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Letter From Judy Smiley to Eleanor Snell, April 22, 1970

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Dear Miss Snell,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all you did for myself and my classmates while at Ypresus. The most vivid reflection in my mind is Sports - Snell - successes, but you were more than this. You were a teacher, a friend who enriched the lives of many while at Ypresus.

In your classes you were first and foremost a teacher who loved your subject and conveyed this great love to those you taught.

Outside the classroom you were a friend. A good friend and a helping hand to all those who sought you out. You always had a willing ear and usually a helping suggestion. You were never too busy for your players or students. You truly cared about us, not only our players, but perhaps more importantly as people.

The void you leave at Ypresus will be hard to fill and the loss can never
be tangibly measured. For in my mind there will always be memories of four years under your guidance, four busy, productive and fun filled years. We won a few laurels, medals and some recognition and the satisfaction of knowing that for a time we had been an important part of your life and Ursinus College.

As I think of you a quote of Harold Garfield holds fast in my mind. "The best teacher is . . . the one who kindles an inner fire, arouses moral enthusiasm, inspires the student with a vision of what he may become and reveals the worth and permanency of moral and spiritual values." You have left no vestige of yourself in all you taught.

With affection and respect,

Judy Smiley