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Dear John:

As soon as I received your good letter I took it home so the family could read it. We were all happy that you had a chance to eat breakfast with Jane and have a good visit with her. We were also glad to know that there is the possibility of your getting over to Columbia on Friday, February 21.

Yes, it would be a fine idea if you could bring John Musgrove along. We will certainly be looking for him. I hope he is a better student than John Buescher, but John Musgrove also had academic mortality at Colorado.

Thank you for your good wishes regarding the progress that Kansas is making, but I want to tell you we are skating on mighty thin ice.

Regarding the ruling on the rejection or the acceptance of a free throw, the interpretation of the basketball rules is this: that it is not necessary for the free-thrower to give his decision on the second free throw until he has thrown the first. I do not know what the high school rule is on that and of course the high school rule would govern high school contests. The State rule would first apply and then the National Federation Rule would apply in case there is no specific high school rule. My notion is that if the player elected to throw the first free throw then he still has ten seconds to throw the second, and it would be ample time for him to make his decision at that time.

It seems as if there are entirely too many squabbles in high schools over these things, and my notion is that they endeavor to strait-jacket these high school players with too many technicalities. If we would use common judgment in most cases it would be a lot better than too many rules. Thank you for sending me the clipping.

Now, I want to write you regarding John Buescher. He was in the hospital over a week with carbuncles on his knee and had the flu. Dean Nesmith slapped his hands away when he was pinching a carbuncle and Dean warned him that he was apt to produce trouble. John told him there was a splinter in his knee and he was trying to pinch it out. The boy does not seem to have much basic knowledge regarding infections and their dangers. Dean said he did this once in the dressing room and also he caught him doing the same thing down at Oklahoma.