

Don Isett would be a regular letterman because his records in track and his participation in football were good enough to consider him as a letter man.

Naturally, the authorities said of course they could not go back on the coach's recommendation and enlarge it; that they believed in sticking with the coach's recommendation. So I guess there is nothing to do for Don, although I would again take another shot at it in his behalf if there was any way for me to open up a new case for him.

I remember so well when the first World War was over I had John Bunn go over all the records of the letter men. In fact, all the men who had played on varsity teams of any sport. We had a post card printed with the return post card attached. We asked each one of the members of the various varsity teams to fill out so far as their memories served them a resume of each game that they had played in or had not played in but were a member of the squad. After all these returns came back the athletic board met and awarded a great number of varsity letters to men who up to that time had received no letters but had played on teams enough to get a varsity award. Some of those men, I remember, are Dr. Hassig, a surgeon in Kansas City; Senator Robert Rankin, ex-mayor of Lawrence; Charlie Russell, the present mayor of the town, a football player who played under Dr. Kennedy, and a great number of others. These men would have given anything in the world for a letter but there was only one way to get it and that was by the action of the athletic board.

Perhaps after this war is over we will endeavor - at least, some one should endeavor to do the same thing and bring up a K list of a lot of the men who were barely short of the award for some reason or other. Times change so markedly that I think these are good policies to pursue. At any rate, if I get an opportunity to do Don Isett a kindness I certainly will do it.

You will understand that I am not blaming you in the least, but I am hoping that some time after this war is over you and I both might join in a common letter to the athletic board in behalf of this fine athlete and fine citizen of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

With all good wishes to Mrs. Schlademan and your fine family, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Varsity Basketball Coach.

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