

Any asinine, contracted nit-wit who would caricature such a thing, or the pimple-brain who gave the idea to the cartoonist did not appreciate the Kansas varsity basketball players' efforts. Of course, we played those smaller schools to get ourselves in condition to play our Big Six opponents. That was exactly why we did it, because we did not know the strength of so many of our untried men. And the intelligence of such a course was proven because our team developed after playing these weaker teams. Had we struck stronger competition at first our boys would have floundered so badly that we perhaps would not have come through the way we did. Anybody who would say that Morningside and Southwestern were weak sisters -- well, they just don't know their basketball. Maybe Baker was and maybe Washburn was, yet Oklahoma A. and M. was in their league and they were glad to chalk up two victories for championship wins over Washburn. So you can see what I think of such an argument. I was proud of you when you beat Southwestern. We are not permitted to play freshmen, and I know that our academic struggles are much more severe here on Mount Oread than they are in some other colleges against whom we compete.

So, if you want to develop a case of rabies (hydrophobia) in your coach, just remind me of some of those smooth-brain pencil-pushers who cause anything to lie on paper, or some of these willy-nilly cartoonists whose brain is as screwy as some of their cartoons.

Now I feel much better, but I want you to know that we this year are not champions. The team last year was the championship team. We haven't won one single game toward the championship. This is an entirely new aggregation. This team may go like a million dollars, or it may be one of the surprise flops of the Big Six. Of course, they will call us champions, but we aren't. And they will say to me, "Doc, you've got fine material - you ought to clean up."

Remember this, a sophomore team has never yet won the championship of the Big Six conference. So we have got to depend on the old heads. But if a sophomore can beat out an old head, then be sure that is just what is going to happen. If there is anything worth while in athletics it is that each man has a chance, and I do not care whether he is a sophomore, junior or senior. If you will train and give all you've got we will have one of the darnedest, fightingest teams Kansas has ever had. Start to exercise now and don't miss a single time. I am going to ask you when you come back if you have done this, and I don't want to have a single liar on my team. What do you say, gang?

"All for one and one for all" was a slogan that made the Three Musketeers the toughest, fightingest bunch that has ever been portrayed in history. I have still got a lot of that old fight left, and you are going to find it out.