

August 12, 1939.

Mr. Marvin McDonald,
Wellington, Kansas.

Dear Marvin:

Thank you for your good letter of the 8th instant enclosing clippings regarding your basketball playing last winter. I am returning these clippings to you because I am very sure that you prize them highly, as you should.

You have made a very fine record and I take it that you want to make as good a record academically as you do athletically. Won't you write me and tell me how much money you have saved for tuition and incidentals?

If you wish to attend the University we will be glad to help you help yourself. I would like to know what sort of grades you made in high school because too many boys depend on their athletics to boost them along in their studies. But here at the University the professors do not give too much credit for athletic ability alone. I do not mean that they are opposed to athletics, but just because a fellow is an athlete does not mean that they will give him a grade. It is for that reason that I would like to know regarding your academic standing. Unless you have made better than a "C" average I would be afraid to encourage you to attempt to work on a heavy schedule and pull out with grades far above the average.

Frankly, I feel that any boy should want to make as good grades in his academic work as he does to excel on the athletic field.

I am leaving on a trip for Atlanta where I have a coaching school at Georgia Tech. You write me here at Lawrence and the letter will be forwarded to me down there and I will be happy to write you as soon as I receive your communication.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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