

Well, here's your only chance -- better ball handling, more finesse and more fight. We won a lot of ball games last year in the last two minutes of play. Those games could have gone either way, but most of them went out way. The law of averages would cause us to feel that we might fall short on some of those scores this year unless you make it happen the way that you will it. I still remember Alexander Dumas' Three Musketeers -- "All for one and one for all." This bunch of Frenchmen <sup>ago</sup> ~~for~~ many years were the toughest, roughest men that have ever been portrayed in history. If you will pardon me, I might add that I still have a little of that old fight left, and you are going to find it out. And if you don't train and don't fight you are not going to have a berth on this year's varsity.

I trust you have had a fine summer and that you have been working and not loafing. The fellow that can't find anything to do has fallen short. This thing of waiting around and loafing because things don't break your way shows a state of mind of an individual being unable to cope with difficult situations. Some fellows have said that luck has been against them. Listen you -- you make your own luck. And we made it at Columbia, but we also made it in Lawrence against Oklahoma and Missouri and Nebraska and Kansas Aggies and Oklahoma Aggies and IOWA State and Carleton and Texas, the second game, and yes, we even made it the first game but we made it the wrong way. And then against Southern Methodist we came through a couple of times. So, I want to say that a team that won't be beaten can't be beaten. "If you think you are beaten, you are. If you think you dare not, you don't, for out in the world you will find success begins with a fellow's will. It is all in the state of mind."

Let's go, gang!

Sincerely yours,