

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,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach