

St. John and the hand-picked boys that Griffith and St. John operated with. And too, you doubtless know that Harold Olsen is a brother-in-law of St. John, which makes Olsen the fair-haired boy.

The dean of Dartmouth got up and said, "I don't see why these colleges need the money." I arose and told them that I had read Major Griffith's editorial where 640 colleges played football and less than fifty of them make any money out of the sport. I told them it was pretty obvious why schools which drew the crowd were entitled to the money, and then I said, "Gentlemen, when a man finds himself unable to keep his pledges to his constituents there is only one thing to do and that is to resign. Therefore I am resigning from the committee and protesting the action in not giving these teams the money that had been tentatively promised them."

Immediately there was quite a furor, and they asked if we would wait outside until they could debate the matter. We waited about an hour and then this question about the NCAA taking the first ten per cent arose, and after expenses are paid the NCAA and all the teams which have played split fifty-fifty. That gives the NCAA sixty per cent. After the meeting was over and we had whipped the outfit by making them dip their colors, Olsen and St. Clair threw their chests out and said, "Didn't we give them a lashing?" I said, "We surely did."

So that is the half-baked toady bunch of politicians that St. Clair and Olsen are operating with. They had it all set for the NCAA to take it all and in my opinion it was neither the action of George Edwards, nor Olsen, nor St. Clair that had anything to do with the so-called liberality of the NCAA. I plagued them so consistently hard, and this together with Ned Irish's businesslike acumen, made the NCAA look so darn rotten cheap that Olsen just started giving watches to everybody that competed like he did when Oklahoma played in the NCAA last year. Everybody got watches. And yet just three years previously Bill Owens, Griffith and St. John assailed the pot-hunting bunch of athletes, meaning the boys that wanted watches. They weren't in favor of giving watches, but they were trying to get an easy way out of their dilemma.

The best indication of the untenable position of the NCAA is shown by Utah, Kentucky, St. John's, DePaul, and all the cream of the teams going to Ned Irish's tournament. The NCAA has made themselves a punch of supplicants and Ned Irish is running the show. Olsen is tagging around Irish and getting the crumbs that fall from the table. Had Olsen done the job as chairman and kept his word, then there would have been no difficulty.

As a case in point to show you the glaring inefficiency of Harold G. Olsen, I cite you the Official Basketball Guide of 1943-44. On page 51 he gives the NCAA tournament all-time resume. When Kansas played Indiana in the Auditorium in 1940 he mentions among the championship winners Indiana - "defeated Springfield 48 - 24; Duquesne 30-19; and