

DOUBLE TROUBLE FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

The pseudo-patriotism of some of our so-called big time coaches in both basketball and football is astounding. These coaches are traveling over the country signing up all the likely 4F boys with athletic potentialities. They also are scouting for all 17 year old high school graduates who have one year of athletic competition before registering for selective service.

The method employed by these proselyting coaches is to appear at alumni gatherings and quarterback clubs, as well as business executive meetings. They show their reels of football or basketball games and enlist certain men of the community, whether alumni of the college or big shot business executives who grab an opportunity to get ^{into} ~~in~~ the reflected limelight of publicity. These high powered young business executives have the name and record, as well as the financial standing of the young athlete's family. They know just how much money the family will need to help this young high school athlete obtain a college degree. This personality-plus business executive has already talked to the dad or mother of the young athlete and assured them that he can fix the boy up with Coach So-and-So of Siwash fame.

When this coach comes to town he is entertained by this business executive or executives of this hot down-town quarterback club, and the boys are brought in and introduced to Coach So-and-so.

Now, that is just one angle. It is possible that the alumni of several colleges reside in the same town, and each one of the alumni of certain colleges or the followers of the various colleges will make appointments with their own particular favorite coach. ^{So this procedure is repeated often according to the athletic prowess of the H.S. boy.} In this way it is possible for the boy to talk to and even be propositioned by five or six of these itinerant athletic tramp coaches who are out to buy the boys on the hoof through the so-called respectable status of the coach being interested in the welfare of the boy. As a matter of fact, this ^{proselyting} coach is only interested in his own coaching