

been hard but it has never been rough or on the unsportsmanlike order. This year you will recall that some student had a wooden platform built at least ten feet square on the girders above the playing field. A large paper ladder was lowered with words something to this effect; "Creak Phog -- K.U. -- O O P U". This sign was dropped so that it utterly obscured the passing of the ball on the playing floor. The officials called time-out and the students had a Roman holiday during the playing time at the expense of the Kansas players. Louie Menze rushed over to my bench and said, "Doc, some damn fool has done that." It was not discovered at that time that the "damn fool" was a student - doubtless an Iowa State student sitting on the platform above the playing floor.

The rules clearly specify that the home team is responsible for the behavior of the spectators. The officials or no one else in charge did anything about the matter. Our players were disconcerted - they were embarrassed and chagrined, yet nobody in authority at Iowa State did one thing except cheer and jeer.

I am reminded of the story of the colored fellow who stole a ham from his neighbor. When he came up before the police judge the defendant said, "Judge, it was just a joke. I just took it from my neighbor for a joke." And the judge said, "Yes, Sambo, but the bad part about it is that you have carried the joke too far."

And that is the way I feel about the celebration at Iowa State. Visitors at a basketball game have a tough enough time without the crowd using an unfair advantage in giving their own players advantages that a sportman should not desire.

Someone has said that there are three stages in American life -- the passing of the Indian, the passing of the buffalo, and the passing of the buck. Surely someone should be in authority, such as you, that when such incidents and demonstrations as those that took place in your gymnasium the other night, they could order such unfortunate demonstrations to cease immediately. They could also embarrass participants of such intrusions. As it was, this student was lionized by the crowd and made to feel that he had really pulled off a student activity that was great. Had the official penalized the Iowa State team and given Kansas a free throw it would have been the least that they should have done under the rules. But as it was, we suffered irreparably in a game that we were trying to win.

Now for another incident that took place in our baseball games last spring at Iowa State. I do not know whether you were there or not, but Louie Menze was in the bleachers. It was the ninth inning. We were leading by one run. Two were out. The Kansas Univ. catcher dropped the third strike and a squeeze play was on, and the player from third slid home. But the catcher threw to first base in time to retire the side. The umpire called the player out. Then the Iowa State players and Coach Tim charged the umpire. Two or three hundred of the baseball rooters followed the coach and the players on