

July 31, 1939.

Mr. Bill Cates, Jr.,  
123 West 13th Street,  
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I beg your pardon for the delay in replying to your kind letter of the 5th instant. My teaching duties in addition to the recreational program this summer have kept me so busy that I have neglected some of my correspondence.

I am very glad to know of your interest in the University of Kansas and in our School of Business. If you have saved enough money to pay for your books, tuition and incidental expenses, then I am sure that you will have no difficulty in making the grade here at K. U. I tell the boys that the first thing they must do is get their academic work. That is the thing you go to school for, and you will find that your degree from the University of Kansas will amount to just as much as you put into it.

A boy's academic record is the thing we look at first, and if he is a good student that proves he is a good academic risk. Otherwise, we feel that the boy should not participate in inter-collegiate athletics because that takes more time away from his studies. But, if he is a good student, then his athletics serve as a stimulus to him because his desire to play necessarily fits in with his whole program. A boy has ample time to play because he is a good student.

We shall be glad to help you help yourself, and if you will write me again telling me what kind of work you are capable of doing I will be glad to help you in any way possible.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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