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Mr. M.F. Ahearn
Athletic Director
Kansas State College
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Big Six Basketball lost one of its pioneer boosters in the resigning of Frank Root as basketball coach. Frank Root was an untiring worker, well liked by his boys and his opponents, but was unfortunate in not being able to produce a really successful team. In all fairness I will say that Aggie basketball teams in the past have lacked the proper fundamentals required for a winning team. Mr. Ahearn, I feel that I, as successor to Mr. Root, could teach these necessary fundamentals and bring Aggie basketball fans a winning team.

My inexperience in the coaching profession will undoubtedly be considered a hindrance, but after four years under Doctor F. C. Allen, I think I know enough basketball to produce. My youth and inexperience cannot be wholly classed as a drawback, but in some ways an asset because after getting the confidence of the players, we could work hard together and develop an unbeatable spirit. My youthfulness gives me the desire to work harder and to win, and I will drill this same spirit into a team.

I am now employed by the Phillips Petroleum Company here in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, but