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Mr. Hal Middlesworth,
The Daily Oklahoman,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Hal:

I, too, am sorry that we cannot play. Let me give you a slant on the Oklahoma Aggie angle. Last year you doubtless remember that Hank kept his big boy on the bench and finished the game with four men here at Lawrence.

The Chancellor of our University, Chancellor Deane W. Malott, is conservative so far as athletics are concerned. He was at the game and was personally shocked at the sight of what he saw on the Oklahoma Aggie bench. He called me the next morning and asked me to cancel the other game with Oklahoma Aggies. I told him I could not do that because we had an agreement to play. The Chancellor stated that he was on the verge of calling up the president of Oklahoma A. and M. College and registering his indignation at such, as he termed, "questionable sportsmanship".

Our people did not like it, and since we had had a similar game here a year ago the Athletic Board and all the conservative faculty members were against scheduling any more games. This is exactly how it is and I would not be permitted to play a game until their ardor cools. I believe in being perfectly frank and putting my cards above the table.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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