

Bogotá, Colombia, S.A.
Apartado #35 & Aereo #3604,
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Dear Coach Allen:

You may be surprised to hear from me in this far away country. But when the chance came to me to come down here in educational work I could not pass it up. I am now learning the Spanish language and have been since we arrived late in July. I will be director of the Colegio Americano when the new year begins late in January. This college takes the student thru about the same amount of work as does the junior college in the states. The students are the pick of the population because there is no mass education or compulsory in this country. The present school year will be over shortly after the middle of this month. Then there will be a vacation until late in January when the new term will begin. We have about 500 students in our college.

I am writing particularly to ask if you will give me some information about your invention called "Goal-Hi". If there is a book or pamphlet of rules for it I should like to have it and I shall be glad to pay you for it. I should like to know the rules of the game, the number of players, the height of the goal from the ground, its diameter, the number of braces from the rim of the goal to the pole, the diameter of the circles at the base of the goal and any other information pertinent to it. We shall probably have to make the goal or have it made because if we bought it new and had it shipped from the states the duty would be so high that it might be prohibitive. I will be glad to pay for any information you may be able and willing to give me. These young people are hungry for games because this is an adult world in this country. There has been no time given to amusements of any kind for children until recently. Even now children under 15 are barred from the 6:15 and the 9:15 p.m. movies. They are allowed to attend only the matinees at 3:15 p.m.

This city in which we live is the capitol of Colombia and has about the same population as Kansas City, Mo. though it is more concentrated as are European cities. There are more than 20 picture shows in the city and most of them show Hollywood productions. Rarely is a picture produced in Mexico or Argentina shown. Since all Hollywood sound films are in English the translation in Spanish is flashed on the screen at the bottom of the picture. We have had several late pictures here from Hollywood. Since we are about 9,000 feet above sea level the temperature does not go above 65 degrees F. though this is a tropical country. The low temperature never is below the 50 degree mark. We wear winter clothes the year round and hence do not need heat in our homes. Temperature is determined here almost entirely by altitude though we are only a little more than 4 degrees from the equator.

No doubt, you are in the middle of pre-season basket ball practice. I hope you have a good team and a satisfactory season. How I would like to see some of your games this year! I note that Ralph Miller is playing football this fall. I hope that he is at his best for basket ball this winter. You will miss your son, Bob and Engleman in your line up but you will have two good boys from Kansas City, Kansas I believe.

How is Bob ~~xxx~~ making it in the east? He is to coach basket ball while attending medical school I have understood. I'll wager he will make a good coach.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience and trusting I may be able to send one of my students to K.U., I am,
Sincerely yours, *A. E. Garrison*