

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS.

The Seventy

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Dear Varsity Team and Coach:

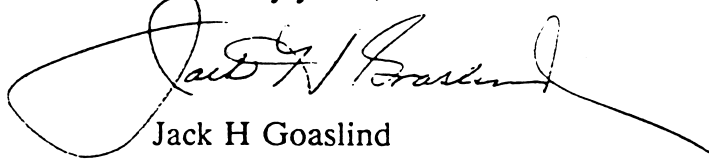
It is an honor for me to write to you as the Young Men General President, but more importantly as one who respects and admires you. I have a feeling of deep gratitude for the blessing that is mine to serve with you and pray that we might be able to do the things that would be pleasing to our Heavenly Father.

Today you have met the challenge of climbing to the top of a mountain peak. The Young Men general presidency of the Church commend you for this accomplishment. There are many others who have taken a lower road and have denied themselves forever the feelings you are now able to enjoy. In your lives there will be many mountains to climb and we know that you will continue to endure and keep your faith in God knowing that He will bless you and give you the courage and stamina to excel and achieve these summits.

Life is a constant climb for each of us. We live in the most exciting time ever in the history of the world. Emerson said: *"What do you want? Pay the price and take it."* Nothing will be denied your generation. You will fly higher, faster, and be able to sweep the earth in an instant. You will probe into the microcosm and magnify atoms millions of times. You will see engineering feats accomplished which other generations never dreamed possible. You will continue to see miracles--and be a part of those miracles through the priesthood you are blessed to bear.

You will be *"Men of Christ,"* a part of the largest team of missionaries ever sent forth. You will see more of the honest in heart come unto the kingdom than at any time in the world's history. The world will see you and recognize you *"as a Royal Generation."* The Aaronic Priesthood which you now enjoy is given to you as a preparatory blessing for things to come. Prepare now, every day of every week, of every month, of every year. Be clean, be true, be pure and strong. Honor your priesthood and prepare for the things the Lord will have you do. We love and delight in the blessing that is ours to serve you. We pray the Lord will bless you and know that as you do the things you know to be right, you will be able to reach the top of every mountain in your life.

Faithfully yours,



Jack H Goaslind  
Young Men General President.