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Dear Ray:

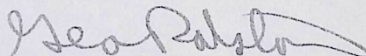
We hasten to congratulate you for exemplary service as a member of the all-victorious 1966 Colonel football squad. When all factors are considered, and speaking as one who has been a part of football from its inception at the College, I can sincerely say that yours has been the most successful squad in the history of the College. Without exception, you represented Alma Mater in the best tradition. We cannot, and we must not fail to extend our heartiest congratulations to you.

The schedule is now over but the memories of the glorious 1966 season and all that you did on the gridiron will long glow in our hearts and minds, and in yours. Such memories are one of the fringe benefits which come from having participated. Yours was most significantly a team effort and this is of prime importance, for football is a team sport which is so much akin to life. In this respect, football is truly an American way of life. The "team" aspect is important for in a very real sense all life is wound up in just this point. My sincere hope is that the values you have gained in this respect will apply throughout your life.

Now that the season is over, and as the excitement subsides, I hope you will go at your academic work with the same drive and enthusiasm that you carried to each practice and game. Your academic work is basic; something you have to do; a pre-requisite to eligibility. In the long pull your success in the classroom will be most vital to your ultimate success. All activities add to the lessons of life and ultimately your total success and happiness, but the academic must undergird it all. Therefore, we now urge you to put forth your best effort in the classroom.

Again, heartiest congratulations for having had a wonderful season. It was a joy for us all.

Very sincerely yours,



George F. Ralston
Dean of Students

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