

November 21, 1941.

Mr. N. H. Norgren,
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The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Nels:

Thank you for your good letter of the 19th instant.

I do not want you to think that I am obstinate in this matter, but I do not desire to serve as chairman of the Basketball Rules Committee of the Coaches Association. Please do not feel that I am picayunish or fault-finding. I am not criticizing your policy in moving up members of the committee each year so that each in his turn heads the committee. That might be all right from an honorary viewpoint, or to give each individual an opportunity to serve, but certainly I do not believe it is good from an efficiency standpoint. That is merely passing the thing around to anybody who happens to be on the group without the merit of the thing being considered.

While I do not expect to be hypercritical, I feel that I am much better off in making any criticism that I care to make by not being a member of this committee.

I, perhaps like you, make a decision for definite reasons and I assure you that had I not made this decision already I would have been glad to have served under your administration. I trust that you will not feel it is a personal matter because it is far from that. I have not been very strong for certain elements in the Basketball Coaches Association for a few years past. Before your tenure it was my opinion that there was a lot of personal glorification and self-advertising by certain individuals that I cared not to be identified with.

Without going further, I trust that you will excuse me from this assignment.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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