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Mr. Dan Partner,
Sports Desk,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dan:

I am answering your letter immediately and sending you a marked copy of the Rules and Regulations Governing Athletics and all participation of the M.V.I.A.A. On pages 8 and 9 are the regulations regarding eligibility.

On page 9 it says, "A semester of residence shall be defined as any semester in which the student has registered in the school and has participated in athletics or has not withdrawn from school within four weeks from the date of his registration."

I am sure that it was more than four weeks before Gerald Tucker withdrew from Kansas State. Therefore, his first semester of residence would have to be at Manhattan. He could not possibly be eligible his first semester at Oklahoma according to this ruling. And if he was counted a resident at Manhattan for the first semester he could not possibly be eligible at Oklahoma until the beginning of the second semester this year.

On page 8 it says, "The eligibility rules of this association shall apply to every student competing in any recognized athletic contest as a representative of any member of this association." "Shall" is mandatory. And then later it says, "No person shall participate unless he is a bona fide student". And he could not have been a bona fide student at Oklahoma for one year because he had attended classes for more than four weeks at Manhattan before he withdrew.

His competition in the east is illegal because he actually has not been at Oklahoma for one year. If Commissioner Atherton or any other commissioner with intestinal fortitude here commissioner of the Big Six he would rule or would have ruled Gerald Tucker ineligible to compete until the second semester, 1942. The rule is as plain as anything could be, but you can see my point of view. If I protested, since Kansas is the first school to play Oklahoma, they would cry, "Sour grapes". It will be an easy matter for you to find out the date that Tucker matriculated at Kansas State and the date that he withdrew. By getting this information you can blast somebody if