

The very antithesis of this plan which I am proposing is the plan recently endorsed by the National Association of State Universities wherein they suggest a court of inquisition commanding every boy of athletic tendencies and desires to sign an affidavit attesting to his amateur standing. Under this plan the only crime is in getting caught.

We all know how very difficult it is to make honest men by legislation. Any boy who is required to sign an affidavit that he is an amateur, will resent the insinuation, and when we define as professional things that appear perfectly normal and harmless to him, we are inviting mass perjury.

There are but few University Presidents who would applaud a faculty member requiring his students to sign affidavits that they had not cheated in examinations. Yet this is exactly what the presidents propose in regard to athletic regulations.

Why should we as universities be so concerned about whether or not the young man played summer-baseball for money or carried ice during the summer? Either form of labor is honorable.

It would seem more consistent for college presidents to make rules enlarging upon resident requirements for athletic participation rather than to inquire into the personal acts and transactions of a student, that is, so long as those transactions are honorable.

It do not find that the eligibility of the college glee club member is predicated upon his refusal to accept fees for singing at funerals.

What we need to do is to forget these out-moded rules of amateurism, and put on our college teams only those men whom the faculty members certify are actually making progress toward graduation.

If the eligibility test comes from the classroom there will be