

June 19, 1942.

Mr. Ray Thayer,  
Hoisington, Kansas.

Dear Ray:

Our Chancellor, Deane W. Malott, had written me concerning your outstanding qualifications as an athlete, and your academic achievements. Somehow, your name was transmitted to him as Ray Fair, and we wrote to you using that name. Your superintendent of schools, Mr. Kroesch, has been kind enough to write me giving your correct name.

We understand not only from the Chancellor, but from your friends in Hoisington that you are a very desirable student, both scholastically and athletically. I want to assure you that we will be very happy to have you enter the University of Kansas this fall. It would be a great pleasure to have a chap like you on my squad.

I have always been more concerned in athletes who were exceptional students than I have in students who were exceptional athletes. It is like putting your money in a sound bank. When you teach a boy the fundamentals you are quite sure that your work is of some avail when you realize he is a good student. We have been fortunate in having on our varsity basketball team men who have been outstanding students.

If there is any way in which I can help you please let me know. Be sure to come in my office when you get come to Lawrence, and say hello so that we may get better acquainted.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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