

September 14, 1939.

Mr. Monk Smolen,
Pittkin, Kansas.

Dear Monk:

Mr. Fred Ellsworth, our Alumni Secretary, has told me that Representative Roth, of LaCrosse, Kansas, spoke to him about the possibility of your entering the University of Kansas this fall. We would be very happy to have you here, and want to encourage young men who have possibilities of leadership.

We do not stress athletic prowess so much as we do high academic achievements and good moral character. I want to assure you that I do not go out for the "big shots" in basketball, because first, I want a man to be a good student, secondly, a man who will train, and a man who likes to play.

Many of our outstanding basketball players have come from small towns, such as Lawrence, Leavenworth, Horton, Glasco, Arkansas City, Newton, Winfield, Downs, Iola, Chanute, Humboldt, and so forth. "Dutch" Lomborg, who is now coaching at Northwestern, was my captain in 1920. He came from Horton. John Bunn, of Stanford, who made a great record with Hank Luisetti and his Pacific Coast boys, was on my 1920 team. He came from Humboldt, Kansas.

Through the years past, as well as at the present time, by far and large most of the boys have come from small Kansas towns. I do not know whether you would have a desire to coach after you finish school or not, but if such is the case we would be glad to have you enter our Department of Physical Education. If there is any information that we can send you, it will be a pleasure to hear from you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.