

You do know, John, that a man comes to school for an investment. He invests money to get training so that he can in later life go out and make a livelihood for himself and his family. I am very sure that you have thought of this and you would not expect me to get you a job that would pay all of your expenses. You would not be making any investment in that case. I think of many poor unfortunate people today who would work their fingers to the bone to get room, board and living expenses, and a job that they work at full-time. When you consider that a fellow goes to school and indulges in an investment that should pay him many thousand dollars, then I am sure that you will see my point.

Remember that when a fellow carries a full load in school he doesn't have as much time for work that would generally pay all of his expenses. But I am communicating with some of the boys that you met here and I assure you that I will present your talents in a most favorable light. As soon as I hear from them I will write you again.

I am sure that you have read of some of the struggles of Abraham Lincoln to get an education. In my opinion, Lincoln became the great man that he was because he struggled and knew hardships; and the boy who is not willing to sacrifice much will not attain much. Do not think, John, that I am preaching to you and that I am inferring that you will not do what necessary sacrificing there is to do. On the contrary, all of us think that you are a fine boy and unspoiled, but I am putting the whole picture before you so that you will see that most every man of every household and every mother in that household makes many sacrifices and struggles much for the loved ones that they have in that home.

I am not sure that I have digressed from my original point too much for you to understand me, but I am trying to say to you, John, that if you want an education you will put up with a few hardships and not expect everything to run smoothly without some little unpleasanties. Life just isn't like that.

It was good to hear from you and I assure you that you will hear from me again as soon as I have more definite information.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Varsity Basketball Coach.

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