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Letter From "Chris" to Eleanor Snell, May, 1970

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Dear Miss Snell,

I hate to admit it but I am surrounded by my dictionary and thesaurus, but have yet to find the words to express what I wish to convey.

"Thank You" seems so inadequate, yet these simple words tell best how I feel at this moment. So I say Thank You for being such a remarkable teacher, marvelous coach, but above all, such an extraordinary human being. I know that much of what I do and enjoy today is possible only because of the assistance You gave me and the principles You taught me.

I know what pride I feel when I mention Ursinus and physical education to someone and that person then immediately mentions "Miss Snell".

I avoid the word retirement for I feel certain you will never really retire. You have given so much and I doubt if you really know how to stop giving. I do hope, however, that this, your day, is a most memorable and enjoyable one for you; but only one of many to come.

I could continue, as could everyone who has had the good fortune of even meeting you, with congratulations and praise, but it would only continue to embarrass you. Let me close by saying, Miss Snell, I feel most honored and privileged to have been your student.

Love,

Chris