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New York City, N.Y.

Dear Everett:

I am very happy to have your letter of the 27th ultimo. I feel complimented that a newspaper man would take time off from pounding the typewriter and from making his rounds so that he would have time to write me such a lengthy epistle.

We are leaving for Columbia, Missouri, this afternoon, so I am hurrying to get this letter to you so that it will serve you any good purpose that it might. I am afraid that we started too late. Ralph Miller received a very severe football injury to his knee in the Iowa State game early in the season, and then the coach put him in the Nebraska game before he had entirely recovered, and it put him on the sideline for the rest of the time for football and most of the basketball season. We have been very slow in finding ourselves because we had counted on Miller as the key man. So if there is any alibi in that, I am glad for it to go that way.

I am not good at writing politic letters, Everett, so I will tell you exactly what I know. Yes, Kansas and the other Conference groups are supposed to be in the N.C.A.A. tournament. However, I do not know how things will work out. If we beat Missouri we will be tied with the Big Six lead if Oklahoma beats Nebraska and Kansas State this coming Saturday and Monday nights. Both teams are in the lower bracket so far as victories go in the Big Six. If Missouri wins then they will win the Big Six and it is still up to Oklahoma to tie them.

Miller is not nearly himself as yet; I would say only about 59% efficient, so you see we are not a hot aggregation as things go.

Now, I am glad to tell you regarding the teams that you inquire about. On December 3rd we played a clinic game here with Central Missouri State Teachers College of Warrensburg, and won by a score of 25-20. We did not have a very well organized team, but I thought Warrensburg showed some possibilities. You know they won the Oklahoma City tournament later, with the Oklahoma Aggies in the tournament. I imagine that you have all of the Oklahoma A. & M. scores, showing that they are out in front in the Missouri Valley Conference, but at Oklahoma City in the tournament they lost to Baylor and some other team.

We played Oklahoma A. & M. at Stillwater to dedicate their new fieldhouse on December 9 and 10. We lost both games, 25 to 19 and 21 to 15. The Oklahoma Aggies played here on February 8th, and we won that game. I am enclosing a schedule of our games for the season, up to the present time, with the scores.