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Dean George B. Smith,
School of Education.

Dear Dean Smith:

Your telephone conversation with me about John Buescher opened up an area of thinking that doubtless may not be presented by John when he talks with you.

John has worked a goodly portion of his time in paying his school expenses. He is not wholly self-supporting, but every Friday night during the school year he works all night at Drake's bakery. He rooms at Drake's home and this all night work helps to pay for his room rent. It is necessary for him to work two hours a day each day to earn enough money to help with his board and room.

Remembering our earlier conversation when you asked the question, "What will Buescher do when he finds his college days vanished here without the coveted college degree?", I informed John last week that he had better see you. I had in mind that you would tell him the things you told me. In fact, I was the instigator of his coming to see you. I have been pressing on him for grades at every opportunity.

I believe the term, "athletic tramp", is a misnomer in his case. He is not an "athletic tramp" in any sense of the word. He may absorb a few molecules of heat and wear some varnish off the chairs in the classrooms, but I still maintain (from my side of the story) that he is getting real values. I thought, however, if you wanted to refuse him admission that was your right. If you do not refuse him admission then I know that he would appreciate any help or advice that the Dean might give him.

I have never encouraged a boy to stay in school to participate on my athletic teams, nor will I ever do such a thing. I believe it is erroneous to judge all athletic coaches by the standard of what some coaches desire. I am always more than willing and happy to stress the importance of academic attainment, and I will cooperate with you to the fullest degree in consummating such a situation. The boy has one more year of eligibility and he desires to take a course that will make him eligible. If a fellow desires a course to