

I have seen many boys come to the University of Kansas with little money, but a lot of inspiration and some athletic ability, and where they have tried invariably they have found people to help them help themselves, and they were able to graduate. When a fellow cannot make it, then he generally follows your procedure. After a year or two he gets married, and then I know how you felt. After you got married you did not want to have your wife work while you were in school. It would perhaps make you appear as if you were not doing your part. But had you done that you would have done what a lot of people are doing right now here at the University of Kansas.

We have several boys on our athletic teams that are married, and when they came to college they felt that it was necessary that their wife work so that they could get along. There is a senior in our department of physical education who played three years of football, then it took him two extra years to get through, but that fellow is doing wonderfully well. His wife is working at a soda fountain in a drug store. He is going to make a great success.

So you see we never know just what to do. All of us have tough breaks now and then. I always say that in the cycle of life that in every seven years you will have one bad one. Doubtless you have thought of the stages -- 7, childhood; 14, puberty; 21, manhood; 28, there is another change in life; at 35 you are thinking differently than you were at 28; at 42 there seems to be another change, and at 49 and 56 and 63 and 70. I have often thought of these seven-year periods, and I have rather checked my life as a gauge. I find that while these do not always work out, I have observed other people and I have found that in the men these strata of years generally provide a favorable reckoning.

And who knows but what a break will come definitely for you? You have not cried nor whined the least bit, but I know things have been tough for you. I am wondering if you have seen that movie, "You Can't Take it With You". I saw the play on the legitimate stage and I have seen the movie. The movie is not nearly as good as the stage production, but it is something that all of us need to spend more time on - the philosophy of life. It is a real art.

I realize that \$125 a month is not a lot of money, but if it provides enough to keep you living fairly comfortably, and if you have the right philosophy - and I believe you have, then perhaps you are happier than a man making a lot more. The fact that you have worked with these boys shows me that you have an idea of service.

I am a very good friend of Dutch Witty's at Laramie, and I also have a good friend in the English Department there, Vincil Coulter. Maybe I could help you here.