

January 7, 1942.

Chancellor Deane W. Malott,
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Dear Chancellor Malott:

I am writing this note apropos my letter of the 6th instant regarding Mr. George L. Rider's letter to you. I did not care to incorporate it in the text of my other letter.

John R. Tunis has a very provocative article in Esquire, January, 1940, on intercollegiate athletics. I would like for you to read this. If you have not seen it or if you do not have a copy I have one at my home which he sent me. About four or five years ago Tunis visited the campus here for a day and we had a very fine visit with him. He is one of the debunkers, you know, but he has a lot of information in his article and he points out some very pertinent facts. I will be happy to bring my copy to your office if you manifest an interest in the same, but frankly I feel that you are so burdened with the momentous happenings of the day that you have little time for the sideshows.

The most discouraging thing about the outlook of the N.C.A.A. is the fact that some of the high moguls of the N.C.A.A. are so inextricably linked up with the pernicious evils that now strangle competitive athletics to near death that I hesitate to venture an optimistic note.

Major John L. Griffith, the Commissioner of the Big Ten, knows that certain things are happening in his organization which, if revealed, would blow the ship out of the Big Ten pond. Kenneth L. "Tug" Wilson, the director of athletics at Northwestern, is fully cognizant of what is going on there in an athletic way. L. W. St. John, the athletic director at Ohio State, is on important committee assignments and he is a power in the N.C.A.A. With Griffith, Wilson and St. John trying to doctor a diseased athletic body would be exactly like a bunch of fellows having so much information on the other that they would be afraid to institute durable reforms.

The only hope, as I said before, is that the war will deflate most of the highly commercialized sports to such an extent that the American Association of University Presidents can get hold of the young pachyderm and make him so tractable that they can make a work