

September 8, 1939.

Mr. Marvin McDonald,  
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Dear Marvin:

I was glad to have your letter of recent date. I am just returning to my desk for work, and I want you to know that I am hoping you will be able to enter the University of Kansas. However, I notice that your father has been suffering from heart trouble, and I am just afraid to advise you to come since there will be so little aid from your home.

When a boy has received his early education at the hands of his parents there are some things that a boy does owe his parents, and I believe under the conditions, as much as you would dislike to forego your education temporarily, it might be the best scheme. Over sixty per cent of the boys here at the University are partially or wholly self-supporting, but when there is not much money coming in from the parental side of the household then I believe a boy owes an obligation to his own parents.

And I am congratulating you on the fact that you are the right type of boy. I notice that you do not smoke nor drink and on those two fine standards you have already advanced toward your success. A boy has to learn to say "no" a thousand times to temptation before he can say "yes" once to victory.

Won't you write me and let me know how your father is getting along and if there is any way that I can help you in your academic quest it will be a pleasure. Why would it not be a good idea for you to continue in junior college work a year until things arrive at an easement in your household?

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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