

that a large majority of alumni handle themselves in a sportsmanlike way at games. What they do before and after games is not pertinent to this discussion, neither is their conduct at games so long as it does not transcend the bounds of good manners. It is only the perpetual rah-rah type, who mistake their fraternity house for a road house and who think of their college as a country club in which they hold non-resident membership, who cause most of the trouble. It would be enough for most alumni to have brought to their attention through the alumni magazine, on football ticket applications, and in other ways, the idea that the football games in the stadium of their institution would be far more enjoyable to everyone and would reflect great credit upon the standing and sportsmanship of Alma Mater, if all excessive drinking were eliminated.

This leaves the general public to be dealt with, the step-sons of Alma Mater, whose main academic interest is naturally in the weekend college, and whose knowledge of ancient history seems sometimes limited to Roman Holidays. Just so long as we in the colleges admit a portion of the public to our games merely upon the payment of a stipulated admission price they are in exactly the same relative position as they would be in attendance upon any other paid performance, whether it be in a theatre or Madison Square Garden. In the latter places, it is not uncommon to have ushers or other functionaries request obstreperous persons to leave. But how to get rid of football spectators who are objectionable, whether they be undergraduates, alumni or representatives of the public, without creating unpleasant situations?

One or two institutions in the middle west have tried the plan of having letter men stationed in various parts of the stands to watch for untoward actions and to ask the offender to quiet down or to leave and if they refuse, to eject them. This would not appear to be the most effective way to handle the situation, as anything resembling strong arm methods would tend to create immediate resentment and future ill will. If done at all it should be by uniformed police officers.

Proper attitudes will be set up, even by the general public, if our control groups, the students and alumni, create the proper atmosphere. In other words we can control the situation by education in good sportsmanship and decency. The situation can be righted be-