

Al McGuire Quotes

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The only mystery in life is why the kamikaze pilots wore helmets.

~Al McGuire

I think everyone should go to college and get a degree and then spend six months as a bartender and six months as a cabdriver. Then they would really be educated.

~Al McGuire

Help one kid at a time. He'll maybe go back and help a few more.

~Al McGuire

The nicest thing about coaching is that one day you feel like you can play handball against a curb, and on other days you feel like you can fly to the moon.

~Al McGuire

My rule was I wouldn't recruit a kid if he had grass in front of his house. That's not my world. My world has a cracked sidewalk.

~Al McGuire

Life is what you allow yourself not to see.

~Al McGuire

A team should be an extension of a coach's personality. My teams are arrogant and obnoxious.

~Al McGuire

Winning is overrated. The only time it is really important is in surgery and war.

~Al McGuire

If the waitress has dirty ankles, the chili is good.

~Al McGuire

You can always tell the Catholic schools by the length of the cheerleaders' skirts.

~Al McGuire

Remember, half the doctors in this country graduated in the bottom half of their class.

~Al McGuire

Don't call me son unless you're going to include me in your will. (When Adolph Rupp called him, "Son.")

~Al McGuire

Don't be just another guy going down the street and going nowhere.

~Al McGuire

Keep it simple, when you get too complex you forget the obvious.

~Al McGuire

There's no one who's dropped on top of the mountain. You've got to work your way to the top.

~Al McGuire

Live every day as if it were Saturday night.

~Al McGuire

Our guys took Shop and Advanced Shop. Shop is when you make a chair. Advanced Shop is when you paint it.

~Al McGuire

The world is run by C students

~Al McGuire

They call me eccentric. They used to call me nuts. I haven't changed. The only difference between being eccentric and being nuts is the

number of security boxes you own.

~Al McGuire

The next time I will cry is when I die. My life has been that beautiful.

~Al McGuire

I don't know why people question the academic training of an athlete. Fifty percent of the doctors in this country graduated in the bottom half of their classes.

~Al McGuire

When a guy takes off his coat, he's not going to fight. When a guy takes off his wristwatch, watch out!

~Al McGuire

When I was losing, they called me nuts. When I was winning they called me eccentric.

~Al McGuire

If winning weren't important nobody would keep score.

~Al McGuire

It's a profession in which, the longer you stay, the closer you are to being fired.

~Al McGuire

The best thing about freshmen is that they become sophomores.

~Al McGuire

I'm not saying that they were Einsteins; they were marginal students. But every ballplayer whoever touched me has moved up his station in life. And the players moved up my station.

~Al McGuire

Dean Meminger was quicker than 11:15 Mass at a seaside resort.

~Al McGuire

All love affairs end. Eventually the girl is gonna put curlers in her hair.

~Al McGuire

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I don't discuss basketball. I dictate basketball. I'm not interested in philosophy classes.

~Al McGuire

You better have great practices.

~Al McGuire

I don't believe in looking past anybody - I wouldn't look past the Little Sisters of the Poor after they stayed up all night.

~Al McGuire

That's it. Curtains. Off to the races. Treetops. Seashells and balloons.

~Al McGuire

I'm an Einstein of the streets and an Oxford scholar of common sense.

~Al McGuire

I don't think any decent human being enjoys recruiting.

~Al McGuire

I come from New York where, if you fall down, someone will pick you up by your wallet.

~Al McGuire

I had my moment on the stage. The trick in life is to know when to leave.

~Al McGuire

You measure a player from the head up.

~Al McGuire

God didn't miss any of us.

~Al McGuire

Every obnoxious fan has a wife at home that dominates him.

~Al McGuire

I just can't recruit where there's grass around. You gotta have a concrete lawn before I feel comfortable enough to go in and talk to you parents.

~Al McGuire

Winning is only important in war and surgery.

~Al McGuire

The people who know basketball, their elevators don't go to the top.

~Al McGuire

Can't win without talent, you know.

~Al McGuire

I want my team to have my personality: surly, obnoxious, and arrogant.

~Al McGuire

If you're straight with your players, they'll be straight with you.

~Al McGuire

Make your life exciting. Do what you have to do as long as you don't

hurt people.

~Al McGuire

Live in the moment that you are in.

~Al McGuire

If a player leaves Marquette and doesn't have some of my blood in him, then I don't think I've done a good job.

~Al McGuire

I let ballplayers yell back at me because I wasn't trying to prove I'm boss. I know I'm boss.

~Al McGuire

We rush for the stars as we crawl toward our graves.

~Al McGuire

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