

professionalism, and the spirit of the colleges will be identical with that of the New York Yankees or the Brooklyn Dodgers, and the players are apt to be booed for mistakes as are the professionals. The cheers and the hero worship will go only to those super-athletes, as to Joe DiMaggio who outdoes everybody else. But upon this question we should ponder before deciding to make such a step.

It would be far healthier for our athletics if we could come out in the open and say to the public that definitely we are subsidizing these athletes. The richer schools or the schools with wealthier alumni would raise the ante and the same situation that obtains now would obtain in the future.

Unless inflexible laws for college conferences, with sharp, biting teeth in them, are enacted, the laws would be broken in this case the same as they have been in the present and the past. Subsidization could be adequately enforced by the colleges employing a super-czar, or a high commissioner of athletics for the United States, to serve all conferences, with vested authority in him the same as is granted Judge Landis in professional baseball. This high commissioner would have absolute authority to discharge any coach, to declare ineligible any player, or to prescribe certain rules of conduct for any athletic board, or even go so far as to demand the removal of certain members of any college athletic board. Each conference would agree on the price to pay their athletes. Only member schools subscribing to such a plan would be eligible to belong to such a conference. And only conferences subscribing to this arrangement would permit their schools to schedule games with schools belonging. No games could be scheduled with any non-members in the United States. Of course, non-members could play with non-members.