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Mr. Hilden R. Gibson  
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Dear Professor Gibson:

Thank you very much for your very good letter of the 26th instant. It was nice of you to write me as you did.

I might explain my whole purpose in insisting on a C average for the student. My notion is that unless a student is making C average in all the work that he is taking he is in jeopardy. Our desire is that he pass his work, and we are using this athletic halter on these non-academic bronchos to get them eligible. We like to give them a nibble of corn, but we desire that they have durable satisfaction when they get out of college.

We apply the same measuring stick to our Varsity people and our thought is that unless they can get a C average, they are in danger of losing their eligibility after the semester is over. For this reason we go beyond the Big Six eligibility for the athlete's own lasting benefit.

I believe we have stimulated Don Ettinger to the point that he is finding himself and realizing that he is much happier in his improvement than if we should let him play without challenging the best that is in him.

Thank you very much for all the trouble you have gone to in behalf of this boy and our Department.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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