

May 27, 1943.

Mr. Charles Mackender,
Riley, Kansas.

Dear Charles:

I acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 25th instant, and I was happy to hear from you. Your old coach, Mr. Vernon Hayes, just stopped in the office. He is planning on doing some graduate work here at the University. He mentioned your graduation and stated that they had heard from you in response to a graduation gift they had sent you.

Mr. Hayes had the highest praise for you as an "A" student, and of course he had some fine things to say regarding your basketball playing. But frankly, Charles, I was more interested in your academic accomplishments than in your athletic ability, because a boy who is high in academic attainments can earn more money because he will have more hours to work and still not be in danger of flunking.

We have plenty of work here for the boys to do, but so many of the boys are required to spend so much more time on their studies that it cuts down their earning capacity. We are in a position to give you all the work that you desire at 35¢ an hour. There are a few jobs that pay more, but they are specialized jobs.

I am very sure that you would be happy in your work here. What are you planning to specialize in? If you take engineering, chemistry or medicine - any of these three would defer you during your student days in college. I am not mentioning this for you to get out of the war, but rather so that you would be in position to serve your country more expertly and more efficiently than if you would take physical education, which would not defer you.

Won't you write me and tell me of your desires and intentions?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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