

May 23, 1942.

Mrs. Jerome Adams,  
508 West Street,  
Shenandoah, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. Adams:

I tried to call Roger Allen but found that he was out until noon, so I will not try to contact him before I dictate this letter. I think it is a fine idea for Don to work and I am very sure that if Roger hasn't arranged for the job that I can fix him up without any difficulty.

I play golf with Mr. Rathbun and Mr. Frazee, both executives in the Ordnance Works. Both of them told me that they would put on any of the men that I would recommend, providing, of course, a fellow has the physical stamina and the character requirements. And Don has both of these and will have no difficulty doing the type of work that is to be done. My understanding is that the jobs pay 85¢ an hour for 8 hours. The bus fare is about 45¢ from Lawrence and return per day, and of course the workers have to join the union, which over the summer I think runs something better than \$30.00.

I think it would be a fine thing for Don to work around this summer and meet many of the boys who will be in the University and also a great number who will be working at the plant.

No, Kansas does not have a men's dorm which is strictly on a cash basis. The women have a large dorm on that basis, but the men have been rather slow. I do not believe that if I were Don I would sign up for one of them because I am very sure that he will be asked into a fraternity. Don has certain proficiencies, such as academics and athletics, which will cause him to be sought after. And I quite agree with you if Don has the money, and it is not much more expensive than the non-fraternity life, that he would get a sense of values from that which he would miss otherwise. The fellowship and friendships formed in a fraternity are very lasting, especially if a fellow is mature enough to appreciate those durable things in life.

This work will open up in a week or ten days, and any time Don is ready to come down we will be very glad to help him get lined up in the right environment and the right group of fellows, and a fine place to stay.

With all good wishes to Mr. Adams and Don, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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