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Mr. Ed Condon,  
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Dear Mr. Condon:

I am very happy to receive your letter of November 25. Very often we are misquoted. I always remember what I say, and frankly, I was told by Knute Rockne in a friendly conversation that he had everything fairly comfortable for himself at Notre Dame. He said that he had forty big Catholics in the United States each of whom endowed four scholarships a year at \$100.00 a month for twelve months. The paper quoted me as saying four hundred, which was erroneous. Conrad Mann, of Kansas City, was one of the outstanding Catholics in Kansas. I knew of his activities in supplying these boys scholarships.

Rockne was a very good friend of mine and I had many coaching schools with him and was at Camp Sheridan with him in 1917 and 1918 when the athletic directors were in the Army at the Army Student Training Program at Camp Sheridan. I have been with Mr. Rockne upon a number of occasions and he and I were very good friends. I was not attacking Mr. Rockne, and am sorry that you took it that way.

The point that I was making was that where boys were subsidized with scholarships it is perfectly all right if they are openly arrived at. Then the athletic situation would be a lot better off. Mr. Faurot and I did not agree on our viewpoints at all. And I did not say that there were players on the Kansas football team which were not subsidized. I do not know of any, but doubtless there are some.

I have constantly asked for a czar of intercollegiate sports comparable to Judge Landis's position in organized baseball before he passed away. I have no idea of quarrelling with you and I am sorry that you have taken the position that you have. All I have ever asked for is that every conference have rules that are enforced, which is not being done in any collegiate conference in the United States. I am sure that you are appraised of that fact. I am sure I would have made a very poor preacher, but I do know what goes on in intercollegiate athletics.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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