

on account of his athletic ability.

I do not want to write too lengthy a letter, but I am cognizant of the fact that the alumni of most schools have a very big slush fund. They take these boys and see them through college. Some turn out all right, but the majority of them are athletic tramps. They are coddled and petted on account of their athletic achievement, and when they get through most of them are glorified bums. They are not willing to work because they were never taught to work in college as everything was given them on account of their athletic ability. But their athletic ability does not carry them on after they get out of college unless the individual goes into professional athletics. And the best professional athletics are not good for over four to ten years. Then the fellow becomes more of a chiseler than ever because he has lost the glorification that once attracted people to him.

Here is what I would tell my boy or yours, if I would talk to him. I would tell him that the State of Kansas pays for each student an average of about \$240.00 per year in addition to what the individual pays for his tuition, matriculation and fees; that education is a real investment. If a boy doesn't look at it that way he is not getting out of college the thing that he should, namely, a real education.

Contacts and friendships are wonderful and they are worth much, and that is exactly what I tell a boy that he should get out of his varsity athletics - a favorable introduction to society or business. But he will not get that thing unless he goes to a university to get an education rather than to merely exhibit himself in athletics.

When I talk to a boy I tell him that it is the height of travesty to think that he as an athlete can bring much fame and honor to a university. I ask that boy to think back 20 years and see how many athletes the names of whom he can see enscribed on the walls of the university, or endeavor to ask a number of alumni the great athletes who have participated that are now known as athletes. And then I ask him if he has ever heard of Dr. Cady, the man who discovered helium gas during the World War. I ask him also if he has heard of Carruth, Marvin, Franklin, Weidlein, Slosson, and a great host of other scientists and literary men who worked a lifetime here at the University for a small salary doing a job that they were putting everything into for the rare privilege of doing a job well. So much for that.

You will pardon any justifiable pride that I might have in the basketball teams that I have coached, or in the football team that I coached here in 1920. I coached football ten years, and I have never yet had a team that amounted to a lot that had a lot of fellows eating at the back door of somebody else's house. You cannot build morale in a boy by giving him his food, clothing, and he knowing all the time when he is taking them that it is costing someone else some money. Not that he particularly cares at that age just how or when he gets it, so long as he gets it regularly. But you and I know that when a boy arrives at a certain age of conscious behavior, we know that you cannot pauperize a boy and make a great leader out of him.