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Mr. Harold Claassen  
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Dear Spike:

I think you put your finger on the situation when you found that at one time I made a speech in which I stated, "I hope to coach at Kansas at least until Bob has finished his course." Well, maybe my wish will be partially fulfilled, but I do not see in that anything that says I may die of heart failure this year. Yes, you are quite right that "Great oaks from little acorns grow."

When I made the speech, the thought that I conveyed to the group was that when your child expressed a wish, and that wish was complimentary to the father in that the son desired to be under him, any father who would give bread instead of a stone to a child would naturally want to do the thing that the child wanted. Especially is this so if the desire is pleasing in the father's sight and is honorable. So, doubtless you found the correct answer.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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