

Of course, there are exceptions in the east where the professional player thought is not dominant, but the leaders who speak for the east express this backward thought.

Referring to football, I am interested in the last two sentences of your paragraph, which I quote: "If they don't watch out, Dr. Phog Allen eventually will convince them college football is on its way out. Dr. Allen has been shouting that for a decade."

For your information, Mr. Grayson, I made my first statements regarding the demise of football one year ago this fall. My, how time flies, doesn't it?

There are 640 colleges playing football in America today and but 80 of them are making money out of football. What major industry can keep going in the light of such profit and loss? And too, there have been over twenty teams discontinue intercollegiate football since a year ago today.

I am sending you a copy of a speech that I made to the Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Teachers College, and the Central High School players of that city on November 26, 1941. My purpose has been to tell the truth to these high school and college players regarding the real status of big time commercialized football. There is so much publicity about its grandeur that many boys follow wandering fires lost in the quagmire, and then they wake up and find that it is the bunk rather than the grand and glorious achievement that they thought it was. Football is fine if you get a diploma, but it is a disappointment without one.

Sincerely yours,

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