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600 CITY BANK BLDG.

SEPT. 6, 1944

Dear Phog:

It having BEEN quite A SPELL since I heard from you and, having AN IDEA under my benny which I thought WE might be able to kick around A bit, I figured it WAS high time to drop you A line.

Here's what I've BEEN wondering about, Phog:

What do you look for in the way of post-war collegiate sports? When all these boys come back, battle-hardened, do you believe there may be another so-called "Golden Age" 'od sports, the like of which WE SAW after the last war?

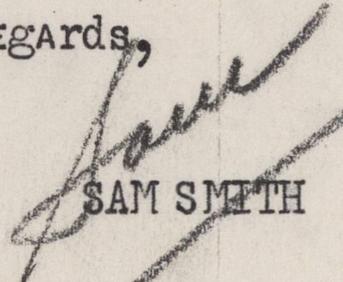
And what, in particular, will be the collegiate experience? Do you look for tougher competition BECAUSE of older and more mature athletes? And do you believe the competition among so-called big time coaches for returning stars would be sharper?

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What do you think of the idea? If it clicks with you, I'd appreciate it A lot if you'd just let 'er run. I'll put it into shape on the basis of what you send along.

Trust EVERYTHING is going well with you. And also that Quig will be able to do A job out there--Although I'm AN old "M"--for Missouri--man myself!

Thanks, Phog, and best regards,


SAM SMITH

October 17, 1944

Mr. Sam Smith,
United Press Association,
600 City Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sam:

I received some clippings on my "czar" story. I do not know where you got the idea in your article that I was a "self-styled sage of midwestern coaches". I never have represented myself in any way as being one of those things.

Another thing - I put the burden upon the N.C.A.A. and only mentioned the A.A.U. in passing. The story in the Denver Post stated the fellows who run the Amateur Athletic Union should invite the highly proficient baseball and football executives into their fold, - and so on. It is in the colleges where the great trouble is, and I thought it was rather unfortunately put, not that I give a rap about the way the A.A.U. runs them, but the people do not care enough about what the A.A.U. does. I believe the emphasis was misplaced.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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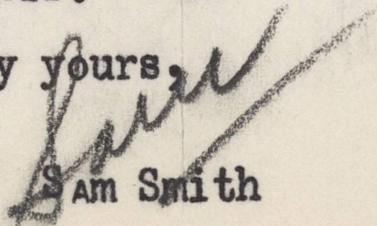
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I am forwarding your letter back to New York. But I wanted you to know the score from this angle. I also wanted to thank you for your consideration in preparing that long letter. From here on out, Phog, we'll hold anything you fix up here in Kansas City and start it on its way from here. Then, if anything is wrong, I'll stand squarely behind it.

I'm sorry this happened and I hope the above clears my shirt. Above all, please don't look at it with the thought "alibi" in your mind. I used all of your stuff about the college prexies and I think that, too, was dropped out back east. I'm only sorry I didn't make a copy of my original so you could have it for comparison purposes.

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For instance, I know of two nationally prominent football teams each of which had a **player** who was asked by professional gamblers to furnish weekly information regarding physical condition of the players, esprit de corps of the team, and other vital factors. In return for their information these players were to be paid substantially by the gamblers. This clandestine relationship was discovered and broken up by the respective coaches.

It is not my intention to play the role of prosecutor. However, the above cases are just two of many in which boys competing in college athletics are being subjected to great temptation under the present set-up. This is the sole reason for my plea to hire a man like Judge Landis who will give to intercollegiate athletics the same high standing that is now enjoyed by professional baseball.

WESTERN UNION

New York

October 20, 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Coach of Basketball
Kansas University.

International News Service has just called me quoting a story published in the Denver press purporting that you have made a direct statement that college basketball players have sold out to gamblers in games played in Madison Square Garden. Will you please let me know if statement or any similar statement is correctly attributed to you. If you have made this statement I would appreciate it if you will furnish me with instances in which players have sold out to gamblers and proof to substantiate these charges so that this information can be conveyed to the police and to the colleges whose players were involved. Madison Square Garden has had the fullest cooperation of the New York city police in enforcing the law against gambling. We also employ a large number of special police to assist the city in enforcing the law against gambling at all sporting events held in this building. All known gamblers or persons who have previously been arrested for gambling are barred from entering the building. Will appreciate your prompt response.

Ned Irish

Acting President

Madison Square Garden

October 17, 1944.

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

Dear Jack:

Our football coach, Mr. Henry Shenk, handed me the copy of your Friday, October 13th, Denver Post sport sheet. There are one or two things in your sporting column that I would like to discuss, namely, that I am not now nor ever have been jealous of Frosty Cox. I am no more jealous of Frosty than I am of Northwestern's Dutch Lonborg, Kentucky's Adolph Rupp, or Stanford's former John Bunn - all of whom were my boys and who played under me for three years.

I had a letter from Frosty dated October 13th, with this postscript: "Picture of the young lady Judith". I had written Frosty regarding the possibility of his team coming to Kansas City to play in a four-some with Missouri, Kansas State and Kansas. A year ago last August when Frosty's mother passed away I wrote Frosty expressing my sympathy to him.

I just want to assure you that there are bigger things than the competition of basketball. What father would be jealous of his son? By this I mean not the paternal affection, but certainly a coach would not want to feel small enough to be jealous of one of his pupils. Sometime at your convenience why don't you ask Frosty Cox how much we pay our basketball players at K.U. He was here four years. Ask him if there were any scholarships, any easy money in any way, directly or indirectly. He ought to know, shouldn't he? Do you think our actions are in line with our arguments? Yet I am strong for a commissioner because there it would show the fellows who can coach; not as it now is, - the fellow who can assemble is the big shot.

The only thing that I have ever objected to is when a coach who is hired to coach and not to recruit comes into a state out of his territory and gets the majority of his players from an alien state. I think you know what I mean because the very article that I wrote Sam Smith, the United Press sports editor in Kansas City, shows that the evil of which I complained is still very dominant and will be.

If I get my name in large type it is because I am not afraid to say what I feel should be said toward correcting some of the evils that you so poignantly set forth in your column. I was glad to read what you had to say because you could have said a lot more and still have kept within the field of the truth.

I am sending you a copy of the letter that I had written Sam Smith on September 6. He wrote me then stating that it had been quite some time since he had heard from me, and asked, "What do you look for in

the way of post-war collegiate sports? When all these boys come back, battle-hardened, do you believe there may be another so-called golden age of sports, the like of which we saw after the last war? And what, in particular, will be the collegiate experience? Do you look for tougher competition because of older and more mature athletes? And do you believe the competition among so-called big time coaches for returning stars would be sharper? You've been in this business quite a spell, Coach, and probably have some good recollections from the last post-war period to substantiate your opinions. And you might tie this all in, if you think it fits, with your belief that we should have a Landis over collegiate sports."

So you see that there was no desire of mine to present a new motif to get my name in large type. I have said exactly what I think, and I still think something definitely should be done before the war is over. But it will not be done because the college presidents and others do not want to stick their necks out as I have done.

Regarding the A.A.U., I mentioned them only parenthetically. It was the N.C.A.A. that I was discussing definitely and only threw the A.A.U. in as one that practices deception, but is not important in the picture at present. Not enough people take the A.A.U. seriously, but many more people do not half realize the dynamite keg that the college teams are sitting on.

The fact that you have spoken out so plainly stamps you as an individual who knows what is going on and one who is not afraid to say. I think your column is forcefully stated.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

October 21, 1944

Mr. Ned Irish,
Director, Madison Square Garden,
New York, N.Y.

Have made statement that it was alleged that basketball players sold out to gamblers or were connected in such a way that they were dismissed from the squad. It is alleged that Albie Ingerman, star set shot, Temple University, and other teammates were dismissed for this infraction. It is very difficult to get proof to substantiate certain charges in my possession. Much information that I have from coaches who frankly and honestly told me things, they now refuse to take responsibility for. Tom Dewey is the only fellow that I know of who has been able to bust rackets in New York. My motive in releasing any information on gambling is no reflection on your highly efficient promotional venture of basketball. My desire is to awaken the college presidents of America to their responsibility in providing a source of power in fighting these professional gambling rodents.

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D. E. Eisenberg,
Sports Department,
New York Journal American,
New York.

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

Have given Mr. Ned Irish essential data. Please contact him.

Forrest C. Allen.

CENTRAL OFFICE FOR EASTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Biltmore Hotel, Madison Avenue and 43rd Street, New York 17, N. Y.

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ASA S. BUSHNELL, *Executive Director*

October 21, 1944

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Fencing Association

Intercollegiate
Ice Hockey
Association

Intercollegiate
Rowing Association

International
Intercollegiate
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Pentagonal
Hockey League

Collegiate Basketball
Officials Bureau

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Kansas University A. A.
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

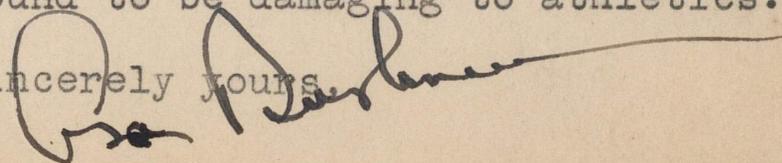
Local papers are today carrying the Associated Press account of your comments on gambling in intercollegiate sports, particularly basketball. Though A.P. does not attribute these specific words to you, the story emphasizes your charge that "professional gamblers already have caused two boys to throw basketball games in Eastern collegiate tournaments." It goes on to quote directly your reference to "known cases" of such malfeasance.

Did you make any such categorical statements as those cited? If so, what are the facts -- dates, places, persons, understandings, results -- and where is the proof? Also, if there are "known cases", who knows about them, and, if their scene was an Eastern one, why are they "known" in Lawrence, Kansas, but not in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, and Washington? Investigations conducted in these parts of the few rumored cases have shown that, though gamblers may have tried to fix games, they have not succeeded in any single instance.

Purposes and methods of the gamblers are fully understood, and the very real menace to collegiate sport which they represent is clearly recognized. Obviously, it is not enough to deplore their presence; action must be taken to eliminate these gamblers and destroy any slight possibility they may have of success in their operations. This action must be powerful and unrelenting, and it must be effectual.

Certainly the proper agency to undertake and accomplish the solution of this serious problem is the NCAA. It is of course in order, if you so wish, for an interested party such as yourself to urge the NCAA into telling action. However, it seems to me that the poorest sort of way to do this is to jeopardize public confidence in game and players by leveling vague and unsubstantiated charges against them in the newspapers. Let's help the NCAA do the job which confronts it by furnishing all possible authoritative information; let's not hinder the Association with public statements which are bound to be damaging to athletics.

Sincerely yours,



October 23, 1944.

Mr. Byron F. Boyd, Editor,
The Football News,
161 W. Nine Mile Road,
Detroit 20, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Boyd:

Thank you for your letter and for the copy of The Football News. I found them very interesting and thank you for them.

I realize when a coach makes a statement that very few coaches will come to his support. Most of them are afraid to stick their necks out for fear of the criticism that they may get, and for the criticism they do get.

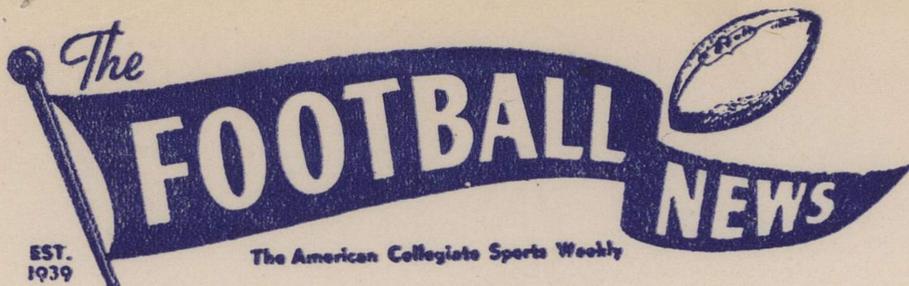
I am interested in two things: one, that we shall have our college athletics where every coach has an even opportunity of developing his material, and secondly, that we have a clarification of a situation that has many nasty aspects. With a czar the like of Kenesaw Mountain Landis it would be a very happy world for coaches to work in except those who depend upon solicitation of athletes rather than developing them, and for them it would be a very unhappy world.

Again thanking you for your kindness, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.



Byron Boyd, Editor

Weekly in the Fall

161 W. Nine Mile Road
Detroit 20, Mich.

Oct. 17, 1944

Dr. Forest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am in accord with you on your proposal that college athletics should be governed by a "czar". The situation as you see it cannot be met in any other way, and if action is delayed, all of us who are interested in the welfare of the future of college athletics may be sorry.

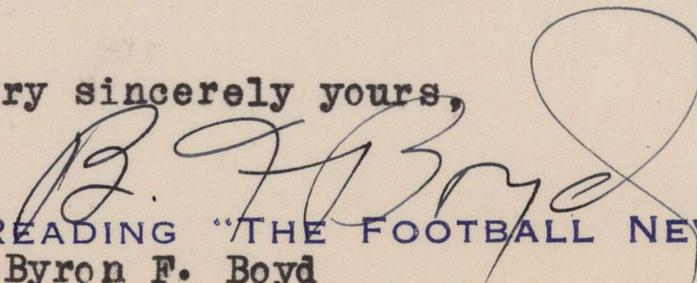
Under separate wrapper I am sending you my publication. In the last issue is the story which you gave to the United Press. I hope that it reaches enough of our coaches to make them think! I can see that our sports program may suffer untold disgrace, if allowed to drift as in the past.

If there is any way that I can help you further your proposal and get it before our proper college authorities, I shall be glad to cooperate.

It is my intention to publish a Collegiate Sports Weekly, covering all college athletics as soon as conditions permit. With the interest in athletics that I suspect will come upon the war's ending, such a paper could do much to bring about a closer unity for our colleges. I feel sure that most of our colleges will help in making such a publication possible, as many have already written me about it. However, supplies and transportation make such a move futile at this time.

Good luck to you in promoting your idea. May the powers that be in our colleges work for a satisfactory set-up for post-war athletics. I am not opposed to seeing the boys paid for their activity, but it should be above board and sanctioned by the authorities.

Very sincerely yours,



Byron F. Boyd

ENJOY THE FOOTBALL SEASON MORE BY READING "THE FOOTBALL NEWS"

Oct. 24, 1944

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am behind your recent charges pertaining to college basketball 100%. Unfortunately I cannot reveal my identity but what I have to say substantiates the accusations you made.

During last basketball season two members of Temple University's team were approached by a Mr. Jack Lynch, who operates a night club at the Walton Roof of this city. The two players were Albie Ingerman and Dick Koecher, both freshmen. They were offered \$500.00 each to throw a game that was being played at Convention Hall and presented by Ned Irish.

Dick Koecher, a trustworthy and conscientious lad, went home to tell his father about the offer whereupon the latter notified Josh Cody, coach of Temple. The night of the game Albie Ingerman was closely watched and it was apparent that he

was not playing his best. After the game
Engerman was suspended.

I believe, but am not sure, that the
game was against Muhlenberg College.

This Mr. Lynch is a noted racketeer
who has been kicked out of all our
eastern horse racing parks. He operates a
basketball pool and quotes certain odds
on different games.

This matter was kept from publicity
although one local reporter from the
Philadelphia Daily News threw some
hint on it.

Yours for
Clean Sports.

THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

October 23, '44.

Dear Phog -

Thank you for your
good note of October 19.

Another clipping for you
is enclosed. I don't bother to
reply. Just keep up your grand
work.

Yours in P.K. 4.

John M. Ferguson
(Fergie)

Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph
Oct. 23, 1944

Keck Says:

Scandal in Basketball Overshadows Grid Games

By HARRY KECK, SPORTS EDITOR

Overshadowing the football results of the weekend was the blast let forth by Dr. Forrest (Phog) Allen, Kansas basketball coach, to the effect that the life of the college game is menaced by the actions of gamblers, especially at the doubleheaders played each winter in New York's Madison Square Garden.

Phog, always a volatile figure in the sport, calls upon the basketball and college authorities to do something about the situation, and there is plenty



Phog Allen

of corroborating testimony to his charges. He makes the flat statement that at least one player "sold out" to the gamblers last winter and that many players and teams have been approached by the men who wager large sums on the games. The player in question, Phog says, has been dismissed by his college.

Dr. H. C. Carlson, coach of the Pitt team, which has played in the New York college games and tournaments, is one of those who confirms the charges. He told me that he saw Ned Irish, promoter of the Garden, order a gambler ejected from the premises and said Ned is doing what he can on his own accord to eliminate the evil.

Ev Shelton, coach of Wyoming University, says he has been cautioned by Irish to guard his players from contact with the gamblers, and Coach Vadal Peterson, of Utah, says he was approached by a gambler before his team's game with Dartmouth at the Garden last winter.

Allen has been in frequent conflict with his brother coaches in the East and has been a consistent dissenter from some of the rules changes, but in his present crusade he appears to have the backing of the members of his profession.

Gambling on basketball games has been a growing racket in recent years, extending even to the high school games. There is considerable money-changing on the scores of the games and the bettors operate in the open at the local and sectional tournaments.

The solution obviously is to have the police pick up the gamblers on sight and also for the colleges and schools to issue warnings that any monkey business by players will be penalized not only by prompt disbarment from the squad but also by dismissal from classes. Many states have laws making "fixing" of any athletic contest a criminal offense, and it would not take many arrests to discourage manipulations.

Baseball cleaned its house, boxing commissions have done a pretty good job of weeding out their undesirable elements, and now basketball plainly has a job to do.

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October 23, 1944.

Mr. Asa Bushnell, Executive Director,
Central Office for Eastern Intercollegiate Athletics,
Biltmore Hotel,
Madison Avenue and 43rd Street,
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Asa:

I have your letter of the 21st, and in reply I am sending you a copy of the wire I received from Mr. Ned Irish and my reply to him. I think I have authoritative information in regard to this incident. There are others that are as startling that I naturally cannot prove.

This summer, August 15-19, at the Iowa State High School Athletic Association Coaching School, in which there were 250 coaches and a faculty comprised of Ray Eliot, coach at the University of Illinois, Vadal Peterson, coach of the University of Utah, and myself, as well as Bud Parmalee, former pitcher for the New York Giants who was representing the American Association, Pie Traynor, formerly of the Pittsburgh Pirates, who was representing the National League, and Lou Fonseca, former Chicago White Sox manager, who was representing the American League, we heard Vadal Peterson in a public address before 150 members of the Boone, Iowa, Chamber of Commerce make the statement that a gambler knocked on the door of his hotel room at six o'clock in the morning after the Utah team arrived in New York, and he asked Peterson how much it would take for Utah to lose in the N.C.A.A. finals that night against Dartmouth. Peterson knocked him out of the doorway and slammed the door in his face.

Peterson also related that upon his first arrival in New York at the Invitation Tournament in the game between the University of Kentucky and Utah, when the game was practically over the little Japanese boy on the Utah team shot a goal which narrowed the lead between Utah and Kentucky from ten points to eight points in favor of Kentucky. The bookies were favoring Kentucky to win by ten points, and in the waning seconds of the game the little Japanese boy on the Utah team shot a goal. Peterson stated that from his bench he could observe a spectator running excitedly out on the floor toward the little Japanese player. Peterson said, "Oh, oh, international trouble." And Peterson started in pursuit of the spectator pursuing the Japanese boy. Before Peterson arrived the spectator excitedly grabbed the little Japanese and kissed him. When Peterson got to the scene he said, "What in the world is the matter with that fellow?" And the fellow said, "Boy, your shot just made me fifteen thousand dollars."

These are only incidents to show how definitely the professional gamblers are getting into the matrix of intercollegiate athletics.

A few weeks ago I spoke to the Quarterback Club at Tulsa, Oklahoma. I pointed out the evils that will befall intercollegiate athletics unless some positive and aggressive force fights this menace. After I had finished the football coach of one of the prominent teams told of a professional gambler who had contacted one of his own football players and offered him a tidy sum for the year if he would report to the gambler on the physical condition, the esprit de corps, and other factors concerning the team that were desired by this gambler. The coach said to the boy, "Do you know what you are doing to your football team?" And the boy said, no, he didn't give them any information that would be out of line. And then the player said, "Well, So-and-so, at one of the nationally prominent teams in the Southwest Conference is also doing this for his own team."

And so on, ad infinitum.

It is my belief that practically every college coach in this land knows how dangerous the situation is, yet nobody is doing anything about it.

When the New York Yankees lost four straight games to the St. Louis Browns there was not an eyebrow raised because the people had confidence in the integrity of one man who had the power and the authority to keep things clean. That man is Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis. And he had cleaned up the nastiest, rottenest mess in gambling in professional baseball after many years of clean and vigorous fighting. The public does not have that confidence in intercollegiate athletics in any of its aspects. It has been my desire to endeavor to stimulate activity among the American Association of University Presidents who are the only force that can set machinery in motion that will do the job for the colleges.

Without any desire to say things uncomplimentary about the N.C.A.A., they have had the opportunity for years, but what a pity that they have done nothing about it - only talk about it. I take the point of view of a newspaper man, that the best way to clean a carbuncle is to curette it. The American Association of University Presidents have talked about post-war education from every angle and have done things about it, with the exception of doing anything about helping the athletic situation. And I do not believe they will do anything about it until it is brought to their attention in such a striking way that public opinion will force them to act before the war is over.

I assure you, Asa, that I am definitely interested and I have not considered that I have prejudiced public confidence by leveling vague and unsubstantiated charges against them in newspapers. Frankly, I think the American public has lost confidence in the integrity of intercollegiate sports on account of so much chicanery and deception that has been practiced. The public, in my opinion, has far more confidence in

Judge Landis and his professional baseball program than they have in intercollegiate athletics and its program.

I am sending you a copy of the letter that Mr. Sam Smith of the United Press in Kansas City wrote me some time ago. I am also sending you the reply that I wrote him. And also I am sending his latest letter to me regarding how they garbled the situation in New York.

On page 2, paragraph 3 in my letter to him I think I should explain my statement regarding the commissioners. That is rather a cruel statement and I did not mean it that way. I meant that Atherton had authority which none of the other commissioners have had. None, except Atherton, exercised that authority. What I meant was that they were no good so far as cleaning out this abcess was concerned. I assure you it is no reflection on the games commissioners such as Reaves Peters, Jim St. Clair and yourself, but I take it that you are commissioners of officials and not commissioners with the authority that Atherton had. Aside from that I have no apologies to make for any part of the statement that I made.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.

October 25, 1944.

Mr. Cy Sherman, Sports Editor,
Omaha World-Herald,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Cy:

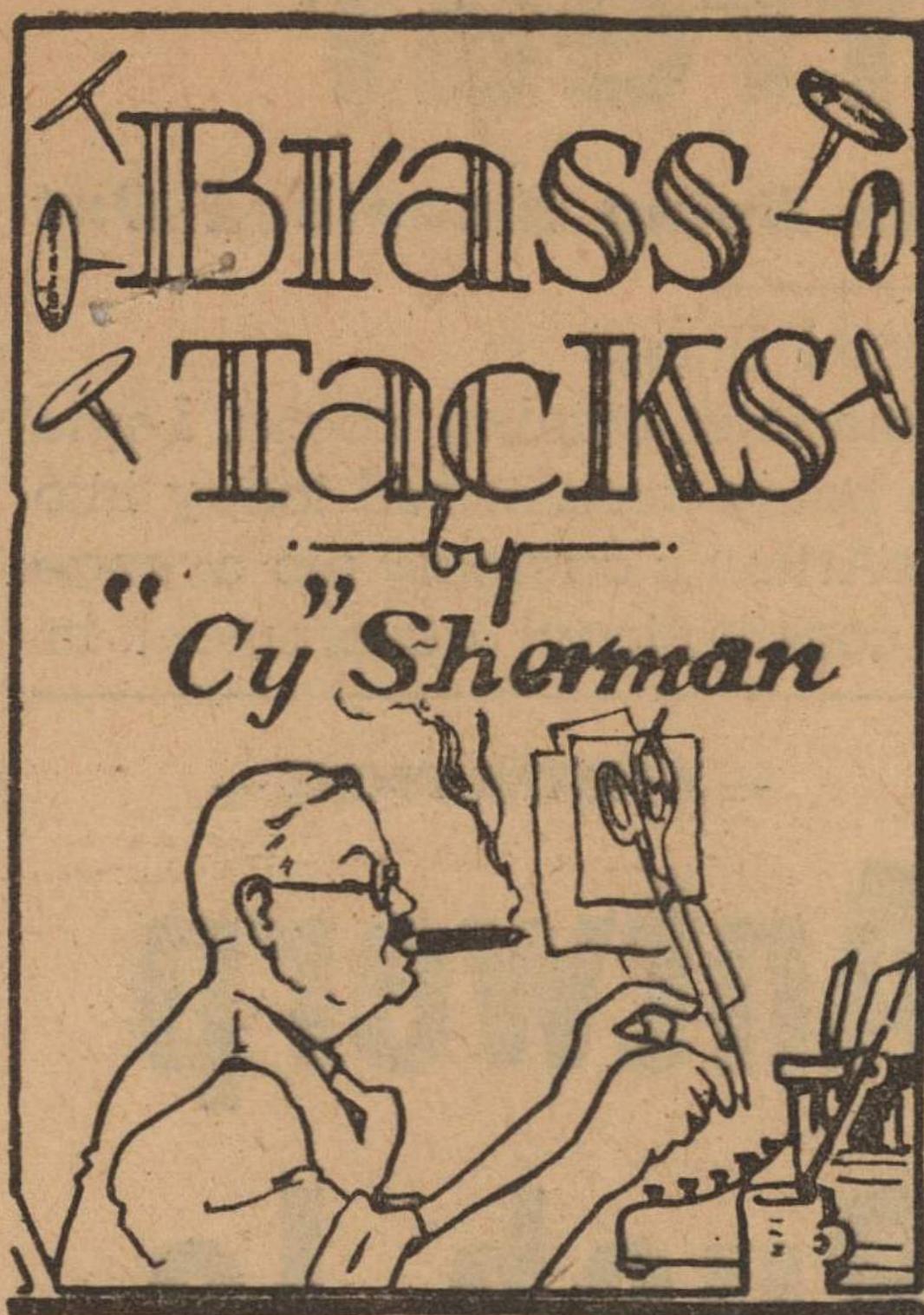
Thank you for the clipping. We need more good newspaper men like you to tell the public about the sinister influences that are working under cover.

Lawton Carver made some statements about my backing down, which I am not. I am enclosing a copy of my wire to him which is self-explanatory.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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IN ONE swift thrust, the Buck-eyes of Ohio State have attained national leadership in intercollegiate football — a recognition by this column for the purposes of the weekly Associated Press poll.

Rated no higher than fourth or fifth place in previous polls, the Bucks came forward Saturday at Columbus with proof of their quality by thrashing the high-powered Great Lakes Sailors, 26-6, in the presence of near 75,000 spectators, the day's greatest attendance throughout the nation.

Notre Dame, pacemaker in the two previous polls, came something of a cropper in its tussle with Wisconsin. Although the Irish bagged their fourth successive victory, the Badgers twice crossed the Notre Dame goal, a feat which seemingly suggests that the Ramblers' defense isn't on a par with their attacking prowess.

A scanning of the national scene prompts the following "top ten" ratings for the current poll:

1—Ohio State.

Tied for second, third and fourth—Randolph Field, Notre Dame and Army.

5—Georgia Tech.

6—Penn.

7—Tulsa.

Tied for eighth, ninth and tenth—Iowa Seahawks, Great Lakes Sailors and Wake Forest.

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HERE'S a slap on the back for Coach Phog Allen, Kansas U.'s distinguished coach of basketball. His bombshell charge that the college basketball double-headers at Madison Square Garden of the past few annums have been played in an atmosphere that stinks of inordinate gambling points finger at a festering sore in collegiate athletics that demands speedy attention by college executives. Attention such as clearly would justify slapping a ban on collegiate participation in the Garden enterprise.

**Bombshell
Tossed By
K. U. Coach**

Coach Allen tosses no rocks at Ned Irish, the Garden promoter—gives him credit for having clean hands and honest intentions—but cites the danger that confronts any sport when professional gamblers take over so boldly as to wager thousands of dollars on point-margins in game-results.

The danger, of course, is that players may be corrupted; induced to enter into a "bought-and-paid" arrangement such as precipitated the Black Sox scandal that left its smear on major league baseball a quarter century ago.

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BY WAY of suggesting a definite means of cleaning the athletic house, the Kansas coach

proposes that college heads get together in creating a new official—a high commissioner of collegiate athletics, granting that officer authority comparable to that possessed by Judge Landis in professional baseball.

**Sport Needs
Czar Like
Judge Landis**

The need for more stringent control of intercollegiate athletics has been shockingly apparent for many years. Although the by-laws of the National Collegiate Athletic association forbid corrupting methods via recruiting and subsidization of athletes, as flagrantly practiced, for instance, in the Southeastern conference, N. C. A. A. heads have been content to twirl thumbs, thereby making a jest and mockery of specific regulations which, if enforced, would compel the Dixie offenders to either clean their house or suffer expulsion from the national body.

Coach Allen has pointed finger at the disease and prescribed the cure—a Judge Landis in intercollegiate athletics to crack knuckles and knock heads.