

F

February 1, 1941

Miss Ruth McNair
204 Snow Hall
University of Kansas

Dear Miss McNair:

I imagine that you will be quite surprised to hear from me, Miss McNair, but nevertheless I want to thank you for the patience and the cooperation as well as the inspiration that you gave Charles Black, even though he got a very low grade and I imagine did very poor work for you. Although Charles made a C average in his semester's work, I want you to know that I continually pounded him on the back endeavoring to get him to do better work for you.

I should like to give you a personal history of this boy: He was in Wisconsin during the summer working at some camp. His parents moved to Lawrence, Kansas in the late summer and Charles returned home just in time to enter the University. However, he was attacked with a very serious granuloma, which was a heavy pus sac on one of his molars. Dr. Alexander extracted the tooth and told me that he has never seen a worse case of mandibular infection.

Charles was kept flat on his back for over two weeks while this infection cleared up and this left him in a weakened condition. He entered school some three weeks late, I believe, and seemed to lack any enthusiasm or interest in his work at first. I constantly spoke to him about his studies and he said he just could not get pepped up about them.

I am only mentioning these things to let you know that sometimes there is a story back of so-called voluntary inertia or mental lassitude. Charles came in this morning and said never again would he get a grade like that in this school and I believe it. Being so near the brink of failure and yet escaping the ignominy of such an experience I believe has cured him. At any rate, I want to thank you for your patience and kindness. He thinks you were excessively kind to him to do all the extra work that you did.

In the name of the Black Family I thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg