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Dear "Cob":

It is always nice to hear from you. I feel as if a letter that comes with blue printing and blue typing is not indicative of blue Monday, but rather a cheery note from an old friend.

"Cob", I am going to be perfectly frank with you. Henry Iva told me at a meeting in Topeka when we were coaching together in the Kansas State High School Coaches School that a personality at the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company made a statement that he was going to get basketball material for Bruce Drake so that Bruce could whip both Henry Iva and Phog Allen. Now Hank was not trying to scare me but his voice sounded as if he had a truthful ring in it.

Bruce has beat the country looking for material more than any other basketball coach that I know of who is in a respectable institution. He has attended the Oklahoma, the Kansas, the Missouri, and almost every other high school tournament that I can think of.

Now Hank did not tell me this but someone very definitely on the inside who should know did. This was that this Tucker was to stay at the Phi Delt house in Oklahoma, that he was to get his board, room, tuition, and all living expenses save the \$8 Phi Delt dues, but for that he was to work one hour a day taking care of the recreation room. In addition, he was to get a special voice teacher and no charge was to be made Tucker for that. Furthermore, he was to get a job with Bruce Drake that paid him \$15 per month for his spending money. Now can you tie that, Mr. "Cob"?

Maybe a lot of this is baloney, but I know that Bruce called on Tucker time and time again and he was definitely sold on Oklahoma and not on Kansas State.

Bruce Drake said in this morning's "Kansas City Times" that old Phog Allen was jealous because Tucker passed up Kansas first and went to Kansas State and then he passed up Kansas again