

For your information, Mr. Dewell, every individual who enters the University is forced by law to pay all fees in to the state. No student can be exempt from any fee payment and if the fee is paid it is paid from someone's pocket. Likewise, when fraternity initiation fees are paid they are paid from someone's pocket.

I am sure that you will agree with me that the function of an educational institution is to educate the individual. Athletics are an extracurricular activity and while they are very important to the physical and the emotional growth of the boy, they are not by far the most important. The only way that an athlete could hope to repay his University for his training would be by playing on her teams. When an athlete shops around and goes from place to place to get the better offer he places himself strictly in the professional class. The function of a University is to develop recreation and amateur athletics and not promote and carry on professional teams.

It is possible for the University to do a great deal for the boy. But it is very little that the boy can do for the University until he graduates and goes out into the world to serve humanity with the training that he received in the University.

I am sorry that you feel that John was being pushed around from time to time, and "for this, that and the other thing". It was my impression that Johnny was pretty well well-nursed here and I am sorry that he felt he should not stand for things which, in my opinion, showed he was being pretty well treated. Of course, there are schools that will do more for an athlete than other schools. That, of course, is on the basis of professional athletic contributions rather than amateur achievement.

Personally, I have chosen to take boys who desire to enter the University of Kansas for the training that they may get in the professional courses here rather than have boys who want to come for athletic scholarships. Those desiring athletic scholarships are generally discontented, regardless of the proposition that they are offered. They always want a little something better. When I think of Paul Endacott, the Executive Vice President of the Phillips Petroleum Company, of Waldo Bowman, Editor of the Engineering News-Record for McGraw-Hill and Company, of Balfour Jeffrey, an outstanding lawyer in Topeka, of Charles Black, of the Illinois Owen-Libby Glass Company of Toledo, of Dr. Paul Harrington of Kansas City, and scores and scores of other highly successful business and professionally trained men, then I am convinced that athletic financial contributions which distort the mind of the growing boy are all dead wrong.

We have a very much larger game on at the present time in this world conflict, and I am convinced that all of us will be so busy in this big game for several years that regardless of where a boy goes in the next few years his ultimate destination will be Tokyo, Rome and Berlin, and that this job will far outshine the promised glories of the athletic field.