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Dear Ben:

In reading my morning's copy of the Lewiston Tribune I was very pleased to see your article concerning the educational controversy going on in Idaho, not because I was involved in any way in your article, but because I was pleased to see your name and to know where you are at the present time. I have wondered a good deal about you in recent years. It's really been a long time since we've communicated. I really can't remember when I last saw you.

I finished up at WSU in 1948, went up to Colville in northeastern Washington and taught and became high school principal over a period of 6 1/2 years. Then I returned to WSU as associate director of admissions and remained on the job until 1965 when I was made director of admissions, and I have been here ever since.

We have two sons and a daughter. The oldest son is 27 and is teaching in the high school here in Pullman. The daughter has also graduated from WSU in education, but because of lack of employment, she is working at a bank in Pal Alto, California where her husband is in law school at Stanford. Our youngest son has just entered WSU as a freshman this fall thinking about pre-med. He has also become a fairly good athlete, having won the Washington State class AA discus championship last year. He is hoping to become a discus thrower and hammer thrower for the university. Our oldest boy and his wife have a little son - ten months old so we've had a very full family experience.

My work has been very interesting. I've had a lot of good experiences. As a result, I have become involved in international education, and, at the present time, I am Vice President for International Education for the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. I became interested in international education not only as a result of my job here, but in 1969, I had an opportunity to go to Hong Kong for six months to work with the Institute of International Education. Since that time, I've done considerably more traveling. I spent three weeks in Germany in the summer of 1972. This last year I have already been to Africa twice, once on a preparatory trip for a workshop of which I was in charge. Then I went back for the workshop in midsummer. I'm preparing to leave this week for Africa again to participate on the faculty of another workshop in East Africa so I've had some very interesting experiences.

Mr. Ben Plastino

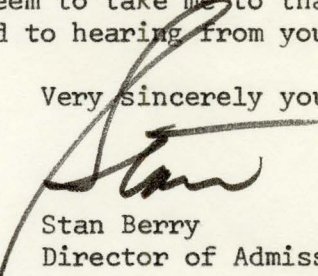
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It's amazing how much I have used my brief but good journalism background in my work. I do a lot of writing and editing, and the good training you gave me has never let me down. When I was teaching in high school, I taught journalism and was the advisor for a school paper and didn't ever have a journalism course during all my educational experience except during high school. My whole background came from my year of working with you. My oldest son is also interested in writing and has done rather well. He, too, teaches high school journalism and is advisor to the school paper. He's seriously thinking about looking for a place in the writing field one of these days.

I'm interested to know how things have gone with you and what your daughter might be doing now. If you have time, drop me a note, and we'll be able to revel in the "good old days". Maybe some day I'll even get to Idaho Falls and look you up although things don't seem to take me to that area of the country very often. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Very sincerely yours,



Stan Berry
Director of Admissions

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