

February 8, 1943.

Mr. W. A. Dewell,
226 East 9th St.,
Newton, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Dewell:

I acknowledge with thanks your favor of the 2nd instant regarding your son, John.

It is for the purpose only of clearing up some matters to our mutual satisfaction that I am writing this letter. The only conversation or connection that I have had with you, Mr. Dewell, has been at the time of our phone conversation of last week. I had had no contact with John previous to his enrolling at the University, nor did I know of any arrangements pro or con that he might have had concerning his attendance at the University. No promises were made by me to him or to anyone else regarding his enrollment at the University of Kansas.

However, since he has been here I have been impressed with his fine personality and bearing. He is a most likable chap and I have often asked him how he was getting along and if he were happy here. He always stated that he was getting along fine and that he was very happy regarding all things. I, of course, took it that he was.

Last Monday morning early Charles Elliott of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity called me at home stating that John was leaving for his home and was expecting to enroll the second semester at Southern Methodist University. He further asked if I would meet Johnny and talk with him. I told Elliott that I would see him at 11:30 after my classes were over for the morning. When John failed to show up I called the Phi Delta house and learned that he had left for home. I learned from some of John's fraternity brothers that John had stated to them that he very much desired to stay in Lawrence and remain in the University but there were other influences taking him to S.M.U. Some of the boys at the house stated that certain promises had not been kept and it was only for the purpose to straighten out any misunderstanding that I called you. I stated to you over the phone that none of my basketball players were receiving any subsidies and it was not my purpose to bid for a boy, but if any promises had been made I was sure the people here at the University would see that they were kept.