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Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
Director of Physical Education,  
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Dear Doc:

It would warm the cockles of your heart, if a heart has a cockle, to visualize the extreme pleasure this youngster of mine had when he found the basketball in his sock on Christmas morning. The fact that it had been used only enhanced its value. I told him your team had used it in several games last year, which added much to its intrinsic worth. If he isn't a hot-shot by the time he is ready to go to college, I'll miss my guess, because he certainly has a good eye. George Mackie installed a regulation goal over at the side of his home and there the kids shoot at every opportunity. It was darned nice of you to go to the trouble of arranging for George to get it and bring it home and I appreciate it very much.

I had quite a talk with George about Schwanzle and he verified the report that Schwanzle was flunking in Physics. However, when I told him I would bet him that he would wind up on the Beta intramurals team he didn't seem to disagree very heartily. I told him very specifically to tell Bob to go over and talk to you at the first opportunity and discuss the thing with you so there would be no misunderstanding either way. I told him I thought there wasn't much gratitude in that kind of business unless he actually is in trouble scholastically. Maybe by now he has been around to see you - I hope so.

I observe Oklahoma met its waterloo at Kansas State which, no doubt, surprised you. At least, it did me and Curt - Curt said it couldn't be so. I suppose everyone will be off very substantially this season, but I suspect you will be in there pitching with whatever you have got a and will no doubt fare better than the second division.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Allen and my best to you.

Sincerely,

*Geo.*