

# KING COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
BRISTOL, TENNESSEE

December, 2, 1924.

President R. Ames Montgomery,  
Centre College,  
Danville, Kentucky.

Dear Dr. Montgomery:--

Referring to your letter of November 24th. I will say that the situation in this section in regard to college athletics is very confused.

The Appalachian Athletic Conference was organized several years ago on what seemed to me a very "slipshod" basis. King College and Emory and Henry College refused to join this Conference because its rules and regulations did not appear to mean very much and experience has proven that they have done very little or nothing to correct irregularities. Emory and Henry College afterward entered the Virginia-Carolina Conference. King College, being located in Tennessee, is eligible for membership only in the Appalachian Conference, which has proven an inefficient organization.

I am in pretty close touch with the athletic situation in this section and I do not have very much respect for the practices of any of the present members of the Conference except Tusculum and Maryville Colleges.

We have endeavored to maintain reasonable eligibility rules in our own institution and our contracts with other schools call for an exchange of eligible lists on the basis of "bona fide students" as interpreted by each institution.

We were confronted by an embarrassing situation in our contract with Carson-Newman College this year. But, having submitted our certified list and having received theirs, there was nothing for us to do but play the scheduled game on Thanksgiving Day. I am confident they played practically all of the men who had been protested by other schools, although these were duly certified by the President of Carson-Newman College.

My experience in matters of this kind, which ranges over a period of about twenty-five years convinces me that, after all, about the only safeguard is in the integrity of the authorities of the institutions themselves.

Under the circumstances it does not seem that it would be possible for us to present any endorsement of our athletic standing which would be worth while so far as any local organization is concerned.

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Dr. Montgomery, #2.

From year to year we have played all of the colleges which are members of the Appalachian organization and have played this year such other institutions as Georgetown University, William and Mary College and the University of Louisville.

We would like very much to be considered in connection with the making up of Centre's football schedule, as suggested in my previous letter, and I believe we could meet all of your requirements so far as eligibility rules are concerned.

Thanking you for your courteous letter and with best wishes, I remain

Respectfully,

  
President

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