

June 22, 1944.

Mr. B. R. Miller, Principal,  
Marshalltown Senior High School,  
Marshalltown, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I received a letter from Lt. (jg) H. C. McWilliams, of Deland, Florida, stating that this would probably be his last letter to me as he is expecting orders any day now and was given unofficial word that he would soon be outward bound. So he is doubtless on his way. I am enclosing an excerpt from his letter concerning his brother which is self-explanatory.

Lt. McWilliams is a Penn State graduate, as is his brother. Both of them were splendid athletes. I am well acquainted with Lt. McWilliams, he having visited in our home a great number of times, and later having been stationed at the Hutchinson, Kansas, Naval Air Base. My son, Pfc. Robert E. Allen, who is a senior medic at the University of Pennsylvania, played with Lt. McWilliams at Pennsylvania on their championship intramural basketball team. Lt. McWilliams took his law degree at Pennsylvania after getting his B. S. degree at Penn State, and in that way he and my son became well acquainted.

Lt. McWilliams is an All-American athlete, standing six feet four inches. Winter before last he played on the Naval Pre-Flight team at Chapel Hill, N.C.

I have every reason to believe that Lt. McWilliams' brother is well qualified, and since Lt. McWilliams did not give me his brother's name and since I do not know where he lives, I am sending a letter to my son asking that he send it on to the home address of the brother. I do not know of the athletic ability of the brother, nor of his coaching abilities, but Penn State has had fine basketball teams, and after seeing Lt. McWilliams play I am convinced that his brother would be well qualified to teach and to demonstrate basketball.

At least I am trying to pass on the name of a candidate to you, since I do not have any other to recommend. All my boys are in the service or in positions that they would not care to leave at present.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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