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Mr. J. R. Smith,  
The Robinson Coal Co.,  
Pleasanton, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Smith:

It was a pleasure to have you and Harold Howey in the office the other day, and I greatly enjoyed my visit with you.

I never get over-balanced in my desire to encourage a good athlete to come to K.U. because of his athletic ability. He usually has a complex the other way and I find it very difficult to sell that fellow on the idea of coming primarily for an education. The only way is to let him go some place else and learn the bitter truth.

But the boys who really want to go to college and who want to play are the boys who produce in business and professional life. I have always told them that a freshman or sophomore going to the University can do his school no more good than an 18-year old boy can do his father some good. He is just a liability. But when he changes his complex then he gets so much more out of his college education.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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