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Dear Mr. Bushnell:

Sometime back in the fall I received a short note from Dudley DeGroot, Associate Professor of Physical Education, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, asking that I write you concerning his qualifications as an official.

Each day, week and month I put it off until I finally felt ashamed of myself. Of course, I used the urge of administrative work and coaching as an excuse, but that really was no excuse. When an individual has an opportunity to recommend as personable an individual as Dudley DeGroot, certainly coaches should not procrastinate as the game has too few men officiating as does DeGroot.

Two years ago I went as one of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Committeemen to Treasure Island, San Francisco, and aided John Bunn in managing the Western N.C.A.A. Basketball Championship. John Bunn had assembled there the finest group of officials that I have seen work. Bunn was supervisor of the officials and his selection of them was only superior to his work of supervision. I told Bunn and the officials in San Francisco at that time that I believed they interpreted and executed the job of basketball officiating better in that tournament than in any tournament I had ever witnessed in the United States. Dudley DeGroot was the outstanding official of that group.

Last year when I conducted the Western and the Final Championships for the N.C.A.A. in the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, one of the first men that I selected to work in the Western Championship was Dudley DeGroot. We brought him here from Rochester, New York (he had left San Jose State Teachers College and gone to Rochester) to represent the eighth district, because he was the outstanding official in that section at the time I knew him. Of course, I called John Bunn, who was the eighth district representative, and it was John Bunn who nominated DeGroot, but even though he was out of the district I was glad to bring him from Rochester because he was well worthy.

The plan that I employed was as follows: When the fifth district and the sixth district met we used officials from the seventh and eighth districts, and it worked perfectly. We never used an official to officiate for his team in his own district.