

Highland Station #7,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Allen:

The newspapers here have just reported a blast that you let off recently regarding commercialization of athletics, particularly basketball. You'll probably get some nasty letters in reply. There must be hundreds like myself, however, who applaud a man of your fame in sports daring to criticize what many of us believe to be a situation ruinous to college sport. Many of us are inarticulate and say nothing. This note is probably classified as a "crank" letter, but I've always thought that if some of us would speak out a little plainer, we might save a bad condition. A salute to you, Phog, and be sure that not everyone is against your stand.

H. L. Smith