

May 9, 1939.

Mr. P. O. Klawuhn,
302 Charleston Apartment,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Klawuhn:

I feel that I am well acquainted with the Klawuhn family because my son Bob and your son Robert played on the Lawrence High School team together. Bob is a pre-medic in the University and has always been a great friend of your son, Robert. I made a few trips with the Lawrence High School basketball team while the two boys were playing together.

Your son Robert has come into my office quite a few times in distress over his grades that he has made here at the University. I have endeavored to contact his teachers toward helping him obtain a tutor when he was low in his grades. Robert is in that position now, and we are doing all we can to help him.

Robert seems to have great difficulty with his physics and calculus. His other grades are, on the whole, very good. But somehow it seems as if his mathematical mind does not function comparable to his other talents that he undoubtedly possesses.

Robert has come to me politely protesting that he cannot make it in the Engineering school. He says that his teachers are fine and very courteous to him, but he does not seem to possess a mathematical mind. Robert has been in the University two and a half years plus one summer session, and he has not made the academic progress that he feels he should have made. He desires to change to some other school in the University in which he can make more definite progress.

I am writing you, Mr. Klawuhn, to see if you would agree to such an action. I have talked with the administrators of the various schools in the University and their policy has always been to permit such a transfer when it is pretty well determined that the boy would do better in some other school. In looking over his other grades it impresses me, too, that his mathematical reactions do not attain to the same high standard to which his other academic grades testify. Personally, I desire to have a conference with you, and I have told Robert so. I am wondering if you are coming to Lawrence soon so that I might go over this matter with you for the general good of Robert.