

I recognize that when the Dean of the School of Education permits the boys to take a Football or Basketball course with the thought that they are to use it for athletic credit and not for academic credit that he has done no one any harm. I can see no difference to this boy taking it for eligibility and some other boy over the State of Kansas enrolling and taking it just for the pleasure that he can get out of the course. Don Blair's reward for doing this work for the Extension Division is to have two hours of credit that he can apply toward his eligibility.

The fact that the Missouri Valley Conference Big-Six requires 27 hours of a boy is a conference requirement. They state emphatically in that conference that a boy may take work towards eligibility that may not be applied as credit toward his Bachelor Degree, so there was no thought in the mind of the boy to do anything underhand or secretive. Many educators feel that 27 hours required of the two semester by the Eligibility Committee is too much. There is a sharp difference of opinion, but the rule holds and we must observe it.

I have heard you say often that, why not give the boy a chance when he fails because the only thing that a boy may do is wear off some of the varnish from the seats or absorb a few molecules of heat. Now I am in exactly the same position in appealing for this boy. He is doing some manual labor in addition to his courses and trying to fit himself to meet the needs of the conference without violating any rules. The fact that this course is in the School of Education curriculum, to my way of thinking, does not preclude him from taking this course for no academic credit but for athletic credit. The athletic rules are barred to his playing unless he gets enough hours for athletic credit required by the conference.

I would respectfully petition that the two-hour course in Football be permitted Don Blair for his athletic credit.

Sincerely yours,

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