

July 18, 1944

Dean Alfred C. Nelson
Graduate School
University of Denver
Denver, Colorado

Dear Dean Nelson:

I understand that Elmer Schaake has made application for a position as coach at the University.

I am a graduate of the University of Kansas and also a member of the Pioneer Club, so I have a mutual interest in Elmer Schaake. Schaake is assistant varsity football coach and teacher in the physical conditioning course for Army trainees at the University of Kansas. Before that he coached at Bethany College at Linsburg, Kansas, where he had a remarkably successful experience. He came from there to Lawrence High School where he coached all sports and made a most enviable record.

Schaake has had several championships in his league at Lawrence High School. During his three years of football at the University of Kansas, in 1930 they were Big Six champions; and in 1931, you may recall, they beat Denver University 12 to 7 in a rather uninteresting game in which Kansas showed plenty of power but did not use it in the proper way. Schaake was captain and all Big Six quarterback in 1932. He is married, has a most cultured and lovely wife, and two children.

Elmer Schaake is as fine and clean in every way as a man can be. He is not only a gentleman and fine sportsman, but he has a lot of pep and fire, which should be an attribute of every successful coach. He has the qualifications in every way for coaching a "big-time" football team. He played one year with Petsy Clark's Detroit Lions after finishing his competition at Kansas. He did not care for the professional game, although he was one of the outstanding players in the league. He merely played to earn enough money to pay his college debt.

I will appreciate any consideration you and the other officials at the University of Denver may give this outstanding man. I wish you might meet him personally.

Yours very truly,

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cc: Dave Wyatt, Athletic Director