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Mr. Lyle T. Quinn,
Iowa High School Athletic Association,
Boone, Iowa.

Dear Lyle:

I am rather reticent about ballyhooing any publicity regarding athletes coming to me for treatment. On page 339 of "Better Basketball" I have written something that might be used by you, if you desire. It is as follows:

"With the increasing emphasis upon competitive intercollegiate athletics, an insistent demand has been created for expert college athletic trainers, who will possess a combined varsity-competitive-team experience and a working knowledge of the basic sciences, coupled with an understanding and sympathetic interest in the athlete, from his moods of highest exaltation to those of complete dejection. In other words, trainers must possess such powers of intuitive observation that they will detect symptoms of psychic depletion, as yet immeasurable by scientific methods.

"There was a theory among the early-day physicians that they should have had most diseases communicable to man, so that they could more sympathetically treat their patients. In a similar manner, if a team trainer has, as an undergraduate, had athletic experiences, with their accompanying injury, fatigue, and dejection, he will perhaps be quicker to detect and to understand the meaning of the hollow eye and the sagging shoulders, with their attendant lassitude.

"Among the college-reared athletic trainers who have served their apprenticeships of practical experience under the author's direction are: James M. Cox, trainer of athletic teams at Harvard University; Roland Logan, team trainer at George Washington University, Washington, D. C., the Boston Red Sox, University of Pittsburgh, West Point Military Academy, and North Carolina Pre-Flight. (Logan was in the Southwest Pacific with Jim Crowley as a recreation officer, but now I understand he is to be with Crowley in his set-up this fall) Elwyn Dees, formerly trainer at Oklahoma A. & M., the University of Pittsburgh, University of Nebraska, and Iowa Pre-Flight. Milton Kelley, athletic trainer at the University of Texas; and Dean Nesmith, present trainer at the University of Kansas. All of these men are graduates and were athletic trainers at the University of Kansas before they went to their respective positions. Dean Nesmith has been trainer here the past five years.