

October 6, 1943.

Lt. Theodore M. O'Leary,
Public Relations Officer,
Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board,
1210 Bryant Building,
Kansas City 6, Missouri.

Dear Ted:

Vernon Hayes, who is a member of our Physical Education staff, and a brother of Rutherford B. Hayes, captain of the Jayhawker football team in 1935, brought his nephew into the office the other day. The nephew's name is George B. Hayes, and he is stationed at William Jewell College. He is a football and basketball player, and Vernon wanted to know if there is any chance in the future of having him transferred to K. U.

All of this, of course, is off the record, but I just wanted to pass this along to you. When he came into the office for a visit I detected a goodly supply of nicotine. Of course, I am not one of those lily-white boys, but apparently this chap has been playing where he has been permitted to smoke. Vernon says he is a fine football and basketball player, but I doubt if he would get very far on my basketball team because I would expect a fellow to train during the season. And from what I was able to observe I doubt if he would do so.

However, I am doing as I promised and am writing you regarding him. If there is anything that you can do, Vernon Hayes would greatly appreciate it.

And now I want to thank you very much for the kindness that you did. I am hoping Henry will benefit thereby, but this morning he came in with a rather long face because Dean Lawson of the College has a rule that any student transferring from another college with a D is put on probation. This boy in particular was a fine student at McPherson high school, averaging 95 to 98 in his grades, but he came back from Northwestern this summer with all C's and one D. This is the cause of the probation. I am hoping that the dean will realize that this boy is in the reserve and we are on a wartime basis and not a strictly academic schedule, especially when all the colleges are letting professionals and everybody else play, regardless. If they take this boy, Carson, out of the line-up, it is bells for Kansas, and maybe slaughter, because the men coming in are not yet available in strength. Carson was the sole offensive line smasher.

Thanks a million for past favors, and good luck. Fraternally,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.