

Fort Meade, South Dakota,  
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Dear Sir:

I have taken it upon myself to write all graduates of Colorado State College who are in the Army, relative to the serious situation that confronts athletics at our school. In the past we have had much cause to be proud of the records of our various teams; but this record is seriously threatened unless the alumni take prompt action.

If you have followed the reports on Colorado State College this fall you have noted that we have had the most disasterous football season since 1911. This is in no way the fault of Coach Hughes; but a general situation which must be corrected. I have been in close contact with the school during the past two years. I have talked on several occasions to Doctor Lory, Dean Cross, Dean Newsom and Coach Hughes. Two years ago Hughes told me what was happening and what to expect.

The situation generally is this; The other schools of the conference have gone into athletics as a business. There is no doubt that they are all subsidizing players. They scout out good players. They have athletic scholarships to assist with the expenses of these men. Athletes are given every preference in jobs and other help. And above all they have a fool-proof "physical education" course which will keep the dumbest athlete up in his work and give him a degree. That is the competition we have to meet and we havent been doing it. We offer a good prospect no inducement whatever to come to Colorado State. There are few jobs to be had in Fort Collins and few or no athletic scholarships to offer them. Moreover instead of offering an easy course for athletes as the others are doing we have steadily increased our scholastic requirements at Colorado State College until it practically impossible for a man to spend time on athletics and keep up in his work. Most of the few good prospects we have succeeded in getting, have become ineligible through failure to keep up in the necessary hours.

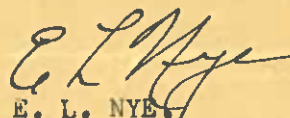
Measures have been taken, and at this time the school can offer good prospects a "physical education" course. This will overcome one big difficulty. We will be able to offer athletes the course they want, and to keep them up in their work. The next thing is to get some scholarships started.

To this end I have thought it would be an excellent thing if those of us in the Army would establish an athletic scholarship to known as the "Army Scholarship". This would only be available to a promising athlete. There are 18 of us and if we would each contribute \$12.00 annually it would be sufficient to keep a good man in school. That would be a dollar a month from each, and none would miss it. However the payment should be made in one sum; and should be submitted by May first of each year.

If your are interested; if you have the welfare and glory of the school at heart; rally round and help to meet the competition of other schools. We would then be doing only in a small way what other schools are doing on a large scale.

If you are willing to help, write to Dr. Floyd Cross, Dean of Men and submit your contribution. He will have the fund administered by some responsible person in Fort Collins.

Yours for better athletics at Colorado State College.



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