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Dear Phog,

I wish I had saved that letter from Major Griffith about which you wrote so I could quote it more fully. One point I apparently didn't bring out before when I was picking out a few quotable phrases from a letter that really wasn't intended for publication, was that he was speaking more from a 'Big Ten' viewpoint than from a broader one when he spoke of conducting athletics on a non-paid basis.

The point he brought out there was that the western conference is pretty 'clean' as compared to, say, the southeastern and it can avoid being associated with the so-called 'Pro' colleges any time it wishes merely by refusing to play with them.

I agree with him that most of the problems can be handled on that general basis without resorting to a czar if the colleges want to handle them. That is, the rules or 'laws' already exist in the separate schools and conferences and could be enforced by existing machinery if the colleges really want to do it. Appointment of an intercollegiate czar with the powers of a Landis would not only tend to separate the athletics from the colleges more than ever but would require a huge enforcement agency to prevent cheating by these schools or athletic departments that wanted to cheat.

I also doubt very much if such a czar could wipe out the gambling evil, which I frankly think has been overemphasized lately. I believe that the closer the authorities are to the boys likely to be affected, the better chance they have of finding out such things and preventing them. I doubt if any colleges would give any one man the unlimited power that baseball gave Judge Landis. For instance, how would you like to have Kansas barred