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Mr. T. P. Hunter,
Perry, Oklahoma.

Dear T. P.:

I dictated a letter to you yesterday which you will find enclosed. I am now writing you regarding your letter of the 7th inst.

I was afraid it was more than a man-sized job, T. P. I understand that this rough-necking work is a tough job in itself. I knew that when you went down there, but I thought that I had no right to ask you to stay in summer school and pay a very large tuition and then have you lose out on your work during the summer. I did not know your financial situation, but I did understand that your brother paid a large share of your expenses.

And I do know this - it is much better for you to work and earn your own money, even though you do not play basketball much this next year, than for you to have your brother furnish all your funds and have you take the money from him in order to be eligible. You will get a lot more education working and earning your own money than you will by studying for an academic education and hoping that you will make yourself eligible for basketball. After all, T. P., you are doing the very thing that makes a man out of a boy. And you will appreciate your education a lot more when in your work you compare your brawn with the brawn of your fellows who have never been in school. In this perspective you will envision your future.

You will see what it would be with no higher educational training -- just a long, rough road where you can never climb to great heights but where you will do your work, have little responsibility, and sometimes, I think, maybe be a little happier for not having had too much education. But a fellow like you would never be content to be like the lowing herd. T. P., you have got a lot of stuff in you, and I am glad that you have written me the frank letter that you have, and I think it best that you continue to do just what you have done. You come back the next semester and make all of your work, and although I doubt very much whether you will be able to make a letter the second semester, you will be one year older and you will have a lot of experience. There isn't any question in my mind but what you will do a lot of good in basketball, and of course you will have your baseball in the spring, that is, if the varsity plays baseball.