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April 9, 1946

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Ens. Ora W. Sapp, U.S.N.R.
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c/o Fleet Post Office

Dear Bill:

I have your letter of the 13th of March before me which I will attempt to answer.

It was very fine to hear from you and to know that you are interested in coming to K.U. following your discharge from the service. First, may I congratulate you on your services to your country and welcome you to Kansas University. You are the type of man whom we are especially desirous of having among us.

Concerning some of your questions, I must say that although the university may be crowded over capacity next fall, if you are a Kansas resident, you will have no trouble or difficulty in entering the university. The out-of-state students are the ones who this overcrowding will effect. Your being a first-year student to the school will have no bearing to this situation.

Concerning your desire to become a coach some day, I can only say that if you feel that you would rather coach athletics than do anything else, by all means be a coach. We need more coaches with that attitude. The profession is not a very lucrative one, as you doubtlessly realize. However, it pays off in many ways other than financial. If your interests are with American youth, the returns will be generous and satisfying.

From what you have mentioned in your letter I agree with you that you will have three years of eligibility at the University of Kansas under the eligibility regulations. I am sure, also, that your hours taken at Duke University will be given due consideration and you will not loss too much credit by such a transfer.

I am enclosing the Physical Education brochure which will give you information on the requirements of our school for entering the School of Education for a major in Physical Education.

I appreciate your congratulations on our Big Six Championship and it is my wish that next year you will be with us in the fight for that same championship once again.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.