

January 2, 1946

Mr. Lee Corder, Principal  
Welda Rural High School  
Welda, Kansas

Dear Mr. Corder:

Your very splendid letter dated December 19 came to me and made me appreciate even more than ever before your intense loyalty and fine character. I regretted more than you know the fact that I have not been able to play Dean more than I have. He is one of the most wonderful young men that I have ever come in contact with. Disappointed is he, of course, when he can not play, but never has he swerved one iota from the intense loyalty that he has for his university and his varsity basketball team. He is a real inspiration to me. When I talked with him telling him that he is going to graduate at the end of this semester, and knowing that his trip to Oklahoma City would be pleasurable but not as productive as taking an underclassman who perhaps would get the benefit of the experience of watching the other varsity men, Dean said, "Sure I can understand that." "If you think that is best, it is okay with me." So to you and Mrs. Corder, who have developed such a wonderful son, I generously congratulate you. It would give me more pleasure than you know to play Dean, but his going out between semesters and our desire to develop for the future causes me to make this situation from one angle, of which I regret very deeply.

You have always been very generous in your praise of us. Many times I feel that they are undeserved, but I do thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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