

March 31, 1944.

Mr. Wm. B. Henderson,
916 Walnut Street,
Kansas City 6, Mo.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Your very nice letter of March 27 has been received. I am happy to know that you are interested in a young man obtaining an education. I note further that you are a trustee of the University of Kansas City, and that your basketball has not been featured enough to make it attractive to him.

I am wondering if you would be kind enough to answer some questions. Is the young man a 4F student, or does he have an opportunity to get into the Navy V-12 unit? Of course, if he got into the Navy V-12 he might be sent to any college but he would be assured of an education.

I am sure that you can understand that it would not be possible to guarantee any young man his way through the University on account of his athletics. However, we can give him a job commensurate with his ability and his desire to work. There are jobs going begging here now for boys at the University. We could use all the boys who really want to work, but most of them have more money from their parents or some other source, and they do not want to work at forty to fifty cents an hour. The pay depends on the quality of the work.

You state that you are unfamiliar with the technique and ethics of college and university basketball. There are coaches who will promise a young man an easy job, but I have never done that - telling the boys that life is not easy, that it is a real struggle, and for one to be successful he must work hard and not expect easy things in his early growth. It happens that I am one of six boys in a family. All of us had to work hard and no one gave us anything. We have three boys and three girls in our own family and we have found in raising these children that life was quite a struggle, but a glorious one. My youngest son is a senior in the medical school at the University of Pennsylvania. Of course we are very proud of him, but he has never had it easy.

I only mention these things to assure you that if the young man would come under my care he would not be wet-nursed, yet I would try to advise and guide him in the same manner that I would one of my own boys. I would tell him that athletics are not the most important