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Letter From Doris Abrams to Eleanor Snell

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Dear Eleanor,

In the fall of 1939 a slightly apprehensive, very young freshman walked down the corridor of Bomberger Hall and into a room where she met a truly wonderful woman who literally changed the course of her life.

I thoroughly enjoyed my four years at Ursinus, and you were largely responsible for that. I remember many things---trips in the blue Packard ---going to games on public transportation during the war---losing our basketball game to Temple in my senior year---beating Temple and many other colleges in all sports---that softball playday---finally making the J.V. hockey team---taking my basketball officiating test---lining the softball field---learning so many things under your tutelage.

Through it all I remember your patience and understanding, your help and guidance, your teaching, and the fine example you were to all your students.

I remember, too, all the years since graduation---playing alumnae basketball and hockey---visits to your home---college games at Convention Hall---long hours of just talking with you---having you for a friend.

I am glad that you will continue to be at Ursinus, and I am sure that you will never actually "retire". You will always be ready when any one of your "girls" needs your help, wisdom, and warm understanding.

You have had a tremendous influence on my life and the lives of countless others. I am happy and proud to have been one of "Snell's Belles". Words cannot tell you how much I appreciate all you have done for me. As I've told you before, I have tried to repay you by being the kind of person, teacher, coach and official that you would want me to be. I hope I have succeeded in some small measure.

You have my best wishes for a rich, full, happy future. You certainly deserve it!

Love,