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Mr. Don Ettinger
307 West Kansas
Independence, Missouri

Dear Don:

I would call you the big "Red Mastiff" but when I address a letter to you I think of what your mother would have me call you and I know it wouldn't please her to have me undignify that name she gave you so I'm being very formal in my epistle this morning.

I'm happy to learn that you were initiated last spring and I'm glad that you made out with a B average. Just remember, Don, that I'm very much interested in you and I will be disappointed if you fall short of the mark that I have set up for you. Sure, I want to see you make good in athletics and I want you to be an outstanding athlete, but fifteen years from now I want to see you come back on the campus at Mr. Oread and be one of the Big Boys in the realm of business and a life of success.

I'm pleased beyond measure that you have assured me about your training. Don, they can't stop you in either sport or in your academic life if you do not put impediments in your way. Remember what I told you what Maude Royden, the great woman Sociologist of England said, "You can not break nature's law but you can break yourself against nature's law". So, after all, they can't stop you unless you permit them to do so.

Mitt and Bobbie play golf almost everyday. While Mitt pursues his law course, Bobbie loaf's after seven straight summers of University application of study. Eleanor is also taking a History course during the summer term preparing herself to enter the University of Pennsylvania this fall along with Bob. She wants to get away from home, I guess, and it might be a fine thing in her educational adjustment. She has made a B average and I think that is pretty good for a girl who has no ambition to specialize like Bob in medicine and Mitt as in law. My daughter, Jane, who is an artist in Chicago, will be married the sixth of September here at Lawrence. She is marrying a Princeton man named Mon. He was the stroke on the Pennsylvania crew. He's a big fellow about 6'3"--about your size, Don.

We'll be looking forward to your coming back in September. Please give my kindest regards to your family and your brother. I had always wished that he had played on a Jawhawk team. He was a great competitor. It must be in the blood, Don.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education and
Recreation-Varsity Basketball and
Baseball Coach.

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