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we have had there at Lawrence could call a pretty fair game if they had enough guts and were not "prodded" by the benches and crowd. I know that you yourself are not as active on the bench this year as you have been in the past, which could be the results of a fine season, but so long as we permit expression of dissapproval from our bench, we can't expect the crowd to agree when men who are so close to the game as our staff get up and let out a howl. I'm not saying that our crowd here at Norman is any criterion to go by but, but so long as coaches raise cane in general with two men that are his guests, I'm afraid that the home court is going to be worth ten points instead of from 4 to 6. I'll admit that I did more screaming this year than usual, and as chairman of the "Ethics Committee" I probably set a terrible example, but I don't remember in the past 15 years that I have been out of school of officiating that was as sorry as it was this year. I know that the problem can be dealt with successfully if we take the initiative.

There was quite a bit of squaking from the Missouri Valley when the selection committee selected us as the "sub" for the 5th. District. And a third string sub at that. You were brought into the deal here in the Oklahoma papers of course from the Aggies. Four players and all that. That same boy that Hank wouldn't use in your game when he had only four boys on the floor, was the same boy that took no less than 15 of our shots from the basket before they had a chance. They used a tight zone on us with two men in front of Tucker and the "goon" under the basket. They let us shoot at will. He played over half of the game. Now this boy couldn't play in your game for some personal reason because the Aggies were behind, but a 7 foot boy can play if they are ahead, not because he's a basketball player, but because of his height. I have written Floyd A. Rowe a letter in relation to raising the basket as you suggested, and also to either do this or make it impossible for a defensive man to touch the ball on its downward flight to the basket by counting the basket if the violation occurs. Now if he could play basketball it would be different, but never-the-less the basket was placed at that height because the running track happened to be 10 feet from the floor.

Thanks to you for your information you sent me, and congratulations on a fine season.

Sincerely,

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Regards to Mrs. Allen & the boys.