

May 25, 1940.

Mr. John A. Rush,
121 So. Hudson Ave.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Brother Rush:

I am sorry that I have delayed answering your good letter of the 15th instant. I have had a great number of commencement addresses over the state and I have just returned to my desk this morning from traveling over the various parts of Kansas.

I do want you to know that I am pleased indeed that you are coming out to the Golden Anniversary of your graduation. I certainly do want to see you and have a good long talk with you. I feel that you have done Kansas Alpha of Phi Kappa Psi a real favor. These boys naturally are young and although they are very ambitious, sometimes their inexperience costs them much money.

Tom Higgins is a fine boy and I am sure when you meet him you will agree with me.

Now, regarding the additional degree that you spoke about. I called for Chancellor Malott as soon as your letter arrived and found that he was out of town. I then called Dean E. B. Stouffer of the Graduate School and talked to him about the possibility of the University honoring you with a degree. Dean Stouffer told me that the statutes prohibited the giving of any honorary degrees by the University. He said some sixty years ago there were some Doctor of Divinity degrees given, but those were the last.

I know that you will understand that the University would be happy to do anything she could to honor her sons if it were within her power. But under the conditions I know that you will understand.

I want to congratulate you on the contribution in Who's Who in America in volume 20, page 2161. It is a very nice tribute to you and your work.

With kindest regards, and awaiting the pleasure of seeing you,
I am

Fraternally yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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