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Mr. Jack Carberry,
Sports Editor,
The Denver Post,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Jack:

I am enclosing a copy of a wire that I sent Lawton Carver after he had written his facetious story on Mayor LaGuardia and "Phog" Allen.

I do not want you to use my personal letter to you in the press, but you are welcome to use the wire that I have sent him and the statement that I made about the gambling fraternity's anastomoses in the college life from other than a direct athletic angle. I will say more on this in a minute.

In 1940 we played St. Bonaventure's in Buffalo, Fordham in Madison Square Garden, and St. Joseph's in Philadelphia. All of these schools, of course, were under the direction of the Garden management. Ned Irish gave the many sport writers a complimentary luncheon at Ted Shore's restaurant. Of course we were there among a great number of other coaches. I said in public to the writers that we came for the cash and the trip. I was baldly frank about the thing because that was the only reason we came, and we made a tidy sum. We found Ned Irish one of the finest hosts and one of the best business men with whom we have ever come in contact. Although I have often wondered why college men could not run their own tournaments, it certainly is a reflection on the college management to think that we have to have a professional promoter to run our tournaments. But the professionals have done it in so much better manner than any of the college people, that it is a reflection on college personnel.

I read your paper quoting what Ned Irish had to say about the investigation of these men. After they investigated these men they did not play any more games with the school that they had previously participated with. That doesn't look as if their skirts were clean. And furthermore, the coach had to go out and get several high school stars to reinforce his team for his other games. This school happened to be one of the schools that played in the N.C.A.A. tournament. So it is queer that they did not permit the boys to play after they investigated them.