

Previously, Miller had gone up to Northwestern and had taken his girl along, with money furnished by the Northwestern alumni. This was right after the Kansas Relays that Miller took the trip to Northwestern, and he saved \$18 on the expense money allowed him to take his girl and himself up to Chicago to look over the Northwestern campus.

Miller gave up his job in the summer, went out to L. S. Angeles for three days, and then was taken to Palo Alto and spent several days in John Bum's home. Miller's father advised Ralph not to go to California unless he bought a round-trip ticket. After he had been in John Bum's home three days, playing golf and being entertained there, John drove him back to Kansas City where John was to shoot the picture with the rest of us in the basketball movie-talkie.

I might add here that I coached Harold Miller's brother and Ralph's uncle, Howard Miller, when he played on my 1920 Kansas varsity, so I had a good acquaintance with the Miller household, as Harold was a K man here at the University just prior to Howard's attendance at K.U.

George Nettels was on the Pacific Coast this past summer and visited John at his home in Palo Alto. George told me he said to Bum, "John, listen, you lay off of Miller. He is going to K.U. I know all the particulars." And John said, "I am not even trying for him, because we haven't a chance."

However, just at this time, Mr. Butts from Wichita, attended a wedding out on the coast and he had a conference with John, and it was after this conference that Bum made the trip to Chanute. John told him about the judge that fixed the boys up with money. But Butts furnished the money for Ralph to make the trip.

I ask you, Mac, what chance has a young boy in high school of being sane and unassuming when they will not even let a fellow alone when he tells them he has decided on a school. Tulane sent Miller a check for \$90.00 for him to make the trip to New Orleans this past summer. Miller sent it back. Then Tulane sent a man to Chanute to talk with him.

It is said that Miller is really better as a football player than as a basketball player. He is a triple-threat player, runner, kicker, passer. So it was for football that lots of them were interested in him. However, neither Ad Lindsey nor Gwinn Henry thought he was much good as a football player, I am told. They told me so. After Miller played on the freshman team here I said, "Gwinn, they tell me you can tell by looking at a boy whether he is a football player or not." And Gwinn laughed and said, "Well, that boy certainly fooled me. He looked like he was a thin-chested fellow; but I will take all back that I said. He really can play football."