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If the volunteering of suggestions constitutes dictation then there are numerous instances in which you have been just as guilty as I have been in this instance. I refer to a few.

What would you call published criticisms of N.C.A.A. basketball administration? How about public expressions of your opinions regarding intercollegiate football policies? Was inference that Missouri handles complimentary tickets at basketball games an attempt to dictate or to suggest improvement?

One could write at length regarding your expression of opinions and suggestions to others concerned with athletic administration, but the above will serve my purpose of pointing out I have not been any more busy poking into other's affairs than have you.

In those cases mentioned, and in all of the rest, my personal reaction has been that you have detected an error; that you have seen a possible solution; and that you have contributed your ideas. It is not only the privilege but the duty, I think, for those who are interested and qualified to render such service. You have done so often in the past and undoubtedly will continue the practice. So will I.

We tend to differ, though, in one respect. When those in charge feel that my suggestions do not offer an improvement I accept their decision, and attempt to stay with them by cooperation until my idea is proved or disproved. Usually you, however, are more tenacious and do not accept rejections but continue to advance your suggestions.

When Mac printed your reasons for not wishing to adopt the double header plan, - although you admit having discussed this same idea with Iba, - I could easily put myself in your place. Until then I had no knowledge of Kansas' dire financial situation. When those facts were presented I withdrew my suggestion and offered an apology for any embarrassment caused.

In closing, I hope that I have shown that there was no intention to "dictate" how Kansas should run its affairs. If I haven't then there is nothing more for me to do as my conscience is clear in this respect. Your decision has been accepted; we have gone ahead with other plans; and I hope your games bring you lots of money.

Yours truly,

*George*