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Mr. Clad Thompson,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Clad:

Following our conversation yesterday regarding failures here at the University, I thought you would like to know how we keep our men eligible in basketball. We appeal to the boys themselves, and ask the faculty members from time to time for a check up on their progress in class. We tell the boys it is their own responsibility, because that is primarily what they are in school for.

I never approach a faculty member asking him to give a boy something. A boy will get the thing that he is interested in if he is of average intelligence and industry, plus having an incentive to get ahead.

This University is no sinecure for any type of student who does not want to progress. I have always found the majority of faculty members more than willing to help a fellow help himself. Of course, I help the boys all I can by having conferences with them, discussing the possibility for the future, and encourage them along the way.

I just thought you would like to see the approach we use in basketball.

Very sincerely yours,

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