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Mr. L. E. "Jap" Haskell
Director of Athletics
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Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Jap:

I am wondering if it would be possible for Kansas to play Oklahoma at Norman on April 17 and 18. I see that you are playing Texas at Austin on the 14th and 15th.

I dislike very much to be away from our Relay games which are on April 18 and 19. I did not know that I was to take baseball and I made arrangements to be here on the morning and the day of the 19th, which is the day of our Kansas Relays. This will be on Thursday and Friday instead of Friday and Saturday.

Jap, I would appreciate this change very much if you could make it. In fact I would almost do anything for you if you would play the 16th and 17th but I imagine that is asking entirely too much.

However, when you look at our baseball talent returning, you will realize that you could take your second team and just have batting practice and still be way ahead of us. Miller Cameron can perhaps tell you what we have returning. Monte Murkle, the catcher last year, is not playing this year because he is saving his one year of eligibility for football. Jack Sands, our first baseman, graduated, as did all the rest of our infielders; and Red Dugan, Henry Horak and the other pitchers are not playing except Kresie. Larry Hensley signed up with Detroit and he did not return. Larry was our center fielder and the best experienced boy in the ball club. So Kresie is the only boy that we have from the regulars and we have but five, counting substitutes, out of a squad of 26.

Miller Cameron left school and went to Oklahoma because he wanted to play at an institution where baseball was encouraged, and our other baseball talent has drifted away in like fashion, so we are starting at the bottom. If you could make this change for us, Jap, we would appreciate it very much.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Baseball Coach

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