

I know that many boys shop around and peddle their athletic wares for a mess of pottage. Boys sometimes are prone to feel that should they play on a team that wins a championship that they have really done a great service to their school. Rather, the reverse is true. A great opportunity is afforded a boy to play on a varsity team because he has the best of care and coaching, all equipment is furnished him free, he is taken on trips, and he is built up sometimes far too great.

On the other hand, more of an emphasis should be placed upon his school work because it is that work wherein he is going to earn his bread and butter if he passed his course satisfactorily. Athletics only should give a favorable introduction for the young man in society and business. If he looks for more he is like the fellow who expects the pay-off at the wrong end.

I am sending you a copy of your first letter so that you can see that you neither informed me that you met me at the Lawrence Country Club or met me at any time. You did not tell me what you could do in the way of work, and yet in your second letter you expected me to say that I would give you a particular kind of work. I told you, when I was speaking to you at the Country Club, that the work here paid 35¢ an hour, and that any boy could not reasonably expect to work more than two hours a day along with his school work. You will have to admit, after looking at this letter of yours, that it wouldn't help me if I would put it in my files as far as learning anything about the individual is concerned.

In your second letter, which was also undated, you stated that you would endeavor to refresh my memory. Had you stated in your first letter what you did in the second there would have been no necessity of your second letter. Or when you were at the Country Club had you told me that you resided in Baxter Springs, and that you played at Miami Junior College, then I might have understood, but none of this information was given me.

Can it be that someone persuaded you to leave your high school at Baxter Springs and go to Miami, Oklahoma, to play on a junior college team? If they did that down there I want you to know there is no such thing in my mind concerning your coming to the University of Kansas. If you are especially concerned in getting an engineering degree, and incidentally in playing basketball, then I would be glad to help you. But if you are expecting me to get you a job because you are a basketball player, I am afraid that I am a very poor employment agency.

You state that you are an all-state man and should make good material, but my advice to you would be to not endeavor to sell your all-state talents until you have set yourself up as a good risk in an employment way. Remember, you have got to earn this