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Dear Doc:

I know that you have been very busy and are very busy at the present time and I am acquainted with some of your problems. I know what troubles a high school coach has and realize that a university coach has many more problems particularly when it comes to satisfying boys who are away from home for the first time and have made quite a radical change in environment. It is quite hard for a boy to prevent diviations at times when he is suddenly thrown in with a group of boys who come from better financial backgrounds. I went through this transition myself and as a result can better appreciate what is going on in Kenny's head. In my case I'm now very happy to have come in contact with situations that to me now are very dear.

Kenny is still in an adjustable state. He doesn't know whether he is going to like K.U. or not. He wrote a very blue letter home stating that he would be completely broke after paying his tuition. He said that you had ~~xx~~ said that you were not certain that you could supply him with work during the second semester, and that he wasn't sure that he would be able to pay the second semester fees. He asked his parents whether or not he should pay his fees or whether he should come home and go to Bradley. His brother and his high school coach came to me to ask for advise and I promptly told them that the boy was all muddled up and things would straighten themselves out if he ~~but let them~~ would let them. I said that he should go ahead and pay his tuition and that things would work out. I learn, however, that he has but \$100.00 and his tuition is \$107.00, and that he will be completely without funds after paying them. I learn that he has a table job in the house and ~~can~~ consider this a fine break for him. He will now only have a small house bill of something around \$16.00 a month. I haven't heard anything officially from the fraternity but have assumed that they have taken care of him after getting my letter.

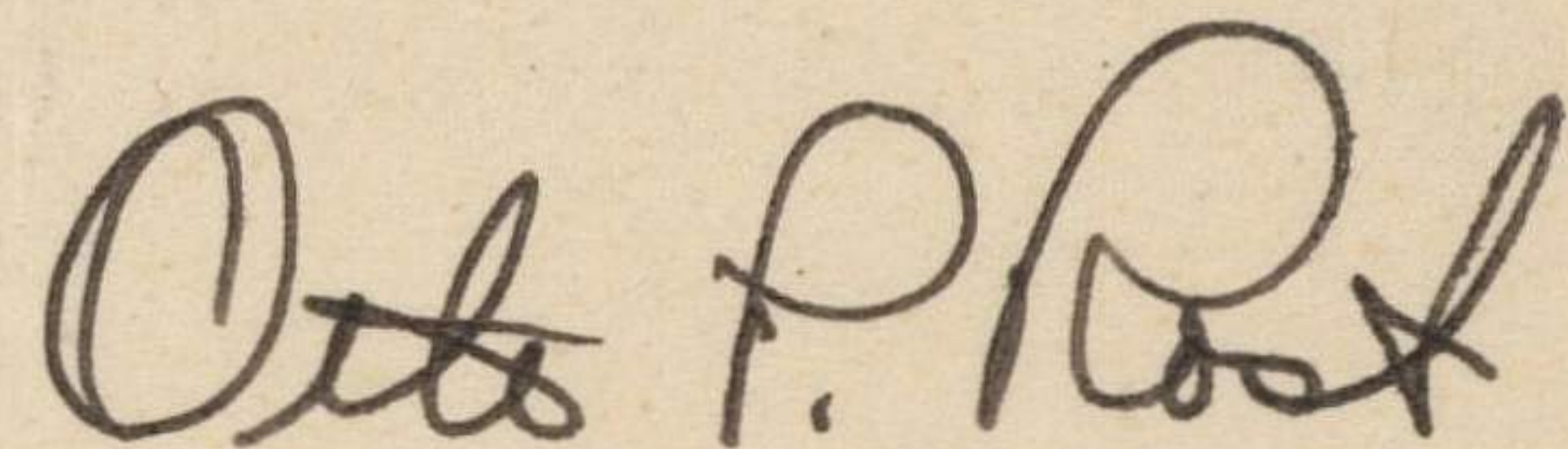
I have written to him trying to pep him up and stirr him on the right course. I imagine that many things have changed in ten years, however, correct philosophy of my time should be a pretty good guide for today. I asked him in the future to send his problems to me and not to his parents.

If you can find time to chat with him for awhile and get someone like Henry Shenk to take him under his wing I am certain that things will be lovely. He has undoubtedly many problems confronting him. His biggest problem will be one of social adjustment. He is a boy ~~after~~ who is thoroughly a man. At the present time he sees the boys at the fraternity as a bunch of sissies who can talk of nothing but girls. He probably will have other problems along the same line. I will be most happy at anytime to help out to the best of my ability in keeping Kenny in line and happy. I certainly hope that he does not become a problem for you.

You asked me sometime ago about my progress with my graduate work. I have completed thirty hours of graduate work at St. Louis U. and have only a few finishing requirments to take care of in getting my degree. I should have it completely finished either in January or June.

Wishing you the best of luck for the coming year, I remain

Most sincerely,



Otto P. Rost