

April 14, 1942.

Mr. Max White,  
Sledd Building,  
Lyons, Kansas.

Dear Max:

It is a pleasure for me to write the letter of recommendation, and I wish you lots of good luck in your attempt to get into Officers Training.

With best wishes for your continued success,  
I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



April 14, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to write in behalf of Mr. Max White, of Lyons, Kansas.

Mr. White received his Bachelor of Science in Business at the University of Kansas in 1927, and his degree in Law in 1931. He made a fine record while in the University, and since his graduation he has taken an active part in community affairs.

He is a fine, clean young fellow, interested in the welfare of the youth of his community. He has the ability to interest and lead young men in constructive living. He has served as president of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Kiwanis Club of Lyons.

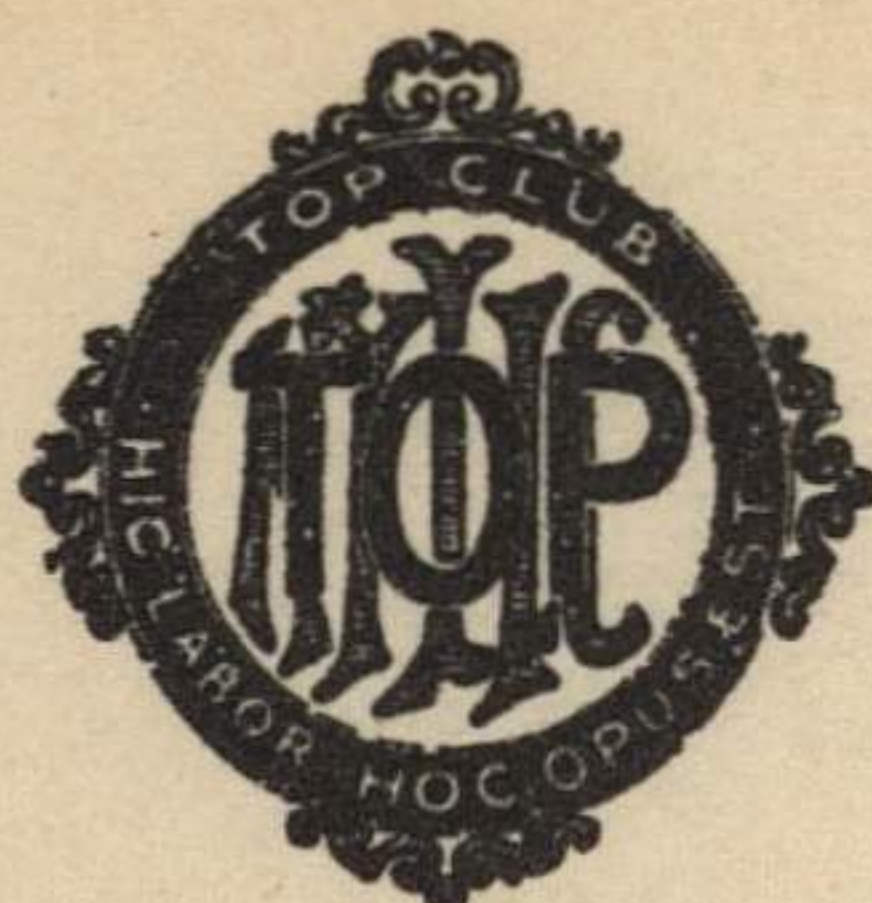
I have great confidence in leadership and integrity. In my opinion he is fine material for Officers Training. I am glad to recommend him without reservation.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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





New York Life Insurance Company

April 12, 1942

MAX WHITE  
SLEDD BUILDING  
LYONS, KANSAS  
TELEPHONE 212

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Director of Physical Ed.  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Let me express our appreciation again for your kindness in driving out here to deliver that magnificent address to our basketball boys. It went over one hundred percent, and the comments about the square on the following morning were most laudatory. Whether you realize it or not, you are most certainly doing a great work for the young manhood of Kansas, and I congratulate you upon your ability to get your message across.

I am ashamed to think that Lyons treated you in such a shabby manner as robbing your gas supply, and causing you the trouble that it did. You deserved much better treatment, and I apologize for our city.

Thank you so much for your kind invitation to my brother Ted. I am hoping that you also issued an invitation to the big boy that I pointed out to you, A.B. Turner.

I spoke to you about my attempt to get in the Officers Training of the Army. I wonder if you would feel at liberty to send me a letter of recommendation in regard to my ability as to leadership and the handling of young men. It would help immensely, I am sure. For your own information, I have served as President of the Chamber of Commerce, and as President of the Kiwanis Club, our only service club. I have also kept in touch with the boys of high school and college age. Thanking you for past favors, I am

Most Sincerely Yours,

*Max White*

27 Bus.  
31 Law



Mrs. Martell is a very personable, capable young woman, and in my opinion she will make an excellent teacher. She is enthusiastic about whatever she undertakes, has a thorough knowledge of her subject matter, is cooperative and capable. I am very happy to recommend her for a teaching position.



April 7, 1942.

Mr. Dan Partner,  
The Kansas City Star,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dan:

I am very happy to write the enclosed letter in your behalf. If there is anything further that I can do, please call upon me.

With best wishes for your success, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH  
Enc.

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



April 7, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

It gives me great pleasure to write a recommendation in behalf of Mr. Dan Partner.

He is one of the finest gentlemen of my acquaintance. His judgment is sound and forceful, his veracity is unquestioned, he is cooperative and industrious. He has versatility and imagination, but his writings are always predicated by fact. In my many years of coaching I have known many sport writers, but I have never known one more fair and forcible in his writings than is Dan Partner.

Dan Partner was a great football player at Kansas State College. He was always clean and aggressive in his playing, and stood out among his fellow players.

I am glad to testify to his high character, and to his unusual ability as a writer. I recommend him to you without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



# THE KANSAS CITY STAR.

DAILY  
COMBINED CIRCULATION  
MORNING AND EVENING  
600,000

SUNDAY  
CIRCULATION  
320,000

WEEKLY  
CIRCULATION 450,000  
PAID-IN-ADVANCE  
SUBSCRIBERS

April 6, 1942

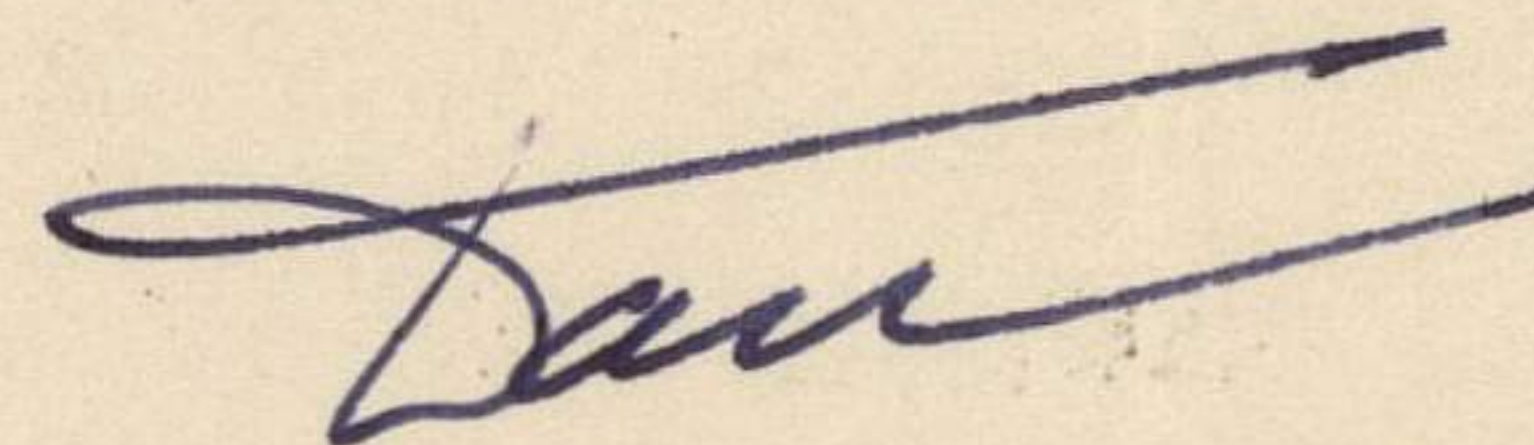
Dear Phog:

I'm attempting to get into Tom Hamilton's program in the Navy and need a letter of recommendation from you as to my writing ability and character. Will you write me such a letter?

Head it To Whom It May Concern. I shall deeply appreciate your service.

I'm enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,



Dan Partner



April 7, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to recommend Dr. E. R. Elbel for consideration for a commission in the Army of the United States. Dr. Elbel has been a member of our staff in the Department of Physical Education for several years. He has had splendid training and fine experience as a teacher of youth.

Dr. Elbel is held in very high regard by his colleagues at the University, and by the people of the community. He is an excellent teacher, and his conduct and bearing have always been fine examples to young men. He is sincere, conscientious, understands the problems that confront young men, and gives the best that is in him for the job to which he is assigned.

I am happy to recommend him without reservation as a man well qualified and intensely loyal to our nation.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



January 7, 1942.

Mr. J. B. Miller,  
Director of Physical Training,  
Air Corps Technical Training Command,  
20 East Archer Street,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I am very happy indeed to recommend Dr. E. R. Elbel, Associate Professor of Physical Education, as a man worthy and well qualified to do research work in technical and training fields. Dr. Elbel has had splendid training and fine experience as a teacher of youth.

At the present time he has several personal research projects and is directing several masters' theses with the idea of attempting to establish new tests rather than merely the accepting of a few "pet" ideas along that line. His doctor's thesis work was done on reaction time, and his master's thesis was on posture and strength tests. I have done some research myself in collaboration with Dr. Elbel, and have found him very capable.

Dr. Elbel has been long associated with the training and teaching of young men. He is an excellent teacher and his example and bearing have always been a fine example to youth. He does not use narcotics nor alcoholics in any way, yet he understands the problems that confront young men. He is sincere, conscientious, and gives the best that is in him for the job to which he is assigned.

I am happy to recommend him without reservation as a man well qualified and intensely loyal to our nation.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



April 6, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Arnold Wiebe for the past five years and have always found him to be an honest, capable worker. His character is of the highest, and to my knowledge he has no bad habits. He is industrious, co-operative, and loyal.

I am very happy to recommend him for your consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

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



April 6, 1942.

Corporal George L. Bowles,  
Co. "D", 31st Med. Tng. Bn.,  
Camp Grant, Illinois.

Dear George:

It was a pleasure to hear from you, and I am  
very happy to send the letter you requested.

With best wishes for your continued success,  
I am

Very sincerely yours,

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



~~WAR DEPARTMENT~~

Corporal Geo. L. Bowles

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Co. "D", 31st Med. Tng. Bn., Camp Grant, Ill.

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~~OFFICIAL BUSINESS~~



April 2, 1942

Dear Doc:

I have been in the United States Army for five months now, and am eligible to apply for Officers Training School. Yesterday I applied for Officers Training in the Medical Administration Corps. The board of officers here which selects applicants requires each applicant to present a number of letters of recommendation for this training. If you feel you can recommend me, I will appreciate it greatly if you will address a letter to "To Whom It May Concern," and address the envelope to me here.

I have been receiving the Kansas City Star here and followed with much interest your team of this year. Would certainly like to have been able to see them, especially the K.U.-Oklahoma Aggie game in Kansas City. Guess that must have been some ball game.

Also read of the ceremony and tribute paid to you in Lawrence recently. Congratulations!

Thanking you for this consideration and pulling for your continued success, I am,

Sincerely Yours,

*George L. Bowles*



April 6, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to write in behalf of Mr. George L. Bowles concerning his application for Officers Training School. His experience and training in military school imbued him with the necessary ideals of proper discipline.

He is courteous and attentive and responsive, and knows the meaning of the word loyalty. In my opinion he is fine material for Officer Training. He has had experience in football, basketball and baseball, and played on my varsity basketball team for two years.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



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1914

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

CHICAGO, ILL.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
FROM THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY  
SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY  
ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE FACULTY  
HELD AT CHICAGO, ILL., ON MAY 1, 1914

WHEREAS the Faculty of the University of Chicago  
has been informed by the President of the University  
that the Board of Trustees has decided to  
suspend the University from the Association of  
American Universities and Colleges for a period  
of one year

Resolved that the Faculty

May 1, 1914



I am very happy to recommend Miss Bitter. She has a fine personality, is very intelligent, cooperative, industrious, and will do a fine piece of work as a teacher.



April 25, 1942.

Lt. Commander Tom J. Hamilton,  
U. S. Bureau of Aeronautics.

Dear Commander Hamilton:

I have been asked by Elwood G. Pitzer, basketball coach and director of intramurals of the Springfield High School, Springfield, Ohio, to write you concerning my knowledge of his fitness to be considered for a position as athletic instructor in the Navy physical education program.

I am happy to say that I have known Elwood Pitzer for a great number of years. In 1929 I knew him as a senior in the Springfield High School. "Pop" Warner and I were conducting a coaching school at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio. Young Pitzer served as one of my demonstrators during my summer coaching course. I followed him through his four years at Wittenberg College and he was one of the outstanding athletes of that school.

Pitzer is aggressive, loyal and can be definitely depended upon. He is clean, capable and courageous. He has the type of leadership that a coach is always looking for. I believe he was captain of the Wittenberg College team. Pitzer has been very sincere in his desire to obtain an education, and the fact that he is a very successful coach and a teacher confirms this opinion. Pitzer is not only a teacher but he is a fine example to young men.

I am very glad to recommend him to you without reservation or evasion. In my opinion he is a valuable member of society.

Sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH



April 25, 1942.

Mr. Elwood Pitzer,  
Springfield High School,  
Springfield, Ohio.

Dear Elwood:

It is a pleasure indeed for me to write a letter  
in your behalf in your endeavor to secure a commission in the  
Naval Reserve.

I am enclosing three copies of the letter, and I  
trust this gets the job done.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



# SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

## COACHES

J. A. McDonald, *Football*  
W. H. Stewart, *Ass't. Football*  
E. G. Pitzer, *Basketball and Director*  
*of Intramurals*  
R. H. Paugh, *Baseball*  
G. L. Ronemus, *Track*  
J. F. Remsberg, *Asst. Football, Bas-*  
*ketball, and Track*  
J. A. McDonald, *Tennis*  
R. M. Larsen, *Golf*  
R. H. Paugh, *Cross-Country*

The Athletic



Association

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H. S. Heide, *President*  
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H. F. Shultis  
And Coaches

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

April 15, 1942

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
801 Louisiana,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have forwarded your name as  
reference in my endeavor to secure a commission  
in the Naval Reserve.

I have made application with  
Lt. Commander Tom J. Hamilton, United States Bureau  
of Aeronautics, for a position as athletic instructor  
in the Navy physical education program.

I will sincerely appreciate any kind  
word you can say for me.

Please give my regards to the family.

Sincerely,

Elwood Pitzer

EP:B



April 24, 1942.

Mr. Robert Hunt,  
2331 Corning,  
Parsons, Kansas.

Dear Bob:

I am very glad to write a letter of recommendation in your behalf, and am sending you three copies. I trust this gets the job done.

I am                      With best wishes for your continued success,

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH  
Enc.

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



April 24, 1942.

The Commanding Officer,  
Gulf Coast Air Force,  
Randolph Field, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am happy to write you in behalf of Mr. Robert Hunt, whom I have known for a great many years.

While attending the University of Kansas Bob Hunt played on the varsity baseball team and the varsity basketball team, earning letters in both sports. For the past two years he has been coach of all sports at Overbrook High School where he made a very fine record.

Mr. Hunt has the University Teacher's Diploma, licensing him to teach, and this together with the great amount of work he has taken in physical education, has doubtless qualified him in an unusual degree.

He is loyal, clean, purposeful, cooperative, and knows the value of teamwork.

I am very glad to recommend him for your serious consideration.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



April 21.

Dear Dr. Allen,

I wish to let you know that I have written Gene Tunney - and also W.L. Berridge whose is in charge of Army Physical Training at Randolph Field, Texas.

In our telephone conversation of some weeks ago I mentioned that I would like to enlist in work of this kind and you informed me that I might use your name as reference.

I have done this and am expecting a reply from these gentleman this week.

My 3-A classification is to be reopened and reviewed this coming Saturday and I felt that if I am not deferred because of my present



defense position, that it  
would be advisable for  
me to try to enlist in the  
Physical Training line in the  
service.

I shall appreciate any  
advice that you may have  
in this matter and any  
help that you may give me.

Most sincerely,  
Bob Hunt

F.S. That's fine  
about Bobbie's achievement.  
My best regards and  
good wishes to him.

2331 Conning,  
Parsons, Kansas.



March 27, 1942.

Mr. Ralph W. Erickson,  
124 Palixado Ave.,  
Windsor, Conn.

Dear "Pop":

It is a pleasure for me to write a letter in your  
behalf to Lt. Commander T. J. Hamilton.

We have had a pretty successful season here in  
basketball. We tied for the Big Six championship again  
and won third place in the Western N.C.A.A. play-off in  
Kansas City as champions of the Fifth District.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



March 27, 1942.

Lt. Commander T. J. Hamilton,  
Division of Aviation Training,  
Navy Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In my several years of teaching at Springfield College, Springfield, Mass., I came to know Ralph Erickson very intimately. In those years he was completing his work on the Master's Degree in Physical Education.

I have met a great many men in my coaching school experience and in my long tenure here at the University, and I must say Erickson fills the bill thoroughly as a man's man, as a gentleman, as a well-trained physical education leader and as a man who has faced the real test of fire and disappointment and at the same time has emerged at the top of the heap.

I was thrown with him intimately two years at Springfield and if space did not forbid I could tell you of some wonderful qualities he has that the more than average fellow in no way possesses. He is clean, courageous, and capable. He has dealt with men long enough to know men's problems, and in my opinion will go a long way as a leader of men.

His judgment is that of a mature man, yet he has that kindly regard for the ways of men that an administrator should possess. I am recommending him without reservation. I have an exceptionally high regard for him and for his work.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach



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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

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124 Palisado Ave.  
Windsor, Conn.  
March 22, 1942

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc;

I have volunteered for service in the U.S. Naval Reserve under Tom Hamilton and if I have any luck will be commissioned a Lieutenant in the Physical Training Division. I need several good letters of recommendation, so am taking advantage of your kindness and am returning a copy of your old letter to be addressed, signed and returned to me immediately.

Finished a rather unsuccessful season in basketball winning 5 and losing 7, but won our objective games against Williams and Wesleyan. We worked well as a unit but lacked in height which always proved our downfall. We only average 5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " with one boy 6' but weighing only 167 lbs. I had a swell bunch of kids who battled like demons constantly. At the end of the season they gave me a banquet and presented me with a trophy.

The doors of my home are always open to you, Doc, for I will always remember our pleasant times at Springfield.

Good luck,

*Pp*

Address:  
Lieut. Comm'dr. T.J. Hamilton  
Division of Aviation Training  
Navy Dept.  
Washington, D.C.



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His judgment is that of a mature man, yet he has that kindly regard for the ways of men that an administrator should possess. I am recommending him without reservation. I have an exceptionally high regard for him and his work.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Director of Athletics  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

*Dear Doc.*

*I have enclosed a record of my experience & coaching success & anything else you might add will be greatly appreciated*



Ralph W. Erickson B.P.E. M.Ed.

Home North Adams, Mass.  
Age 37  
Height 5'9"  
Weight 180  
Married 1 girl age 3

EDUCATION Drury High School, North Adams, Mass. 1922. Captain of football, basketball, baseball teams. Springfield College 1927 B.P.E. 1935 M.Ed. Varsity basketball 3 yrs., baseball 3 yrs., football 1 yr. Captain of basketball. Played baseball in New England Professional Baseball League. Northwestern University Coaching School 1933. Northeastern University Coaching School 1935.

EXPERIENCE 13 years in Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Coaching.

1. Director of Health and Physical Education and Coach of football, basketball, baseball, track, field and ice hockey in public schools, Windsor, Vermont 1927-33.

2. Director of Health and Physical Education Teacher Training, Windsor, Vermont 1927-28.

3. Director of Athletics; Vice-Principal; Coach of football, basketball, baseball, track, field and ice hockey; teacher of biology, civics, ancient history, vocational guidance, and hygiene in Windsor High School, Windsor, Vermont 1933-37.

4. Director of Playground and Swimming, Town of Windsor, Vermont 1928-30.

5. State Director Amateur Baseball 3 yrs. Vice-President Vermont State Physical Education Association, 5 yrs. Chairman, Southern Vermont Coaches Association, 3 yrs.

6. Instructor in Physical Education (soft ball, swimming, volley ball, touch football, squash racquets, and calisthenics), assistant and Freshman Coach of football and baseball, Varsity Coach of Basketball at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. 1937-

7. Director of Recreation and Swimming at New England Music Camp, Oakland, Maine 1939-

Member of National Football and Basketball Associations

" " A.A.H.P.E.R.

" " Conn. Health and Physical Education Association

<u>COACHING RECORD</u>	Football	Won 72	Lost 24
	Basketball	Won 228	Lost 74
	Baseball	Won 133	Lost 42
	Field and Ice Hockey	Won 21	Lost 9

Total coaching record for 17 years shows teams won 78% of all contests played.

Football Vermont State Champions 1930 Runnerup 1934, 35, 36  
Trinity College Freshman Football Teams undefeated in 1938 and 1940.