

March 12, 1943.

Mr. Bruce Drake,
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Dear Bruce:

Thank you very much for your very good letter of March 10 with its enclosure on your broadcast to the American soldiers and sailors overseas over your station WHAD. This is very interesting and we appreciate your many fine compliments to our team.

I am sorry to hear about Ug Roberts leaving school. I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Granville Scanland, Assistant Municipal Counselor of the City of Oklahoma City, who was Chief of Police in 1940 when I rode back from Oklahoma City with him and with Jack Copeland. I remember distinctly that Chief Scanland mentioned the two boys' names and Jack Copeland said he remembered the discussion.

I certainly have no desire to carry this further and my only hope is that from now on we can definitely end any cheap talk that goes on between the players. Roberts got on Brill as soon as he came in the line-up, and when he continued it Bill Brill perhaps remembered what I had said to the boys. "If they keep after you with their taunts and mean insinuations, give them the works", meaning of course to call attention to some of the indiscriminations that they had practiced.

In checking with Ray Evans I find that the information regarding Tucker came from Sparky McSpadden who had a very close friend at Winfield, Kansas. It was while Gerald was a senior in Winfield that the difficulty arose. I understand that he was paroled either to the chief of police or to a physician. Certainly I do not want to mention this either, only when a fellow sticks his neck out he should be without blame. And without blame, I mean when a foul is called on one of our boys and your boys came up and ran their hands through our boys' hair and made remarks to them that we consider unsportsmanlike. I hope hereafter that we can be without these unpleasanties.

I assure you of my high respect for you as a gentleman and a coach and I know that if you definitely discourage this with your boys it will not happen. With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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