

Football would never die, but would continue to thrive, were it not for the football followers of Brutus who have stabbed the sport to near death. These pseudo friends of football are the gamblers, the subsidizers, and the Pollyannas who state that, "football at the present, is enjoying sound health and is becoming more of an amateur sport all the time".

The proselyters

I stated last winter that subsidized football and basketball had but 10 years to live. I revised this estimate downward somewhat this fall depending on the part that we play in this second World War which we are now in. Replying to my long-time friend, Major John L. Griffith, Commissioner of the Big Ten, may I say that I base my deductions on the following ^{fact developing} facts set up for the period of our National Defense Emergency. Living costs will be at least 25% higher sometime in 1942 and at least 50% higher in 1943. The Federal income tax payments of the people drawing salaries from \$2000.00 to \$7000.00 will be more than trebled. Taxes are rising faster than corporation earning[^] which means that the proportion available for dividends to stockholders is shrinking. Profits during war will narrow further. Congress will be asked to vote the draft age reduction to 18 years of age when the time is ripe. The signal has ^{already} been sounded by General Hershey. It is an open secret in Washington military circles that there are plans for an American Expeditionary Force when American bombers and fighter planes can be manufactured in sufficient quantities to control the air and to protect the convoys from Nazi submarines. Therefore may I repeat that taxes and living costs will be so excessively high that big time athletes who are not then in the service will not be carried on the state's payroll the year around, - during the time ^{while} ~~that~~ they are attending college as well as on the state's highway department during the summer vacation. State legislators will not be giving free legislative scholarships to big time athletes granting them free tuition at the state universities. In some of our state universities