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Dear Sir:

Ever since the start of basketball playing in the Boston Garden and after talking to some boys who are fairly close to the scene in New York I have been waging a one man campaign to wipe out gambling in collegiate basketball.

Up until the time that the story broke today on the Brooklyn college "bribe", I have been accused of doing everything, including making a mountain out of a mole hill. But since last fall when you first made those utterances against the "bookies" and Nat Holman made his player take the ball out of bounds to thwart the gamblers I have been making a careful study of the thing.

I guess I am a basketball "nut" being a board official et al, and I would like to see the game flourish. Fitchburg, a city of some 45,000 people is "rabid" for basketball and I have tried to give the