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Editor  
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Dear Editor:

Mr. Ralph Miller came in to my office with a sports comment written in your paper by your Alvin Dumire, sports editor. It stated that he had confidential information that Ralph Miller and Howard Engleman had had great difficulty last year and that each hated the other, etc. Such is not the case, but I believe that if Mr. Dumire has such information it would be better to print it than to infer that such conditions exist in his mind.

Ralph Miller is very unhappy about the situation. He has talked to Howard Engleman about it. Both boys are good friends at the present and since I coached the team last year I am very certain that each did not hate the other. Do you not agree with me that if such gossip appeared in the society column as appeared in your sports column that it would only breed ill will and discontent?

I would appreciate it if you will let me know what you think about it as well as what information Mr. Dumire based his statements upon. These boys are college boys, endeavoring to get an education. They are not professional athletes and the friendships formed in college are very valuable through all the days of their lives.

John Kline, Marvin Sollenberger and Charles Walker are three of your Hutchinson boys who are fine, clean, respectable citizens of your city. Howard Engleman of Arkansas City and Ralph Miller of Chanute are two other such respectable boys as your Hutchinson boys.

For that reason I believe that more constructive writing would be a benefit to the morale of the young men of our country rather than such articles that inspire nothing but mistrust and ill will. Do you agree with me?

Sincerely Yours,

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Varsity Basketball Coach

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