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Mr. Bus Ham, Sports Editor,  
Daily Oklahoman,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Bus:

I want to take this means of thanking you and your paper as well as your radio station for the fine build-up that they gave our Fifth District N.C.A.A. basketball tournament. I know that if it had not been for you and your paper and your influence that we certainly would not have had that bumper crowd on Tuesday night.

I thought it was a grand game and had all the highlights of a contest between two great rivals. Hank's boys couldn't hit in the pinches nor could they throw free throws, but I have had similar experiences many times and there isn't anything you can do about it. I thought Oklahoma used their heads in fine style and Bruce Drake showed himself a fine strategist and a great sportsman.

Personally, I thought Parke Carroll did a beautiful job especially when he had to handle the critical points almost alone. There was no comparison in the quality of the officiating of the two men. Carroll was aggressive, fearless and clear-headed, while the other official was hesitant, lacked morale courage and seemed to wait for the reactions of the crowd to determine what he should do and when he should do it. Personally, I am very sorry that we ever agreed to him because I thought it was unfair.

Well, enough of that. But I am still outspoken enough for you to get what I mean.

It was good to have a friendly visit with you and Hank. I enjoyed those two days with you very much and I further appreciate the fine things that you did in behalf of our Fifth District N.C.A.A. basketball tournament.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.  
Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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