

I, like you, have no desire to expose the names, but it doesn't seem as if Mr. Irish's explanation is complete. And my statement has consistently been that I do not want to punish any of the boys but I am trying to call attention to certain irregularities that would be corrected very definitely if we had a czar of intercollegiate athletics. He would work with college and university authorities to see that the sinister head of the gambler was not raised in college athletic activities.

Now, a little explanation in regard to this sports writer or writers on college papers. I am sure that you are well acquainted with the fact that these parlays are sold in twenty or thirty different places in every college town. Drugstores, barber shops, pool halls, grills, are the places where the bets could be laid. The gambler contacts these boys who work for the college paper. The boys then naturally get in contact with their fraternity brothers or other associates who have the inside contact with the football or basketball team. Then the grapevine goes back to the sports writer and the sports writer furnishes the gambler with the lowdown and these boys are paid according to the accuracy of their information and the success of their prediction.

This is another angle and there are more that have not been exposed as yet on the activities of the gambler in college athletics. I am conveying this to you exclusively to use as you see fit. I mean, of course, the statement regarding the ramification of the influence of the professional gambler. I do not want my letter to you printed, but you are privileged to print the statements and dateline them as you see fit and give them to the press regardless of whether it is the AP, UP or INS.

These gamblers cannot go to reputable newspaper offices because the editors would not permit any of their employees to give this information, but they clandestinely work with the students, and the university authorities, the professors of journalism, and so forth, have no way of cracking down because they would have to prove some of their beliefs, while the editor of a town paper is the boss of his establishment and can issue orders and the employees must of necessity follow them. But you can see how a student can act without any of the university authorities cracking down on him.

If there is anything you do not understand about this angle before you use it, please wire me or call me and I will elaborate upon it. There is one instance here in Lawrence, Kansas, where last year the gamblers were taken for a heavy ride by the parlay players and the gamblers folded their tent and left town without paying any of their gambling debts, and it ran way up into the thousands.

I am amazed to see how gullible are the boys who place their wagers. They walk in and leave five hundred or a thousand dollars in the establishment and feel that they will get their money back. In this case the gamblers walked out and the boys who received the bets said, I am sorry. They were broke and couldn't pay their bets, and what could the men do who bet on the games?