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Dear Friend:-

Your questionair and "broadside", well named, just received and trust I may be equal to the occasion.

In answer all your questions it will require considerable time and I would like to hear when you really need all in full. If I can have until fall, say September, it would suit me much better, because I would give it my time while away on my vacation as I always go back in the mountains to spend about a month and think my mind is more active in that environment than any place else.

In the meantime I'll start it and send the answers along when I finish a part, so you can be at work on it yourself.

I think I would like to see the proof before going to print and in that way can avoid any mistakes which might creep in. I have several magazine articles I have written and I'll send you a copy for your own perusal. You may file all of this information and when you are through with it you can then return it to me.

Am sure I shall get a great "kick" out of answering all your questions but, as I stated in my last letter, I fear it may be rather burdensome to you.

I am not interested in receiving any remuneration for the work I shall do. Am glad if I can help the University in my humble capacity.

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You must understand that Foot Ball was in its infancy in the middle west 35 years ago and little interest was taken in Physical Education by the Faculty. The young fellows, like myself, who were interested in athletics were necessarily the ones to create all the interest in the games at College - and I had to laugh when you asked in one of your questions what kind of suits we used for practice. Why! Bless your heart we were considered very fortunate if we had one suit that was "store made". I mean for foot ball purposes, of course. We had only eleven suits and our substitutes had, in many instances, to buy large brown overalls, cut them off at the knees and have his mother, sister or sweetheart, as the case might be, pad them in front as an old fashioned country quilt. So, I doubt if you get much information from Winfield. However, I was Captain of the team there and also the Base Ball teams.

If you see acting President R. L. George give him my very best regards for he was, as a young man, my ideal Preacher and also tell him I am not a dead one yet.

That reminds me of a Preacher here in Los Angeles, who I met under very amusing circumstances. He also was a student at Winfield and always very much interested in athletics. Several years ago when Notre Dame and U.S.C. were playing here at our Stadium and U.S.C. lost the game by a goal kick, - someone stood up when they were ready to kick and yelled with all his might "Let John Harts kick it". Imagine my surprise when I heard it. He was only about ten seats from me and hadn't seen me for 35 years. His mind was drifting back to the days at Winfield and his name is Rev. Isack Hodge and he lives here. You can imagine I wasn't long getting to him and shaking his hand and he said, "John, you never failed us like that", but here I go before it is time to write the Book.

You may help me some about Norman so get all the information you can and write me, as I have forgotten most of the names of our first teams. I can only remember three, Jim Brown of Edmond, Oklahoma; F. O. Beane, deceased, a brother-in-law of mine; and Royter, who's father was a shoemaker at Fort Reno, Oklahoma. I will have some good foot-ball stories, one for instance, of where I played twelve men for the last fifteen minutes of play and was not caught at it. Here I go again.

You can't imagine how pleased I shall be to visit Norman some time in the future, possibly to see some of your big games, and I am coming too.

I think this is all for the present; hope to hear from you again soon.

Yours very respectfully,

*John A. Harts*

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