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Mr. John H. Glenn
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Dear John:

Thank you for your good letter of the 22nd instant enclosing clippings from the Illinoian Star of September 5th and 6th, following my visit to your most hospitable city. I know that you are tremendously busy, but you never miss out on your assignments. You keep them in mind and keep pegging away until you get the job done.

We are playing a football game here with Colorado State on Thursday, the 28th, which is the Republican Thanksgiving, but tonight the Varsity are playing the All-Stars at 7:45. The All-Star team is composed of the ever-victorious team of 1936 sans Fred Pralle, but they will add Don Ebling, and Bruce Voran. It should be quite an outfit for the Varsity to play. Ray Noble, Paul Rogers, Ray Ebling, Francis Keppelman and Gordon Gray, a member of the 1935 team who is now the freshman coach, will make a star-studded team with plenty of power.

We will start Howard Engleman and Bill Hogben at forward, Bob Johnson at quarterback and center and Bob Allen and John Kline at guard. John Buesbher is eligible for Varsity games but he does not have a C average, so there are three boys we are holding out. John could help us tonight but I prefer to put the emphasis upon studies so we will not play him. There are two other pretty good boys that we will not play but when we play Texas on the 9th and 10th of December we should have all the boys eligible. We are playing the freshmen here on December 6 and that will be quite a struggle.

I will give the boys your kindest regards and although I know that you may wish for them to be up in the running, I am afraid that this year we are going to be noticeably weak regarding heft and power. We will be good ball handlers but we have too much rough opposition to hope that we will climb the ladder as high or successfully as we did last year. Many breaks plus much good luck plus an unconquerable courage got the boys as far as they went last year. I do not believe that we have that same ability this year but we will be in there struggling and we thank you for your good wishes.

We certainly want to see you at Columbia or Ames this year and we are hoping that somehow you will find it possible for you and your mother to drive over to Lawrence to see one of our games here.