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Dear Harold:

When Fred Ellsworth and I sat last week at Rotary he asked me if I remembered you. I said that I certainly did because I had very many pleasant contacts with you. He discussed a part of your letter in which you spoke about the intramural program and sent me a digest of the part of your letter in which you referred to a chapter that he could not figure out. You said: "Contrary to the evidenced opinion of some responsible athletic authorities an adequately sponsored intramural sports program would bring about a greater support for the varsity athletic activities. I believe fellows like my old friends Engleman, Cadwalader, Weinecke, Pralle, will agree. Didn't most of them participate in the intramural sports in which they did not letter with the varsity?"

I find myself a little hazy in trying to figure it out myself. I have never known of any athletic authority of responsible standing who would not definitely recommend and sponsor intramural sports. It is a great builder for competitive sports. Any boy who likes to play one game well would naturally get into other intramural sports. Where boys belong to fraternities and other organizations, it is the most natural thing in the world for a star in basketball, like Engleman, to get into softball, horseshoes, or what not. It is a great social mixer as well as providing a friendly contact that makes men understand and like each other better.

I think every one of the men that you mentioned, perhaps, participated in one intramural sport, but I know of none of them that participated in any sport that they did not letter with the varsity. The point that I mean is - Engleman in basketball and tennis, Cadwalader in football and baseball, Weinecke in football, and Pralle in basketball. These fellows were all top-notchers in competitive sports.

I am wondering if you will not give me some of the athletic authorities that you have in mind who have criticized competitive athletics.

For your information I think that perhaps you do not know of my interest in intramurals. I not only started them here at the University of Kansas, but sponsored them by putting a thousand dollars each year of athletic money derived from sports into intramurals. With lumber from the Athletic Association we built the eight large outdoor handball courts, we kept up the expense of marking the tennis courts, the maintenance of the golf courses, and all. This was all from athletic money and not from physical education. After the first World War I engaged G. B. Patrick, who