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Letter From Betty Dando to Eleanor Snell, May 18, 1970

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Dear Eleanor,

A mathematician I am not, but I would like to attempt a geometric progression. I would estimate you have taught or coached 900 young women during your term of duty at Yraine. I would guess sixty percent of your students have spent three years in the field of education. Let’s assume that each of these gals has taught an average of 400 girls during these years. Our number is now 810,000, a modest estimate of the number of girls who have been influenced by you.

I’m sure all of these students don’t share my memories of your blue eyes, love of dogs, waffle parties, lining hockey and softball fields, hospitality in Lincoln, gourmet cooking etc. I’m sure they all don’t know about your dictionary on the stand—a symbol of your constant quest for knowledge.
They have all shared, however, in having an outstanding image of a physical educator. Your code of ethics has been the highest. Your demand of one hundred percent performance at practice as well as in competition sets high standards. Your verbal perfection has been an ongoing example to all students. Your concern about individual problems has revealed compassion.

Of these 810,000 students share in any phase of these examples, they are the kicker for it. Charlie and I send our best wishes to you tonight — and always.

Sincerely,

Betty Rando