dear John:

Thanks for your nice letter of the 4th instant, and also for the clipping regarding our mutual good friend John Buescher. I enjoyed reading the clipping and do assure you that a great personal friend of mine, John Glenn, did a very worthy and appreciative act in recommending the thin man to us. Not only did John Glenn recommend, but he delivered the thin man to us. I am sending your letter on to Mitt from which I know he will derive plenty of information, but much pleasure.

Regarding our basketball team, we lost one of our star hot shots, Gib Stramel, who was sent to sea duty last week, but Ray Evans is coming in for this second semester, for which the enrollment is starting today. Jack Ballard is coming in after our Nebraska game, which is Friday of this week. I am sending you a schedule which will give you the dates of our remaining games. The Nebraska game is the 15th, instead of the 16th--a typographical error.

While a lot of shifting and changes will have to be made in the eleventh hour, I still believe we will be as strong by acquiring Ray Evans as we were when we lost Stramel. Stramel was just learning our system and the loss of him balanced against the last minute shift of new men just about equalizes things. Do not think that I am selling Evans short because he will make a tremendous contribution, but the smooth working team work which we desire is bound to be annullified to a certain extent by new men coming in at the last hour and the old man dropping out.

The Fifth District N.C.A.A. has a committee which may decide it is not necessary for any of the Big Six teams to meet Oklahoma A. & M. if they, in their opinion, consider that A. & M. is superior to any of the Big Six teams. So the terrific lacing that they gave us in the early season may hold up and they may be the selection. When you are playing a seven-foot giant like Kurland, it takes a lot out of you. This is his last year and, personally, we will be glad when he is gone. Our record with Iba stands at nine wins and six losses, so we still have three up on him. We have not tried to maintain big time teams during the war, but now that the war is over Mr. Iba and I may renew our wars.

I hope that it will be possible for you to come back to our environs sometime after you are discharged and renew old acquaintances and friendships, and, incidentally, to witness a few of these torrid round ball games.

Mrs. Allen, Jane, Hoot, and Jill all send their kindest regards. With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.