

July 6, 1940.

Miss Helen G. Thorpe,  
835 Rhode Island St.,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Miss Thorpe:

I appreciate your interest and loyalty in submitting to me the names of the students from Narka, Kansas, that you are tremendously interested in seeing advance educationally and athletically. Nothing gives me more pleasure than to aid young people who desire to obtain an education.

However, you state in the introduction of your notation that they would like to go to college if they can earn their way, that their parents cannot afford to send them. You are well acquainted with the student employment problem, and I believe as much money as a boy can make would be \$18 or \$20 a month. This is working at odd times suitable to his employer's schedule.

When a boy is forced to earn his entire way he finds it impossible to indulge in many extracurricular activities. None of our boys in basketball have any advantage in the way of jobs over any of the other student body. There is no special provision made for jobs here for basketball players, and since the hours of practice require quite some time we find it is very difficult for any boy to be entirely self-supporting and participate in basketball or other forms of athletics. For years provision has been made for the better jobs for the football players, but this is the only branch of athletic competition that the University has given any special consideration by the townspeople and friends of the sport.

For that reason I do not see how these boys can enroll in the University unless they have their tuition and clothes money from home. I am sorry that I did not have the opportunity to talk with you while you were here in the office so that you and I could come to a very definite and friendly understanding on these problems. I am sure that your great interest in these young people in Narka means much to them. Unless you stimulate their imagination and their desire to go on to college, they give up quite easily. I want to congratulate you on your energy and your ambition to see these children go further in the very high art of living.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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