

Robert E. Doherty, President of Carnegie Tech, is one college president who came out and told the wide world exactly what was happening at his institution. For the life of me I cannot understand why other college presidents, knowing what is going on, will maintain such a smug demeanor — knowing only the things they want to talk about.

Mac, I want to explain to you regarding my book, "Better Basketball". For over a year now I have been talking about running in to buy you that spaghetti dinner. I felt pretty badly last year about what happened regarding the book. McGraw-Hill and Company sent a copy of my book to each sport writer in the country. This obtained to the four directions of the compass, north, east, south and west.

These texts apparently arrived at the desks of all the sport writers in the country about the same time. I really wanted them to mail them to me so that I could autograph the books and send the ones that I desired to send first, but of course being merely the author, and they the publishers, I did not feel equal to making such a request of them. Had I had my own way, of course, I would have wanted to write in the fly leaf the thing that I felt toward you and your wonderful attitude toward me through these many years. But that was not done and I felt terribly chagrined and abashed when the other fellow came out with lines boosting my book. Of course, I am honest enough to say to you that I appreciated the kind words that he had to say. I would be nothing less than a scoundrel if I did not appreciate kind words, but the point I wanted to make was that I wanted you to have the book first, look it over, and write your convictions on the book.

I think "Better Basketball" is by far the best book that I have ever done. It is just about twice as good as "My Basketball Bible", and of course I would have prized the statements from you more than from all the other sports writers combined.

I do remember, too, how kind you were to make comment a little later regarding the book, and I doubly appreciate that. But the program was not the way I wanted it, and it has always been a source of embarrassment to me, and I have always wanted to explain it to you. But I thought over the spaghetti dish I could do it better.

In 1923 I wrote "My Basketball Bible", and we had a sale of over 15,000 copies. In 1929 I wrote for Ginn and Company a chapter on the organization and administration of Physical Education and Athletics for their volume, "Higher Education in America". This text was edited by Raymond A. Kent, who is now President of the University of Louisville, and it was a compilation of all heads of the different divisions in American education. The School of Education chapter was written by Charles H. Judd, Director of the School of Education at the University of Chicago; the School of Engineering chapter was done by William E. Wickenden, President of the Case School of Applied Science; the School of Law chapter was written by Roseoe Pound, Dean of the Law School at Harvard University; the School of Medicine chapter was