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POG ALLEN HAS HIS SAY

Pog Allen, a man of a few well chosen words when asked for an opinion on almost any subject, cut loose the other day with a blast at coaches who are attempting to convince some 4-F's and some high school lads under 18 that they should attend a certain university.

The veteran Kansas basketball coach thinks it's time for intercollegiate athletics to have a high commissioner, a Judge Landis, to keep the colleges in line. He said the colleges were "breaking the rules like Hitler did the Versailles treaty."

Now that's pretty strong language, just about as strong as you can speak. And he was only warming to his subject. He went on to state that the "pseudo patriotism of some of these so-called big time coaches in both basketball and football is astounding.

"These fellows are traveling over the country now, signing up all likely 4-F boys with athletic potentialities. They are indulging in frantic flag waving while posing as developers of young men, aiding the war effort through physical conditioning programs of athletic games.

"No one need be fooled by their tactics," Pog continued. "They are playing for huge financial stakes. Bowl

games and tournament money is the lure."

Allen doesn't aim fire at any one or two men although er of the I have an idea that he's blasting at some few men in parit, adding ticular. One of them probably is Henry Frnka, Tulsa's football coach.

Although the Southeastern conference had two of its four teams, Georgia Tech and LSU, in Bowl football games I don't think Allen is sharpshooting at the SEC. Tech got the Los its strength from Navy aid while LSU has Steve Van Buren, a deferred engineering student, and a flock of 17year-olds.

And besides there's no law against any SEC from offering athletic scholarship to 4-F's and youngsters under the draft age. If these practices were okay in peace-time I think they are at least equally good in war-time.

The politicians all speak of what they intended to do for our returning veterans. What's wrong when the athletic department of some school looks up a young man discharged from the services and offers him aid in getting a college education? Nothing that I can see provided it does not violate a conference or school rule.

Frnka over-did a good thing last year scouring the country for 4-F's and coming up with a total of 24, some of whom whose eligibility was questionable. Frankly I was disappointed when the Sugar Bowl people saw fit to invite a team of that sort to its January one attraction especially after they ran up such a one-sided score against Arkansas in their finale in the hopes of clinching a Bowl invite.

If loquacious Pog is shooting at the Tulsa coach he can save his fire because Frnka is having his headaches without aid from the Kansas cage mentor. Some of his opponents didn't like the idea of playing a team like he fielded last fall and they don't intend to play his this season.