

October 20, 1943.

Mr. Bruce Drake,  
Basketball Coach,  
University of Oklahoma,  
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Bruce:

I do not like to bring this up but I want to put all my cards on the table. The Chancellor was insistent last year that we not schedule any more games with Oklahoma Aggies on account of the last two exhibitions here in Lawrence. That is why it would be impossible for us to play in the Oklahoma City tournament, if we were inclined to travel that far during war time.

Besides, the auditorium is not open on December 10 and 11. They have closed with other people. They have the 11th only open, and of course the 18th.

Again, I want to be very frank with you. I saw in the paper where Gerald Tucker was temporarily located at Stillwater and is going to be moved to Norman. I hear rumors on very good authority that doubtless the Army will permit their men to play. I would not accuse anybody of playing politics in athletics, but that has been done in some cases. I am just asking you directly if you are planning to use him this year.

Yes, I still talk for the czar in intercollegiate athletics. There has got to be a force and a power stronger than any proselyting agency. It is the only way some people know how to conform.

I, too, feel sorry for Lew at Nebraska. Regardless of material or no material, a losing team always draws criticism.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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