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Dear Coach Tauber,

This note of appreciation is long overdue. In 1956 I joined the YU Fencing Team. It was an experience that would change my life.

Fencing was never a consideration for me. Basketball was my favorite sport. My friend Ed Rosenthal urged me to try fencing. One session and I was hooked.

You were a coach in the highest sense of the word; encouraging each fencer to do his best and beyond. You never uttered a harsh word. You taught by example, treating each student with dignity and respect.

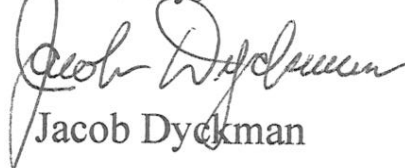
In my own case I was a scrawny college freshman. Your talented coaching and amazing patience turned me into a respectable sabreman. In my junior year I posted a 23 and 7 record, tying the team captain for the most wins.

You built up my confidence and gave me a sense of self esteem. That changed the way I viewed myself and the way I interacted with others.

My sons Ezra and Josh were on the YU Fencing Team. Now my 13 year old grandson is taking lessons.

It has been several years since I fenced but all the other valuable lessons have remained with me. I am forever grateful.

Sincerely,



Jacob Dyckman