

Referring to the letter addressed to Dr. Allen on February 8, 1942, concerning an alleged conversation that your informant had with "Dutch" Scheuffler, in this connection I wish to say that the letter seems so ridiculous that it doesn't merit much comment. However, my investigator interviewed Mr. Scheuffler, who stated that he had never given out any such interview as is related in the letter, and vehemently denied making the statements charged by your informant. It seems strange to me that your informant accuses "Dutch" Scheuffler of being a "tramp", and at the same time is willing to accept a statement of condemnation of rumored actions of the University of Oklahoma, based upon statements given him by a man he classes as a "no account".

Especially significant is the next to the last paragraph, which says: "I can't prove any of these statements but they look genuine to me and I'm confident Dutch was telling me these things just as they happened. He is one of these fellows who always likes to brag and seem important and have connections with men who are in the places of importance in the athletic world."

Your informant, an attorney of Wichita, is willing to believe statements about the University of Oklahoma and its athletic department, coming from a man he immediately accuses as being unreliable and a worthless braggart.

Referring to Mr. Allen's letters of February 9 and 10, 1942, we find that Mr. Allen refers to the Burton Cossey case which in no way concerns the University of Kansas. I made a complete statement of this case at the Big Six Conference meeting held late in February. The athletic authorities of Oklahoma A. & M. College and the University of Oklahoma investigated this entire matter and are in complete agreement on the case. I wish to state for your information, however, that no person on the athletic staff of the University of Oklahoma in any way urged, induced, or otherwise tried to influence Mr. Cossey to return to the University of Oklahoma.

In his letter, Mr. Allen makes the following statement concerning two letters which he received from certain attorneys in Wichita: "It takes the information that the two lawyers have to make the case against Haskell a perfect one". Statements made in the two letters are based on hearsay and rumor, and in a court of law such evidence is not even admissible. Furthermore I had every charge investigated, with the results as reported above. The case against Mr. Haskell doesn't contain any of the elements of a case, much less a perfect case.

Mr. Allen refers to the Layton case in his letter, and I wish to state that I have before me a photostatic copy of an affidavit, signed by Lester Layton and by both his father and mother, denying the existence of a professional baseball contract between Lester Layton and any baseball club.

I want to state that it will require some other proof other than the unsupported statements of Mr. Allen or the statements from his attorney friends, who base their information on hearsay and rumors, to make the University of Oklahoma authorities believe that the parents of Lester Layton have sworn falsely. Mr. Allen further states that he believes that secret or sub-rosa arrangements exist between Layton and the Boston Reds, which he terms a "gentleman's agreement". It seems to me that before any further cognizance should be given statements by Mr. Allen, he should be required by the University of Kansas authorities to furnish concrete evidence or to cease his child's play.