

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