

April 14, 1943.

Mr. Bill Neff,
Shawnee-Mission High School,
Merriam, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I have been told that you perhaps will have at least one year of college before your number would come up. I have heard so many fine things said to me concerning you that I want to write you and first, congratulate you on your wonderful state championship team. Not only that, but I understand that this Shawnee-Mission team was about tops when it came to intelligence, teamwork, and team morale. A team that has all of that is a very difficult team to beat.

Therefore, this is a three-way congratulation to you, sir.

If you do go to college of course we would be very happy to have you consider the University of Kansas. There are so many vital professions here at the University that are helpful to a boy working toward his degree and also winning the war, that we would like to have you here. I imagine that we will have as much athletics as any university will have during war time. Of course, the main consideration is not athletics at the present time, but it is our firm endeavor to try to equip the young men with enough intelligence, enough emotional stability and mental poise that he can save himself when he comes in conflict with the enemy. The ones who know tell us it is necessary for us to liquidate them or they will liquidate us.

If there is anything at the University that you would be interested in knowing more about, or if you should decide to come for a "look-see", we would be indeed happy to have you as our guest any time it is convenient for you. We are writing you on the supposition that we hope you want to attend the University.

Also, another congratulation on your attaining National Honor Society recognition!