

July 19, 1938.

Dean R. A. Schwegler,
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University of Kansas.

Dear Dean Schwegler:

This will acknowledge receipt of your very kind letter of the 13th instant enclosing the names of boys who are either on the probation list or who were asked to attempt some other activity than educational here at the University. From the top of the list down, may I give you my confidential rating of these boys? I will also throw in some background of information that I obtained from various sources throughout last year, which may enable you to further consider their cases.

Morris Belshe - he was a Ban Johnson baseball player and a good football player who felt that most colleges and universities exist primarily for individuals who have abundant physical skills. We have a rule in the conference which does not permit any athletes to participate for any outside organization during the time that a student is enrolled in school. The Ban Johnson baseball team (the local Green Brothers team) was to play a game before school was out. Belshe was to pitch for the Green Brothers team in that game. Some one advised Belshe not to pitch because that would make him ineligible if he played a game before final examinations were over. This happened to be the week before.

Belshe is quoted as saying, "Aw, shucks, Professor W. W. Davis will get me out of it." So you see he had the wrong conception regarding his own ability and the ability of fellows in responsible positions.

Howard Martin - he was a heavy, phlegmatic type, with much inertia. I met the boy in Chicago last summer with Monte Merkel and Warren Woody. Woody has asked me to attend a National League baseball game with him and to sell the boys the University of Kansas. Warren Woody is paying their tuition.

Martin ate his meals at one of the fraternity houses, of which he was not a member. He had the wrong conception of what it takes to get an education. I gave him an incomplete in the course he took with me.

John C. Nourse - his father is the Nourse oil man ("Business is good"). Nourse attended military school in Minnesota before coming to the University. His father has always had a great desire for him to make a varsity letter, perhaps more than to graduate. He was a good high school and military school athlete, but while at the University did not train and did not study much. I have it