

November 8, 1944.

Mr. Ned Irish, Acting President,
Madison Square Garden Corporation,
307 West 49th Street,
New York 19, N.Y.

Dear Ned:

I am answering your letter of October 24th. First, I want to assure you that the information came to me first hand, and not second or third hand. And I am sorry to tell you that you have failed to convince me in the least.

You state, "It has always been my feeling that a boy who competes and is good enough after a strenuous training session to make a varsity team . . . has demonstrated his character pretty well to a coach." That is a faulty statement, to say the least. You also state, "Continued allegations regarding tampering with players will certainly cause the public to get the impression that these boys are not the fine upstanding youngsters that you and I know them to be."

Upon that statement I should say that you would have gained much more by meeting the issue squarely and admitting some of the facts that you know have happened, rather than to have sugar-coated a very bad situation. I am reminded of a story told regarding Grover Cleveland. His friends advised him that scurrilous opponents prior to his election were going to print the fact that it was alleged that he had an illegitimate son. They wired him for advice. He replied promptly, "Tell the truth", and upon that frankness he was elected President of the United States. The public had confidence in his integrity. Had you met the issue squarely and admitted that there was much vicious gambling with consequential tampering of college players, then the public, many of whom are in on the know, would have had much more confidence in your statement.

Lawton Carver, in his stenographic International News Service story out of New York on October 23, says: "There are men on the main stem whose life and passion is gambling and these reptilian characters are sometimes influenced by the grip of their art to such an extent they dip their unwashed thumbs in activities over which they seek financial control. You can see a great many of them in Madison Square Garden on the night of any fairly important Garden sports program, dickering and bargaining over the odds, while a platoon of cops thirty yards away handles such an awesome problem as the traffic on Eighth avenue."

Your added statement which you made that you were doing everything possible to stamp them out would have carried more weight. I do not believe that you have heard the last of this, nor will you until there is some controlling power stronger than that which you or the police force of your city are exerting.

You will understand that my motive was for a national intercollegiate czar to control the athletic activities with the same power that Judge Landis exercises in professional baseball. I had no desire to put you on the spot from the gambling angle and only mentioned that as a resulting evil that would cast an odium on the collegiate sports the same as the Black Sox scandal did to professional baseball.

What I say to you I say in a personal letter and not through the public press as were some of your statements regarding me.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

November 8, 1944.

Mr. James A. McFarland,
110 - 35 - 72 Road,
Forest Hills,
Long Island, New York.

Dear Mr. McFarland:

Certainly I have not delayed answering your letter from lack of appreciation of the same. On the other hand, I deeply regard your fine statements. It is most unusual to find a man who will write a letter as you did and sign his name. Certainly I will not use it in any public way, but it gives me courage to do a better job when I find we have men like you who follow sport for the love of the game.

I am sending you confidentially a copy of my letter in reply to Ned Irish's letter to me of October 24. I am also sending you a copy of the letter that he wrote me. I want you to know that he has failed to make a case with me. And in confidence you and I can enjoy the faulty camouflage put forth.

I hope some time to have the pleasure of meeting you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

NOVEMBER 6, 1944

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DEAR MR. ALLEN:

ATTACHED IS COPY OF LETTER WRITTEN TO

RED SMITH OF THE PHILADELPHIA RECORD
ED POLLOCK OF THE EVENING BULLETIN
ART MORFOW, OF THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED.

Leland Orman

L. ORMAN

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5819 MALVERN AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA., Nov. 6, 1944

AN OPEN LETTER TO

- ✓ RED SMITH, PHILADELPHIA RECORD
- ✓ ED POLLOCK, EVENING BULLETIN
- ✓ ART MORROW, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

GENTLEMEN:

QUITE RECENTLY THERE WAS A LOT OF COMMOTION RAISED AMONG THE SPORT PAGES OF THE COUNTRY AND IN THE COLLEGIATE WORLD ABOUT THE CHARGES BROUGHT BY DR. FORREST C. "PHOG" ALLEN, BASKETBALL DIRECTOR OF KANSAS UNIVERSITY, ABOUT GAMBLERS REACHING COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL PLAYERS.

ONE NED IRISH QUICKLY DENIED ALL CHARGES AND SAID THAT "PHOG" ALLEN WAS IN A "FOG" AND DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT.

FRANKLY, THE WRITER IS NOT WRITING THIS WITH THE THOUGHTS OF CONDEMNING ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL, OR UNIVERSITY, OR PLAYERS, OR GAMBLERS, OR ANY ONE ELSE. HOWEVER, I DO CLAIM THAT MR. ALLEN IS NOT ALTOGETHER WRONG.

THE PUBLICITY MAN OF ONE OF OUR LOCAL UNIVERSITIES WAS ALSO VERY QUICK TO CONDEMN THESE CHARGES. HOWEVER, ALL I WANT TO ASK IS THIS:

IF GAMBLERS DID NOT REACH THEM BEFORE THE MUHLENBERG GAME OF 1943 ON THE PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION HALL DOUBLER HEADER, WHAT HAPPENED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT GAME TO RED BLUMENTHAL AND ALBY INGERMAN OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY? TEMPLE HAD A BIG LEAD AT THE HALF AND DIED COMPLETELY IN THE SECOND HALF. MUHLENBERG WON BY SEVERAL POINTS. THESE BOYS "DISAPPEARED" AFTER THE GAME. VARIOUS REASONS WERE ADVANCED.

THE RUMORS CERTAINLY WERE FLYING FAST AND THICK ABOUT GAMBLERS HAVING REACHED THESE TWO PLAYERS FOR A "PAY-OFF" AND IF THESE CHARGES WERE BASELESS, THEY SHOULD CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN IMMEDIATELY DENIED BY THE UNIVERSITY IN ALL JUSTICE TO THEMSELVES, THE COACH AND THE TEAM.

MAYBE MR. ALLEN DOES KNOW WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT!

L. ORMAN

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CC DR. ALLEN

C O P Y

1510 Madrid St.,
Coral Gables, Fla.
31 October 1944

Dear Doc:

I've been reading with interest your blast against gambling at high school and college athletic events. You'll be interested to know that Miami ... one of the gamblingest cities in the land ... is among the first to make an effort to curb gambling at its athletic games. Clippings from both the Miami Herald and News are enclosed.

My wife and I always read every word of your bulletin to the servicemen and if it isn't too much trouble I would like to have my address changed to:
Lt. Jim Reed
1510 Madrid St.
Coral Gables, Fla.

I'm a public relations officer at Miami Army Air Field and like it fine. It's the busiest domestic base of the Air Transport Command and we have plenty to write about -- both nationally and locally.

Some time ago I sent a clipping to Clyde McBride, quoting Hal Surface regarding basketball in China, its future, etc. You undoubtedly saw mention of it in Mac's column.

Again this season I'll have a busy officiating schedule down here and altho basketball in the South can't compare to what I've been used to in the Big Six and Valley, I'm looking forward to it.

The death of T. P. Hunter was a shock to me. I've seen T. P. play many a game for you from my seat in the press box and always thought highly of him. This war has taken many of our favorites.

I'm looking forward to the day when we can come home in "pin-striped suits" ... home to God's country.

Give my best to all and good luck in the coming basketball season.

With all good wishes,

(Signed) Jim

Lt. Jim Reed

P.S. -- Give my best to Ernie Quigley.

From Lt. Jim Reed - former sports editor of the
Topeka Daily Capital, Topeka, Kansas.

EXTRA POLICEMEN AT PREP CONTEST

Twenty to 25 auxiliary policemen will be on hand Saturday night at the Miami High - Woodlawn football game in an effort to curb gambling and disorder, it was announced by Sgt. V. L. Martin. The organization is headed by Capt. Edward L. Hoppe.

The policemen did such a good job on the Miami-Wake Forest game officials of Miami High asked them to be there for the Saturday night game. They will be present at all of the remaining games.

Page 14-A THE MIAMI HERALD Thursday, Oct. 26, 1944

Rosenfelder Promises To Curb

Many fans complained that upon arriving they were unable to obtain the seats for which their tickets called. Juveniles also have caused trouble by throwing paper and other objects.

"I can assure the fans that the gambling will be stopped," Rosenfelder declared. "The plainclothesmen should be able to stop it. If they can't we'll put more of them there."

Promises of better protection for the fans comes at an opportune time, as a crowd of 20,000 is expected to see the Hurricanes make their upset bid against the unbeaten Wake Forest team, part of which arrived here Wednesday night, a day in advance.

The Hurricanes will hold their final workout today, stressing passing and punting. They have worked hard all week trying to add an offensive punch.

Bob Wylie, the ailing quarterback, took part in the scrimmage Wednesday. Al Smith, ailing center, was unable to take part in the rough workout. If Wylie is unable to start Friday night Tom Perrin or Bob Harrell will take his place and do the punting.

Dunn worked his squad two and a half hours and then sent the first team through 30 minutes of signal drill.

Gambling At Orange Bowl

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University Hires Extra Policemen

By JIMMY BURNS
Herald Sports Writer

Complaints by football fans regarding triple annoyances at Orange Bowl stadium games Wednesday brought promises of relief from two sources.

Safety Director Dan C. Rosenfelder declared that he would personally order plainclothesmen assigned to break up gambling at the University of Miami-Wake Forest game Friday night. He also said that regular policemen assigned to the stadium would be instructed to help curb activities of professional gamblers who have been plying their trade in the open.

University of Miami officials said that they would employ eight extra policemen to help check rowdyism by juveniles, and to stop "seat crashers" from the cheaper sections helping themselves to choicer seats in the better reserved sections.

Complaints regarding these matters were brought to the attention of the Quarterback club at its meeting last Monday. Open gambling carried on among the spectators brought sharp criticism, particularly as the regular stadium police were said to be doing nothing about it.

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Lt. Jim Reed

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Mr. James A. McFarland,
110 - 35 - 72 Road,
Forest Hills,
Long Island, N.Y.

Dear Mr. McFarland:

It was very generous of you to write as you did in your letter which I received today. I assure you that Mr. Irish has not heard the last of this, and some time along about Christmas one of the large influential publications will come out with an editorial that may shake Mr. Irish loose from some of his smugness.

I, too, will be happy to hear what your son says to you in confidence, and I will treat it as such. But it is well enough to get the dope on these boys who deny everything and admit nothing.

With deep appreciation and with an assurance that the thing is not settled from this end of the line, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

December 28, 1944.

Mr. Robert Fuoss, Managing Editor,
The Saturday Evening Post,
Philadelphia 5, Pa.

Dear Mr. Fuoss:

Certainly your timely masterpiece has wielded a tremendous influence in the public thinking regarding the athletic situation in American colleges.

I am sending you a copy of a letter I received from Asa Bushness, the executive director (other conferences call it the commissioner) of the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Association. I know Asa very well and we are good friends. He was formerly graduate manager of Princeton University. When I came out with the statement in the beginning, he wrote me a letter which I sent to you previously. You can see his attitude is now that The Saturday Evening Post has merely added rumors of rumors.

I am wondering where, in his opinion, the NCAA has been all this time. As if they had investigated and clarified every ugly situation in the athletic collegiate world. It is the same old "Pollyanna" attitude - they whitewash things and say that God is in His Heaven and all is right with the world, athletically, and if any fellow differs with them in their opinion he is casting a stigma on the integrity of the intercollegiate athletics.

To tell you how genuinely I appreciate the wonderful act that you did would be impossible. I, and the intercollegiate world, will always be indebted to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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P.S. Will you at your convenience mail me the data that I sent you? I have need for the Helm's Foundation report.

F.C.A.

December 28, 1944.

Mr. Ben Hibbs, Editor,
The Saturday Evening Post,
Philadelphia 5, Pa.

Dear Ben:

I cannot tell you how very much I appreciate your intelligent friendship in the cooperation that was given regarding the editorial in The Saturday Evening Post, "The Gamblers Move In On College Sport".

Certainly no publication in this country of ours wields the influence in their editorial page that is carried by your splendid magazine.

With deep appreciation and best wishes for all things for you in the years to come, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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BEN HIBBS
EDITOR

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PHILADELPHIA 5

December 11, 1944

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thanks a lot for your note and for the copy of
the Copeland letter. The editorial will appear
in the December 23rd issue.

Sincerely,

Robert Fuoss

Robert Fuoss
Managing Editor

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
General Office
50 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, N. Y.

Dec. 31, 1944

Dear Phog,

I wish I had saved that letter from Major Griffith about which you wrote so I could quote it more fully. One point I apparently didn't bring out before when I was picking out a few quotable phrases from a letter that really wasn't intended for publication, was that he was speaking more from a 'Big Ten' viewpoint than from a broader one when he spoke of conducting athletics on a non-paid basis.

The point he brought out there was that the western conference is pretty 'clean' as compared to, say, the southeastern and it can avoid being associated with the so-called 'Pro' colleges any time it wishes merely by refusing to play with them.

I agree with him that most of the problems can be handled on that general basis without resorting to a czar if the colleges want to handle them. That is, the rules or 'laws' already exist in the separate schools and conferences and could be enforced by existing machinery if the colleges really want to do it. Appointment of an intercollegiate czar with the powers of a Landis would not only tend to separate the athletics from the colleges more than ever but would require a huge enforcement agency to prevent cheating by these schools or athletic departments that wanted to cheat.

I also doubt very much if such a czar could wipe out the gambling evil, which I frankly think has been overemphasized lately. I believe that the closer the authorities are to the boys likely to be affected, the better chance they have of finding out such things and preventing them. I doubt if any colleges would give any one man the unlimited power that baseball gave Judge Landis. For instance, how would you like to have Kansas barred

from intercollegiate athletics for years, or perhaps permanently, because a 'czar' had what he considered sufficient proof of some action that he believed 'detrimental to athletics.' Landis never actually put a club out of business, but he tossed out club owners.

Also, Landis ability to track down many cases of rule violations depended upon the fact that players who felt they weren't getting enough money or that they were getting the dirty end of some deal would complain to him. In presumably amateur college sport, I doubt if you could find many people ready to 'blow the whistle.'

The NCAA, as I understand that body, isn't intended to be an enforcement agency as much as a body for formulating policies on which the separate colleges will act. The AAU is a better example of a body which has real power in amateur athletics, and you know how seldom it gets 'the goods' on anyone. For instance, how about the story that Glenn Cunningham paid an income tax on nearly \$30,000 one year while he was still a student?

Getting back to basketball and betting-- and incidentally I think Ned Irish has taken an unjustified beating from the sports writers on that subject-- I don't know of a single case where it could be proved that the college boys were playing along with the gamblers. Having seen that NYU team you mention, I don't think it is good enough to cut the point margin that fine--certainly not good enough for the gamblers to risk much money on it. Apparently Temple knew what it was doing last spring when that kid was quietly allowed to drop out, but that's an example of local authorities handling a case to everyone's satisfaction.

It may be beside the point, but one of our men who is on friendly terms with 'the mob' tells me the gamblers themselves don't want to put the fix on college basketball and that their favorite betting game is baseball because they know it is absolutely on the level. His story is that

they feel they have a better chance by getting the best possible information and judging the odds from that then to risk a double cross trying to put over a sure thing.

He insists that these things which are supposed to have happened came because the New York crowd fixed up one game to 'take' the Philadelphia crowd and the Philadelphians retaliated.

But to get back to Griffith's letter, he pointed out that there wasn't any trouble about basketball until it moved into the garden, Chicago Stadium and other large arenas and that it could move out again any time the colleges desired.

I don't know that I've proved anything here, but I may have shown that I'm agin czars as long as there's any possible way to avoid them.

Cordially,

(signed) Hugh Fullerton Jr.
Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

November 25, 1944.

Mr. Leonard Orman,
5819 Malvern Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Orman:

I deeply appreciate your writing me as you did on November 21.
If at any time you get additional information, I will appreciate
your sending it to me, and I will reciprocate.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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5819 Malvern Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pa.
November 21, 1944.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Your letter of November 9th has been received, together with the carbon copies of Mr. Smith's letter of September 6th, your answer of September 22nd and the answer of the Madison Square Garden Corporation dated October 24th. These were certainly very interesting and rest assured they are received by the writer in the same confidence with which you sent them.

I have nothing further in the way of evidence in the case but that which we are both familiar with, but I believe I may be able to acquire some concrete facts for you. However, at this time all I want to do is tear down a bit the letter of Ned Irish.

He states that the rumor was discredited completely in the Philadelphia newspapers. I am an ardent reader of the sporting pages of every Philadelphia newspaper and I do not remember seeing any statement of any sports writer discrediting this rumor. The only thing that appeared at all after the game was a statement that one of the men had injured his shoulder in the game and would be unable to play for several more weeks and the other chap in question had played with a high fever and would be unable to play any more due to being drafted in the Navy. I recall no other statement being published in the Philadelphia papers about the entire matter.

I do know however, that immediately following the game (which the writer attended) among many of the so called "sporting fraternity" there was talk about the protection of bets of several thousand dollars made by certain men. Before the hall was cleared of these individuals, the words "pay off" were being used quite commonly. Of course, one cannot indict a person on hearsay evidence such as this and like yourself, I believe the fault is with the system and nothing else.

I only wrote you and the sports writers about this entire matter because I did not think it was fair to you (even though I have never met you) to take a blasting from these sports writers claiming that you only caused all this due to the fact that you were looking for the job of "czar" of basketball. I didn't even receive the courtesy of a reply from any of the three writers, although truthfully, I did not expect one.

If at any time there is anything I can do to help you in your endeavor along these lines, please do not hesitate, but feel free to call upon me at any time.

Anticipating the pleasure of some day making your acquaintance, the writer begs to remain,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Leonard Orman

November 9, 1944.

Mr. Leonard Orman,
5819 Malvern Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Orman:

I thank you very much for your letter of the 6th instant; also the carbon copy of your open letter to Red Smith, Ed Pollock and Art Morrow.

In confidence I am sending you a carbon copy of a letter I have written Mr. Ned Irish. It is perfectly plain and to the point.

You and I both know the situation. If at any time in the future you can supply me with added information I assure you that I will appreciate it. I have some very interesting documents, but do not propose to make them public. I would not want to scandalize the boy. The fault is not with the boy, but with the system.

I am also sending you a copy of a letter that Sam Smith, United Press sports writer of Kansas City, wrote me and my reply to him. I am not a policeman nor am I endeavoring to persecute or prosecute anybody. I am trying to save the finer things that should be preserved in intercollegiate athletics, with basketball as one of the sports concerned.

Very sincerely yours,

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Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Red Smith of the Philadelphia Record
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Thought you might be interested.

Leonard Orman

5819 Malvern Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 6, 1944

An Open Letter to

Red Smith, Philadelphia Record
Ed Pollock, Evening Bulletin
Art Morrow, Philadelphia Inquirer

Gentlemen:

Quite recently there was a lot of commotion raised among the sport pages of the country and in the collegiate world about the charges brought by Dr. Forrest C. "Phog" Allen, basketball director of Kansas University, about gamblers reaching collegiate basketball players.

One Ned Irish quickly denied all charges and said that "Phog" Allen was in a "fog" and didn't know what he was talking about.

Frankly, the writer is not writing this with the thoughts of condemning any one individual, or university, or players, or gamblers, or any one else. However, I do claim that Mr. Allen is not altogether wrong.

The publicity man of one of our local universities was also very quick to condemn these charges. However, all I want to ask is this:

If gamblers did not reach them before the Muhlenberg game of 1943 on the Philadelphia Convention Hall double header, what happened immediately after that game to Red Blumenthal and Alby Ingerman of Temple University? Temple had a big lead at the half and died completely in the second half. Muhlenberg won by several points. These boys "disappeared" after the game. Various reasons were advanced.

The rumors certainly were flying fast and thick about gamblers having reached these two players for a "pay-off" and if these charges were baseless, they should certainly have been immediately denied by the university in all justice to themselves, the coach and the team.

Maybe Mr. Allen does know what he is talking about!

LO:CP
CC Dr. Allen

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Mr. Robert Fuoss,
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Dear Mr. Fuoss:

I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Leonard Orman, of Philadelphia, which came to my desk yesterday afternoon. You will recall that I sent you his first letter to me with which he enclosed a copy of his letter written to Red Smith of the Philadelphia Record, Ed Pollock of the Evening Bulletin, and Art Morrow of the Inquirer.

I thought you might be interested in this letter from Mr. Orman dated November 21.

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