

Perhaps I should tell you that the most surprising thing that occurred to me was when I learned that not one of these sixteen boys, including their coach and team trainer, Dean Nesmith, use no tobacco in or out of season. Just as Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's meat, so doubtless did these boys in their teen age purpose in their hearts that they would build a strong body, the body of a champion, if you please. They then and there were willing to pay a price - a price that would require them to say no a thousand times or more to temptation before they could build their bodies and fit themselves for this future struggle that they desired a part.

This is the great value that accrues to a boy from competitive athletics if he has a competitive spirit and a will sufficient to overcome his temptation. It would be interesting indeed to call each one of these before us and to inquire from each one what the motivating influence was in their lives to cause them to reject the so-called good time of the average boy who will not sacrifice for his future dream.

Every boy is a selfish creature. He naturally must be to develop himself. Every boy wants the biggest piece of pie. His flexors used in drawing things unto himself are many times stronger than his extensors, the muscles used in pushing away from the body. It gives a boy great pain to lose, and it also gives him great joy to win. Therefore, the boy being a selfish creature, in his great desire to win will say no to these temptations that beset the drugstore cowboy, the mezzanine hurdler and the cocky-pusher, or the woo-woo boys. This new terminology of the college campus is used because back in ancient times when the warrior went away to do battle and was killed, then a period of time set in in which the wooers came to woo the wife of the