

July 6, 1939.

Mr. Jake Cox,
Offerle, Kansas.

Dear Jake:

I succeeded in getting into telephone communication with Mr. George Miller, the owner of the Eldridge Pharmacy. I tried previously, but had failed to get him. I had quite a long talk with Mr. Miller, and he said that of course he could not promise a man a job the year around, but I told him what I told you - that if you came and obtained the job with Mr. Miller and were diligent about your work and your studies, that I personally would help you in obtaining further employment if the drug store job failed on account of poor business.

Mr. Miller is a very aggressive merchant who believes in inter-collegiate athletics and will help a boy help himself, but he is not one who can afford to hire a boy to work for him just because he is an athlete. Rather, it is on account of the boy being an athlete that he should have energy, perseverance and courage that would prove gainful to Mr. Miller.

I have no boys on my varsity basketball squad who come to the University and expect their athletics to carry them through. That type of boy seldom plays on a championship team. Rather, he is the fellow who wants to be carried along. I want a fellow on my team who will carry the load to the end of the road, and I believe, Jake, that you are one of those fellows. It may be that your work and studies will occupy most of your time and it will not be possible for you to go out for freshman basketball. But you can enroll in a basketball class in Physical Education, and I have charge of that freshman basketball class. Academic credit is given for the course. We meet the group and teach them the fundamentals, and you get 1/2 hour credit for it. You are taught all the fundamentals that the varsity boys are taught, but the group that you enroll with are not as far along as the freshman squad because these boys in the credit class are not finished high school basketball players. But if you have the ability, you get the training and the credit, and this is a part of your school work. You do not get credit for your freshman basketball work because you play for the fun of it.