

This letter is entirely too fatiguing for your own benefit, I fear. But there are two additional angles that I think you should have as a background. The gambling interests who print dope sheets or form sheets for football and basketball are now engaging the sports writers of our college papers to furnish them inside information on the condition and strength of the varsity teams. This information is supplied by the sport writers or sport editors and it is a clandestine arrangement. Of course, no publicity is ever given to it, but the sport writer or sport editor is paid by these nationally unlisted publications proportionately on the correctness of the information given.

Confidentially, I have talked to the manager of our University Daily Kansan, and for the past two years the gamblers have had such an arrangement with the sport editor of the Kansan, and this year he is even more of an outstanding sports writer because he is reporting for one of the largest city dailies in the country, and at the same time is enrolled in work in journalism in the University. The head of the department can do nothing about it, although they consider this illegitimate work. The football coach does not know of such activity, and certainly it is not my position to inform him because it will open up a field similar to the expose that was made in regard to gambling in the basketball games in the Garden. Of course, it is difficult to prove because the individual could deny it.

This sinister influence has its matastices in all forms of our collegiate athletics that have the power to attract the public to the games with the consequential gambling on the events. The gamblers' slimy fingers are working in the remotest spots that the college presidents and even the athletic authorities know little of. Personally, I have not said a word to our chancellor or to Ernie Quigley, our director of athletics, because this information was given to me by the faculty member of the Kansan staff, and I figured that if he wanted to transmit that to our authorities it was more his business than mine. However, some time in the near future when I can have a full evening with Mr. Quigley I expect to lay some of these things before him because I do not believe that he dreams of the situation. Although a college man, Mr. Quigley has been identified with professional baseball and knows all the angles of that game, but this administrative angle of intercollegiate athletics is a little new to him. But it will not be long, because he learns fast.

The second situation is where the gamblers are not contacting members of the football squad, asking them to give to these gamblers and their syndicate the confidential information on the physical condition of the squad, the esprit de corps and all possible valuable information that will permit more accurate estimates.