

emphasized to them my extreme friendship and admiration for Pralle, and confidentially I registered my disappointment in Golay because he was dissatisfied because he could not play. I think the very thing that interfered with his good play was his tendency to break training. This is symptomatic of why he failed in other lines.

I said to Golay, "Pralle plays and dissipates, and he does a wonderful job of it, but I am just as badly dissatisfied with Pralle because he could be such a benefit in influencing the other boys to train." Pralle said to me, "Dr. Allen, don't you think that all of these rumors are greatly exaggerated regarding our breaking training?" I said, "Yes, Fred, I do think they are, but there is also some truth in the statement that you do not train as you should." And he agreed.

I said, "Now both of you go out together and talk this thing over. I am not going to tell you what you have to do. You make up your minds, and whatever you do will be quite satisfactory with me, because of the fact that when you play you play because you want to play, not because some one compelled you to play. But after the season is over I am going to tell some of you fellows whether I want you back next year or not on the team."

Now, I do not mean that I was going to kick them off, but I did mean that unless they wanted to give up something I would prefer that they go into other lines of endeavor while they are here in the University.

My purpose in talking to Bruce is to try to awaken in him some latent powers for leadership which he has never shown here. Bruce is a fine boy, but frankly there is something that leads me to believe he wants you to think he is much more abused than he really is. In some ways he is a very strong player, and in others he is quite weak. His push shot is very weak, but he has made one hundred per cent improvement, and his one arm pass is a quick, lightening pass which he has just picked up and he is immensely pleased with it. Of course, he is disappointed because he cannot play all the time, but it happens that we have Ebling, who trains perfectly, and Florell who trains nearly perfectly, and while Ebling is a sophomore and Florell is a junior and he has just developed a little further than has Bruce, who is a sophomore.

I merely go into these details to show you that while some people may say I have favorites, and I admit I have, I want you to know the cause of my action. I am sure that it goes without saying that I desire to win the games rather than lose them, and it is a very difficult task to win the majority of games in the Big Six conference because each school has the pick of the high school stars in their respective states. My favorites that I have are boys who are willing to pay the price - boys who during their hours out of the class room make basketball their first objective regarding their interest and training.