

February 6, 1940.

Mr. George Nettles,  
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Dear George:

Thank you for your good letter of the 31st ultimo. I am glad you liked the NEA syndicated stuff. Yes, Mac was terribly kind to Bob and he was pleased beyond measure and appreciative enough to sit down and write Mac a note of thanks.

You know, these old dads really do give the youngsters of the second generation a break when they have an opportunity. A few of those things are good for Bob because he realizes the position he is in and he has got to take it all in the day's run. A build-up for Bob will be a good thing for him. He is beginning to develop more confidence in the tougher competitions of life.

The reason I did not reply to your recent letter was because I did not want to carry on an incident that I thought could be explained to you personally better than in a letter. Here's the crux in a nutshell. The conference of faculty representatives, unknown to me or even to some of the athletic directors and faculty representatives, cut the number of games down from 20 to 18 for basketball. I was not informed and when I made my schedule I of course submitted each game to Coach Henry before I would arrange it, and then the contracts were made out and sent to him for signature. When the schedule was completed I wrote him a letter, incorporating the schedule and asked him to bring it up for early action by the Athletic Board so they might announce it.

The basketball schedules were printed by the Athletic Office and distributed, and of course I supposed the schedule had come before the board. I discussed the Washburn three games up there with my superiors and thought it was o.k. When it was discussed in Kansas City both Coach Henry and Professor W. W. Davis stated at the conference they knew nothing of the arrangement with Washburn. So that made me look bad, especially when they came back and discussed at their own athletic board, and Gwinn again stated he knew nothing about it.

It was necessary for me to write the letter that I did, a copy of which you received. But enough of that. I will tell you the whole story when I see you. I really preferred not to amplify upon the matter after I had corrected the information at its fountain source. I want to cooperate in every way with my superiors and will