

letter and assure him that he is going to have a wonderful time at the University of Kansas. He is ambitious with the right idea, it seems to me. It will be a pleasure to have him here on the team with Miller, Engleman, Bob Allen and the rest of the boys. We have a fine bunch of chaps and they are all just about like Vance is -- a bunch of sterling lads who are worth more than any resources that the state has.

I consider it a blessed privilege to have youngsters in school and associated with such fellows as Bruce Voran, Bill Hogben, Kenny Messner and the rest of the fellows, including the freshmen that are coming up. But you tell Vance not to be afraid but what he can make his place on this Kansas varsity. Every one of the boys that I have on the team are exactly like him and this is the sort of an outfit that I want. I certainly would not thank any coach for trying to paint a roseate picture to my son should he be considering going away to college. So I try to do for the other boys what I would want some father to do for my boy.

Many of these coaches work on the premise of promising the boy everything and then when he gets to that particular school they tell him that things didn't pan out just exactly the way they hoped but they would help him anyhow all they could. Then, of course, you know that they figure since a boy is enrolled and has been there a month or so they can hold him. That is obtaining athletes under false pretenses and it is a pretty shabby trick.

I have chosen the other angle -- that of being perfectly frank with the boy and then when tough times do come, as they do to all of us, we can sit down together and work out a plan that causes the boy to feel that you really are his friend.

So you just assure Vance that in all of our opinions he made a wise decision. I am sure that he will never be sorry. Bill, I appreciate your interest in Vance and I know when he is on the varsity that you will be up here even more regularly than before. I am convinced that you believe he is the real stuff and we want you to be happy about your nomination of him.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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