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Bob:

Thought you would like to see this from by brother Clif. He thinks a lot of the Nicolls. Hope to hear from you soon.

Dan

---- Original Message -----

From: Reichard, Clif <creichar@ball.com>

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Subject: Nicoll's Family

- > Since the Nicoll's family is so involved in Poland Seminary
- > memorabilia perhaps they would enjoy a story concerning one of their own.

- > You will recall that the town itself housed many upscale residents
- > most of which were connected with the Youngstown Sheet and Tube and other
- > steel companies. Most of these well-to-do families lived in the Poland
- > Manor and their kids went to Poland Seminary. At the same time, the school
- > pulled from a large rural area of people who were farmers, worked in the
- > steel mills or both. As a result, the school ran the gamut of students from
- > the wealthy to the very poor with the latter group being the predominant in
- > numbers. Their parents for the most part were immigrants from Eastern
- > Europe struggling to eek out an existence. As a result they were not always
- > very well clothed.
- > The year now was about 1945 and things had gotten better. There was
- > one guy in the school who without fail, would come to school immaculately
- > groomed in a shirt and tie. Not only was he the biggest kid in the school,
- > he was the best in all respects...scholastically, morally and ethically.
- > Athletically, he excelled in all sports. Fullback on the football team:
- > center on the basketball team; and threw the shotput and discuss in track.
- > His name was Big Don Nicolls. Everyone looked up to him not so much for his
- > size but for all that he represented. He was everyone's hero and he was
- > easily elected President of the Student Council. He was so admired and
- > respected that when he was a senior, every Friday became "Big Don Day"
- > wherein every guy in school would come dressed in a shirt and tie to emulate
- > our hero. Fridays were the days of football or basketball games so we got
- > the added stimulus of psyching up ourselves to live up to and perform to his
- > standards which were the highest.

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> "Big Don Day" was not something which was promoted by the faculty.
> In fact, they had absolutely nothing to do with it. It was something that
> sprang from within the hearts and minds of the student body. I don't know
> whatever became of "Big Don," but if he never did another thing in his
> what he represented to us and what he made us aspire to, would have made
his
> presence on this earth worthwhile. What a great example he was to all.
rich
> and poor.
> As a matter of fact, the whole Nicolls family was of the same ilk.
> What a heritage to be proud of. They represent the best America has to
> offer and it must be some consolation to them that the waves their
standards
> created in their youth still is having a ripple effect.
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