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Mr. Robert Lloyd,
Princeton, Kansas.

Dear Robert:

Dean Martin had spoken often to me about you and your baseball ability and he stated that he was going to endeavor to get you to matriculate at the University of Kansas. Of course, we would be happy to have you here and I am sure that you realize that the great opportunity would come to you in getting an education.

We pay 35¢ an hour for work and it is always possible for all students to work two hours a day and carry a full academic load. But if a student works three hours a day then the deans curtail the number of hours to 12. A full load is 15 hours. Personally, I think that a boy makes a mistake to work too many hours and thereby loses the opportunity to carry a full course.

The Big Six rules state that an athlete must have passing work in 27 hours the two preceding semesters. If a boy carries 15 hours a semester his total accumulation would be 30 hours, and if a boy should have a little bad luck and fail a course, which I hope you won't do, then he would fall below the 27 hours required for him to participate in athletics.

Now you will understand, Robert, that while I have mentioned the required number of hours for athletic competition, I do not believe that athletics are the most important part of your school life. In fact, it is the most unimportant part. In ten or twenty years you men who graduate from the University will be running this state. I say that with no flattery intended because I can remember when I was in college with Alf Landon, Roy Roberts of the Kansas City Star, Tom Grant of the Business Men's Assurance of Kansas City, Maurice Breidenthal, president of the Security National Bank, Tom Sweeney, president of the Peoples State Bank, Walter Thiele, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge Hugh Means, and so many others too numerous to mention. These men then were just youngsters like you and Dean Martin. But before long these chaps got into places of trust and the old-timers went the way of all life. It was then that these fellows took over and they are in very important and responsible positions.