

Would you pardon me if I gave you a little advice? I would admonish you to think more about your grades and not try to drive the best bargain for a job, because after all with that attitude you are trying to sell your basketball ability. You know it will be you who will get the benefit in an educational way by going to a good school. If I were you, I would want a job which paid on an hourly basis, not any soft snap which would be apt to make a bum out of you. I know fellows say that won't spoil anybody, but I have seen too many of them spoiled. I would pick out an institution that I would want to go to, then I would quit shopping around with my athletic ability. I have never seen any good athlete that picked out an institution that he desired to attend, matriculate there, and then tell the authorities that he was enrolled there and that he was an athlete of promise, and that he wanted a fair, square job, - I have never seen an intelligent athlete fail to get the proper recognition.

We have no scholarships here for basketball, and I do not go out after basketball players. If a boy wants to come to the University of Kansas we are delighted to have him here and we are also delighted to help him. And we actually do help him, not by giving him a soft, easy job, but by making it appear just about the way he finds it out in the business world. The rewards go to the efficient fellow; there are no soft jobs and nobody is giving somebody something for nothing. Then when this fellow graduates from college he is ready to go out and compete with the best business and professional brains of the country. He has the confidence and assurance that he has competed not only athletically but academically and otherwise with the leaders. This confidence, born of success in college, will develop his personality and make him a winner out in the marts and trades of life.

This, Bill, is my advise, and I trust that you are a winner when you finish your college education.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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