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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 alumnæ 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,

Doris

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