

September 10, 1943.

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

Dear Bruce:

I certainly was surprised to read the changes in eligibility regulations as of February 27, 1943. However, I am not sure regarding the interpretation that certain august gentlemen might still place upon them should they desire to do certain things.

I agree with you that two big games in Kansas City on two nights would be swell but what about the 48 hour Navy rule? And too, Bruce, I would say that you better consider Missouri in that deal, and not Iowa State, if you want to make the thing work, because Mr. Shirkey is the interpreter, and my idea, Bruce, would be to play during Christmas week and call them exhibition games - not championship games. That would take any criticism away from the people at home as to taking championship games off the campus.

I just had a letter from Louie Menze and their athletic board is considering the possibility of a double round robin or a curtailed schedule. I am sure it will be a curtailed schedule, taking shorter trips. Louie speaks about meeting the 19th of September, which is on Sunday. I don't believe they will get around to it before that time.

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You spoke about the A.A.U. and your getting a cut from the Eastern play-off. You didn't mean the A.A.U. played in the Eastern play-off, did you? That was the Sport Writers' Tournament. I don't see how you made \$90.00 off your allowances unless they got more generous than they were when Kansas made a trip. I am sending you a letter that George Edwards wrote Gwinn Henry regarding taxicab expenses. We took the streetcar and he objected to taxicab fare. Also, my reply to him is enclosed. When we meet I will talk to you about that goal-tending. I think it is the bunk. There is only one way, and that is to raise the basket. I'll bet Hank isn't for raising the basket until his big boy gets through, so the only proper administrative rule would be to set a day ahead three years and say after such and such a date the basket will be raised. That would not eliminate any of the boys who are now playing. The rule-makers have been so asinine by trying to put in the goal-tending rules, and so forth, when they could raise the basket so easy, that