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Lieut. Dan Partner,  
U. S. N. Pre-Flight School,  
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Dan:

I was very happy to receive your letter and wish you all the luck in the world in your proposed move.

Thank you for the information concerning the Navy's need for physical educators. There is one young man in particular that I would recommend as a top-flight physical educator. His name is Ralph Dugan, and he is at present coach and teacher at the Atchison County Community High School, at Effingham, Kansas. Dugan is intensely loyal, a rugged, splendidly conditioned, red-headed, freckle-faced chap of the rough and ready, contact-loving type. He is a splendid coach with an excellent record, and is a man of high purpose and clean habits. He is married, and the draft board is blowing down his neck.

I have asked Dugan to wire Commander Hamilton, and also to take it up with you.

There is one other fine young man whom I would recommend - Harold Testerman. He was an outstanding varsity athlete here at Kansas, and later helped Tad Reid in his coaching at Warrensburg. Testerman has had excellent success in his coaching, and I am asking him to file his credentials right away. He is at present with the Coca Cola Company in Kansas City.

We are having basketball practice every day, right through the Thanksgiving holiday. Our first game is Tuesday, December 1, when the Varsity meet the Frosh. Iowa has cancelled their game here on December 21, due to Big Ten curtailments, but I think we can schedule another game to fill in.

The physical conditioning course is going along in fine shape. We are finding it necessary to consolidate some of our very large classes because the Army and Navy need the space, but they come first. We are always happy to put first things first, and carry on the best we can.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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