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Dear Mr. Bradley,

I just recieved a copy of an article entitled "Champions: What Really Counts" Strategies November/December 1990, that described the combined decision of you and the 1981 McQuaid Cross Country Team to return the State Trophy to Corcoran. The article included Dick Patrick's TV piece which immediately brought back memories. I still remember the shock, pain and disappointment I felt as well as the difficulty I had having to explain to the papers and college recruiters what happened on that snowy course.

Your gesture made an immediate ^{impact} on me and my career. Although I wasn't sure until I read the Strategies article that my race played any kind of role in your decision, I do remember reflecting on the tremendous sacrifice you and the team made. It helped me to gather myself for the Federations. If not for myself, I had something to prove to everyone there and, in a sense, to McQuaid, that I would not let you folks down after such a selfless gesture. Running well was the best way to show my appreciation.

I distinctly remember coming down off the last hill in Sunken Meadow, with Mike Stahr right behind me. I remember flying through a corridor of screaming spectators and half seeing you on top of a picnic table exhorting me home.