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Dear Phog:

I have been doing a little snooping around regarding the football situation at North High School. One of my closest friends is Paul Good, who is vice-principal of North High School. I talked with him yesterday in a confidential manner.

He tells me that he personally talked to Doug Brown, who is the outstanding football player and captain of the team this year, regarding the trip of certain football players to Oklahoma University. Doug Brown told Paul Good that Jap Haskell had been up to Wichita and talked to them about coming down to visit Oklahoma University and that he agreed to pay all expenses of the trip.

I believe they went in a car belonging to one of the boys, but expenses were paid by Oklahoma University. He questioned him particularly regarding whether it was Jap Haskell or his brother who had made the arrangements. He insists that Doug told him that Jap Haskell came up.

Paul Good asked him how he happened to go, and his reply was that of the typical high school boy -- that is, "Why not, if you could have a good trip with all expenses paid?". Incidentally, another group was taken down to Oklahoma A. & M. a few nights ago.

Paul also informed me that if someone would talk to Mr. Groe, head of the Physical Education Department of North High School, they could find out about the baseball situation insofar as this Wichita boy is concerned. Paul told me that he was a very fine basketball and football player, but that he was not allowed to play anything except baseball and that he thought there was no question but that he was signed up with the Boston Red Sox.

Furthermore, Good assured me that Doug Brown was the type of individual who would not lie for anyone, and if anyone wanted to ask him about the arrangements for the trip to Oklahoma, he would tell them the truth about it.

Incidentally, Mr. Good and Mr. Groe are neither K.U. athletes, and neither has any interest at all in K.U. but definitely feel that these boys should go to some school in the State of Kansas, and that Kansas should retain their athletes in the State of Kansas. They have no particular school in mind but merely feel that we should not sit here and let the State of Oklahoma come into our territory and "buy" our outstanding players. Incidentally, someone should talk to this Doug Brown about going to K.U., as no one has shown any interest in him as yet.

I further feel very positive on one point and that is that our local papers, particularly The Wichita Eagle, are now showing a friendly attitude toward the University of Kansas or toward you as an individual.