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Dear Dean Schwegler:

I have just had a letter from Hale B. Blair of Ottawa, Kansas, regarding his son Don. I called Mr. Blair on the phone at Ottawa and had quite a long conversation with him.

Mr. Blair states that after a conference with you that you permitted Don to enroll in three hours of Algebra and five hours of English History. He now does not desire to take English History but did go over and enroll in a course in Football, which is a sophomore course.

I called Miss Rich and she was over at the Institute meeting in Olathe with Miss Litchen, but upon her return I got in touch with her and I find that you have written denying the right of Don Blair to take the course in Football because he is a few hours shy of his sophomore standing requirements. Don Blair played football four years in high school in Olathe, and three years of basketball, and it is my frank opinion that the reason the Blairs switched from English History to football was because they desired that Don use the two-hour course for his eligibility rather than for the academic credit he might get, and naturally, it was easier, having had a lot of football, to work on the Football course than on English History.

I recognize that Football is a sophomore course and Don does not have enough hours to rate him a sophomore. However, the fact that he is enrolled in Football at the present time, has done several lessons in it, I can see the channel of thinking that the Blairs employ. I can easily see that if they could reason that if you permitted him to take the three and five hour courses that he had a perfect right to take a two-hour course, because it was in correspondence study. For that reason I can see a very definite point in their favor. If you would ask the Head of the Department of Physical Education, I would unquestionably recommend that Don Blair be permitted to continue this course inasmuch as he has already started it and I honestly believe there was no thought or desire on his part to evade or to break any rule. By permitting him to take this for eligibility and not for academic credit we have injured neither the University, the School of Education, or the Department of Physical Education.