

I agree, you can't make people good by legislation, but you can protect good people by legislation. The fact that Major Griffith's contention was that our athletics could be controlled better by local groups than by national organizations, makes me wonder how he figured out the questionable efficiency of the NCAA, which is a national organization.

An intercollegiate czar would naturally have commissioners under him in every collegiate district. It would be like the bank examiner having deputy examiners. But the czar would have power. He would not be a Pollyanna, but would be a realist and would follow much the same procedure as did Judge Landis.

The NCAA has never been much more than a paper organization. It has always lacked power to enforce its edicts. It could have controlled proselyting and professionalism, but the pity of it is, it never measured up to its responsibilities. For example: the Jesse Owens episode in Cleveland, Ohio, when he matriculated at Ohio State University at Columbus (investigated by the outstanding and dominantly controlling officers of the Big Ten, and whitewashed); the Everett Case-Piggie Lambert-Sam Barry episode that the Big Ten investigated, with a fizzle-out and another whitewash. The fuses were pinched off before they got to the powder keg.

"Our men are agreed that they want to conduct athletics on a non-paid player basis and while, now and then, somebody may help an athlete, we feel that we are handling our own problem pretty much to our own satisfaction." Do you suppose any thinking person who is acquainted with the athletic situation over the country at present, would take such a statement seriously? In your own city, more than one university receives a thousand dollars a piece for their respective football players' fees, etc., from their own athletic associations.

Football is a gigantic business, and its tiny brother, basketball, is edging its face into the picture. Already the organized gambling gentry are selecting a member of the football squad in the big schools and paying him handsomely to report each week on the physical condition and the morale of the team. This is clandestine, of course. Also, the sports editors or sports writers connected with the college daily are being paid by the same outfit, clandestinely, to give most complete and inside information on the football team's physical and mental condition. This all adds up to an efficient parlay card which the gambler is promoting, - not for community recreation.

And too, one of those coincidences that defies explanation: New York University was established along Broadway as favorites to win its game. It was to give 13 points or to take 15, and suit yourself in choosing