

July 1, 1944.

Mr. R. S. Cahill,  
443 So. 8th St.,  
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Cahill:

I beg your pardon, sir, for not answering your letter which you wrote from the Elks Club on June 22nd.

The Big Six Conference would declare a student ineligible if he signs a professional baseball contract in organized baseball. I am not discussing the merits of the case, but all the organized conferences like the Big Six, Missouri Valley, Big Ten, Pacific Coast, and so forth, declare a boy ineligible when he signs a contract in organized baseball. I appreciate the fact that there are no amateur organizations at the present time that give a boy an opportunity for continuing his play, but this of course is due to the war.

These colleges are not against professional baseball, but they are trying to keep the skills of the participants somewhere nearly equal. I do not justify the rules as they are now written because there are more college athletes disregarding the so-called amateur rule than there are following it, but the rule does still obtain against organized baseball or professional football or any other organized professional sport.

If there is any further information that I can give you, please call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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