

This boy in question has nothing. He needs board, room, tuition, books, clothes, spending money, medical expenses, and what have you. If a coach does it for one he is forced to do it for the others. Then multiply this amount that is necessary to take care of this boy by the number of men on the first squad and you have the answer to the cost of basketball.

Bronie, I have enough data to prove my points conclusively. You and I both know a young star athlete from Kansas who matriculated at Nebraska and was wet-nursed, hauled in taxicabs to his classes because he would not walk to them, and imprecations were made to him in a most disgusting fashion just because he was an athlete. True, his ineligibility caused him not to play at Nebraska, but the disgusting example set by this chap and by the people who endeavored to get him eligible created a sickening stench among those who were on the inside of such a situation. Similar situations have happened on the campus of most every college in the United States that has tried to keep such men eligible only for their athletic ability. There was no other consideration involved in handling this young boy with strong gastrocnemius muscles who could peddle a ball forward. And still we talk about ideals. The name was not a long one. The first letter is B.

Thanking you for sending me this pleasant epistle to Fred, and wishing you and the great Army of the United States Godspeed, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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