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Gentlemen:

The original unpleasantry was first precipitated by the University of Oklahoma authorities, Messrs. Kraft, Haskell and Drake, when they each designated the disqualification of Gerald Tucker as a Pearl Harbor or a sneak attack, and they directly charged through the press that F. C. "Phog" Allen was responsible for it.

Replying to the attack of these Oklahoma gentlemen upon me I in turn exposed further flagrant and athletic irregularities of the Oklahoma school, such as baseball and football proselyting of other Kansas boys.

I desire now to point out that I in the beginning very properly wrote my superiors, Professor W. W. Davis and Mr. Quinn Henry, calling their attention to the breach of athletic rules on the part of the University of Oklahoma concerning the Gerald Tucker case. To date I have had no word from Mr. Henry, but Professor Davis acted very promptly on the matter.

Instead of keeping this communication within its bounds, the Oklahomans launched a personal attack upon me. Until their attack upon me I had made no public statement. Before I wrote Professor Davis and Mr. Henry there already had appeared a feature article in the Kansas City Star airing the Tucker case. Two persons, one from Topeka and the other from Manhattan, had inquired of the Star how Gerald Tucker could legally be included in the University of Oklahoma basketball line-up. Tucker already had played five games and was clearly ineligible, so the inquirers stated.

Mr. Harold Keith, the sports publicity writer of the University of Oklahoma, endeavored to explain in the Star's column why Oklahoma considered Tucker eligible to play. This appeared in the Sunday sport page as a feature article. The following Monday I wrote my superiors asking that the conference pay some heed to this infringement on the part of Oklahoma.

The cardinal weakness of the Big Six Conference is that there is no enforcing agency, hence it seems that the school that breaks the athletic rules is apparently the gainer. There seems to be no practiced inhibitions. Personally, I believe in subscribing rigidly to the rules