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children in school that have received special privileges, one being the valedictorian this year, another honor roll, and still another employment in the high school office. Another school board vote was gained by having a wife of one of the members on the substitute teaching list. It's a bad situation, Dr. Allen, something that the community is almost up in arms about but can't do anything about until another election takes place. The superintendent being extremely jealous of the coach because of his success in both his football and basketball this year, would not let the coach bring the boys because of the fact he wishes to bring them to the campus later in the year and has given them promises of untold magnitude. The superintendent is making statements to the boys that he knows you "like a brother" and that you will do as he wishes if he asks any special favor.

Personally, I like our superintendent, but I don't admire the way in which he accomplishes some of his selfish purposes. As a result of the boys not coming to Lawrence, they have said that they will not, under any condition, come to the campus with the superintendent because they feel that it is up to their high school coach, Dale Ridgeway, to bring them. It puts Ridgeway in a very peculiar position which I hope will be remedied soon. As for Wiley, he does not look as if he would make a University basketball player but we do have another boy, whom our superintendent and coach seemed to have overlooked somewhat, by the name of Donald Price, whom I believe, after a year of freshman practice would make you a darn good player, and then in another year, there's a young man by the name of Frank Ruske, Jr., who will graduate and ~~now~~ is 6' 1", of a very good physique and who has shown very good basketball playing ~~that~~ will be another good prospect. Don Price will be in the University and will probably be out for freshman basketball next year. He is not receiving any publicity. He's a quiet individual, very unassuming with an ideal attitude.

Getting back to Wiley, I am sure he will be in school and will be out for freshman basketball next year, but let's don't promise him any employment or anything of that sort. Let his parents put him through and let him dig for what he gets out of the University. Between you and me, I don't believe the boy will be able to last through the first year scholastically.

This letter is probably rather cynical and full of facts. I don't mean to cast any shadows but I do think you should know the background of our Seneca set-up. Will see you in Lawrence soon.

Very sincerely,

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