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Open Forum

Here is a clipping from the December Number of "The Rotarian" sent to you for your information and also with the thought that you might like to call this to the attention of your club.

. . . *And a Reply*

I find that, as President McConaughy points out, I am out of date on my Rhodes Scholarship requirements, and I stand corrected. . . . When some of my college friends made the Rhodes Scholarship grade, they were then usually picked from athletic teams. But I see they have modified that, and I think it is right and proper that they should.

So far as colleges putting all athletic activities, including budgets, under the direct control of the administration, I know that is not true in our section and in the West. . . . Many administrators may say that they do it that way, but while the members of the athletic board are generally from the faculty, alumni, and student groups, it is entirely a different method of handling money from that used in strictly college finances.

Now, regarding the quotation of ex-President Angell. I did not mean to insinuate Dr. Angell had any thought of subsidizing athletes. I know that he never did. My only point was in stressing the fact that educators thought that athletics should be an intrinsic part of the work of the college, and as athletics are being handled now, that idea has become badly warped. There was certainly no intention of "twisting the quotation" in an effort to have Dr. Angell say something he did not intend to say.

August 25, 1938.

Mr. Paul Teetor,
The Rotarian,
35 East Wacker Drive,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Teetor:

Thank you very much for your good letter of the 24th. I quite agree with you that the affirmative could be strengthened if we include a few case reports. I had these in my first draft, but removed them thinking that in my position here as director of physical education and being a member of the Big Six Conference that it would be like throwing mud at your own family.

Now I will mention some of these to you, but I would not want to mention names because that creates ill will and recrimination. You, having seen Major Griffith's article, could be in a better position than I to put in the things that you desire to make both articles tie up. Why would it not be best for you, as you have my permission to do so, to write the things that you think this article needs, and when you have finished it you send me a page proof and I will o.k. it.

Now the things that I am saying to you in confidence and off the record and not for publication are some things that I know have happened in several conferences.

A few years ago the University of Kentucky diverted $10,000 from the athletic association for advertising, and this sum was for the purpose of hiring athletes at $90.00 a month. This $90.00 a month salary went to both football and basketball players. I have this from Adolph Rupp, who is basketball coach at the University of Kentucky. Rupp was a member of my 1923 ever-victorious basketball team here at the University of Kansas.

I also have definite knowledge that there is an assistant athletic director whose school is a member of the Big Ten Conference, and that school is located in Chicago, and this assistant athletic director is the man who takes care of monetary arrangements for the boys who attend this institution. This fellow pays the necessary expenditures of these boys, whether they live in a hotel or other places, and he cracks down on them if they do not do what he desires so far as their getting eligible and their training methods are concerned. The football coach and athletic director, of course, know nothing about it, but you and I both know that they both know.

There is a school located not far from you in which forty big shots endow four scholarships a piece per year. The scholarships are $125.00 a month scholarships. That means that there are 160 picked men - picked for their athletic ability, that go to this institution. The only requirement is that the football boys go home twice a year to visit their mothers, once at Christmas and once at Easter. There is no work done for this sum. I had this definite information from the football coach of this institution.

There is another school in the east at which a training camp is held in August where the varsity men try out and get in condition for their fall schedule. At the same time the freshmen who have been gathered up by the athletic director and his aides assemble at the camp. Double daily workouts are held at this camp and the freshmen who survive this ordeal are selected to go to this institution. The salary two years ago was $90.00 a month with all theater tickets, board, room and tuition paid. Any show or any entertainment, such as a big league baseball game, which these athletes desired to attend were made available to the athletes if they would call at the office and check out tickets. The freshmen who did not show up in this summer grid camp were released very much in the same manner as the spring training of the major baseball leagues. This does away with the necessity of worrying about the athletic ability of a boy before he has matriculated at the university. Of course, the freshmen and varsity work against each other and play a few games in the training camp without any information going to outside sources.

There is a certain school in the Pacific Coast Conference where former G-Man Edwin N. Atherton is investigating, whose athletic director is nothing more than a glorified contact man who makes all arrangements for athletes at the proper monetary set up. This chap works pretty much in the open at times as do some big league scouts. They go anywhere in the United States and get their men.

There is another coach of a school further up the coast who paid the tuition of a boy in Kansas to enroll at the west coast school. In this instance the coach through alumni had the boy sent out to California last summer, visited in the coach's home, and the coach took him to a certain judge who made all arrangements for board, room, tuition, books and spending money. When the boy came back to Kansas prior to his enrolling here in the fall, the coach of the California school and I met in the boy's home. The only answer for the coach doing this particular thing was that when he wanted to buy an automobile he could either buy a Cadillac or a Ford. That is what he said to me. The boy told me the whole proposition that had been made. His father is a graduate and a letter man of this University and the principal of the high school in one of the small towns close to the University, and he desired the boy to attend the University of Kansas. However, he would not stand in the way of his boy going elsewhere if he felt he had a larger opportunity. I might say that the boy is enrolled at the University of Kansas, and turned down the proposition of the Pacific Coast school. The coach is a former athlete who

played at the University of Kansas and was my assistant coach here before going out to the Pacific Coast. They all do it out there and nobody has any qualms about it.

A shameful procedure happened a few years ago in our own Big Six Conference, when it was necessary to resort to the application of a retroactive rule to make Jim Bausch a professional, although he was hired by an insurance company at $75.00 a month, a thing that is practiced and has been practiced for years by athletes of other schools which are members of conferences many, many times older than the Big Six Conference.

Now, regarding the effect and solution that you mentioned in your letter, I had touched upon this on page 3, but perhaps did not get enough of the dramatic effect that you desired. I also touched upon the morale of youth on pages 1 and 2, but I imagine not strongly enough. You have my permission to tone this up in keeping with the negative side of the question and I am sure that you can do it better than I can by having the two articles before you.

One observation that I would like to make is that one of the requirements for a Rhodes Scholarship is that the applicant must be outstanding in at least one sport. The English idea is that an individual should be proficient in some sport to be a gentleman. In other words, the English encourage the physical skill idea, while apparently the American educator looks upon this skill with suspicion.

Football is no longer a sport - it is a business. There is not a college, outside of Johns Hopkins University and one or two others, that does not subsidize athletes. This produces hypocrisy and mass perjury, as I stated. I have coached football in this conference and in the Missouri conference for ten years, and I know as athletic director during the past eighteen years what is practiced by most football coaches and their colleagues. The college presidents are afraid of the alumni. And the only way that this racket will ever be corrected is by abolishing the American game of football and substituting the Canadian game. Most American colleges who have played both of them say the Canadian game is much superior.

The other method, and the one that I would recommend, is that the question of eligibility should be solely one of academic credit, with permission for athletic scholarships as well as any other special scholarships which are offered by alumni and other beneficiaries. This is the one that you have permission to print. This would do away with hypocrisy, and not make a boy a part of the cheating plan that is now infamous and most degrading to the welfare of the youth. The other sports outside of football do not draw the gate that makes proselyting and professionalizing of these boys profitable.

If the Federal government has the license on liquor and other deterrents to the physical and moral health of the individual, I imagine the college administrator could figure that football with all its corrupt practices is legitimate as it contributes to intramurals. But I think it is a very weak point.

I am very sure that I have made no revelations to you but what any administrator of college athletics knows full well. I know that my good friend, Major Griffith, knows hundred times more than I do about the corrupt practices of the football racket.

If it is not too much trouble for you I would appreciate your sending the requisition through for the voucher, at your early convenience. I find that my family has taken too many vacations and my golf has been too expensive for the summer. While it is a small amount, I have about four such items that would help immensely if they were in my possession at the present time.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Dear Dr. Allen:

Your interesting manuscript upholding the subsidizing of athletes was received on schedule and very shortly we shall have a check ready for you. In the meantime, however, there are a few points which I feel could be strengthened. We have had the manuscript copied and I am returning the original to you in case you have no copy in your files.

We definitely feel that the affirmative could be strengthened if you included a few cases or "reports," at least, that there now is subsidizing of athletics. That should be made rather strong, even though you find it necessary or advisable to use hypothetical names of institutions and individuals. Examples

Then you could bring out something on what is the effect of subsidizing. A premium is put on hypocrisy and dishonesty. In other words, it is bad moral training. What is the solution? To recognize openly what now is, to systematize it and have exchange of information so there won't be "slave bidding" - that is, a successful athlete won't be able to "sell" himself to another school. Effect - Solution p.3

~~The~~ A point in which Rotarians will be interested is the influence of subsidizing or not subsidizing openly, on the morale of youth. In other words, let us teach youth honesty instead of hypocrisy; teach them to be realistic, etc. Such an argument as this puts the case on a similar basis to that brought out in the negative discussion. In other words, a strengthening of the phase of what's best for youth. Morale See bottom p.1 + top p.2

Your article is about the right length, so if additional points are brought in, there will have to be a bit of trimming elsewhere. But with your permission we can take care of that on the return of the article. Of course we will send you page proofs just as soon as they are ready.

We are getting close to our closing date, so we shall very much appreciate your giving these suggestions your early attention. I'll hope to hear from you by Saturday.

I note in your letter of August 23 that your secretary is away, so do not hesitate to make any changes and additions by pen.

Again, many thanks for your fine cooperation.

Cordially yours,

Paul Teetor

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Dr. Forrest C. Allen

SHOULD COLLEGE ATHLETES BE SUBSIDIZED? YES!

Subsidizing does not mean the hiring of players ~~purely~~ merely for playing ability, at a salary based on skill. That is professionalism. Then the answer for the colleges is emphatically, No! If subsidizing means "to furnish aid with a subsidy", or to give ~~giving~~ the athlete an even break with others in extracurricular activities, then Yes! And why not? New Par add Some facetious wag rate - 2 Par. (and football neighbors)

Roosevelt are gell

"Without discrimination for or against the athlete" has long been the slogan of the present purity collegiate eligibility rules committee. There has been much talk, but little action to bring this matter squarely out in the open.

Some of our American university administrators suffer from a deadly disease - the disease of "buck passing". The three great epochs in our American life are the passing of the Indian, the passing of the buffalo, and the passing of the buck.

We readily recognize some alarming and attendant evils connected with intercollegiate athletics in some sectors, especially football. However, there is, in my opinion, a far better way of meeting the attendant evils than that endorsed by the National Association of State Universities concerning their "Standards of Athletic Eligibility", drawn up by the committee on Student Group Life, November, 1935. Article III of their regulations follows: "The faculty committee on eligibility shall, in advance of competition, require of each candidate for competition in any sport, a detailed statement in writing of the amounts and sources of his financial earnings and income received, or to be received during the college year and the previous summer, from others than those upon whom he is naturally dependent for support. In ~~any~~ case any question arises with regard to the implication of this statement, the matter shall be referred to the executive committee of the conference for decision."

If the above unfair discriminatory regulation does not produce mass perjury, then pass judgment upon the following edict: "Every candidate for an athletic team must, after a careful explanation of all the eligibility regulations and their implications of honor, by the faculty committee on athletics, declare orally

to the committee and in writing upon his honor his eligibility or ineligibility under each separate regulation. Each member of the athletic staff, physical education department, athletic council, and faculty committee on athletics, shall upon his honor in writing certify his own adherence to all the athletic regulations and to the best of his knowledge the eligibility or ineligibility of every member of the team that represents the institution."

There is no admission or confession here stated that the majority of athletes are receiving secret subsidies of a clandestine nature, but the very tone of this act immediately takes on the spirit of the inquisition, and then the crime results in getting caught. This scheme above mentioned was in operation a decade ago concerning summer baseball for collegians, and it failed dismally.

You and I know that fraternities and sororities feed athletes, who, being without the price of eats, pack a football and a sturdy pair of legs goalward and to glory. You and I know that fraternities and sororities index "wow" term papers and examination questions from year to year, even going so far as to determine just what pedagogue received this or that epistle and noting upon whom it should or should not be used at the next future time.

You and I both know that the students on this great American frontier used expert "ponies" long before the automobile age, and that professors who caused students to sign the "no cribbing" exam blank knew full well that many who signed were either going to crib or had already done so. Just as long as students are required to do many things in which they have no interest, these "get by" rackets will be indulged in with no qualm of the conscience.

The athlete is already and many times discriminated against. Just why should the finger of suspicion be pointed at a two-fisted, healthy American boy because he wants to play a game in which he excels? Why should he be hailed into an academic court, lectured to, and caused to sign papers and also to declare orally that he is without stain of professional guilt any more than the music or art student who is ~~xxxxpaid~~ not only paid a tidy sum for singing in a church choir, but in addition

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is given credit toward graduation for his singing in that choir.

No credit is given the athlete for participating in daily two hour practice drills on the football field, or for playing in a regularly scheduled contest. But if he should go down town and play in any competitive game with an outside team, even without remuneration, he would automatically become ineligible. If the athlete should referee an intramural game of any kind for the same amount of money that the singer receives for his one hour's work, the athlete immediately becomes a professional and is ineligible to play. When playing games for his school in intercollegiate athletic contests no academic credit is given for this activity, but credit toward graduation is given a member of the band for his services.

It is thinkable that you could take athletic coaching by correspondence and maybe you could get a job at some fine school, but it is improbable. By earning a varsity letter you feel that you have filled one of the laboratory requirements. If you desired to teach history or chemistry, you could carry the minimum the school required and you could take as long as you desired to complete the course. But if you care to participate in intercollegiate athletics you must possess 28 hours of academic credit the two preceding semesters before you can enter the game laboratory of athletic instruction.

A recent survey was conducted in one of our co-educational mid-western universities to determine what percentage of the male student body was eligible for athletic competition under the present ruling of 28 hours of passing work the two preceding semesters. The findings were interesting. Out of a total enrollment of 2700 men students, 1240 were eligible and 1460 were ineligible; a little less than 46% were eligible for athletic participation ~~if they had~~ had they the ability and desire for varsity athletic competition. Undeniably it is unjust to the athlete to focus so much attention upon the undesirable reflection that he brings upon his school and himself when his class grades render him ineligible for intercollegiate competition.

It is just as logical to think that we should have physical education scholarships as well as any other special scholarships which are offered by alumni and other beneficiaries. Coaching and physical education are professions, and the sooner we have a newer and a better understanding on these moot points, the better off all of us will be. Who can say that from a great army of aspiring youth, tingling with the love of contests and conquests, it is not possible to discover another young Naismith, a Stagg, a Gulick, or a MacKenzie? These men were all poor boys. They struggled for their education and they competed in athletics when the parents of these boys frowned upon the profession that they were ~~able~~ to take up. Since those days physical education has been dignified and edified, until now we have giants of intellect as well as physique in the field of physical education.

Again I might ask why is it not possible for this young athlete to use his skills that are so highly developed in his quest for a higher education the same as the student of art and music. Great research men declare that the rhythm and the poise and the timing of a superb athlete are art and poetry in action.

From a practical necessity, the so-called poor boy who is skilled in athletic endeavor looks to his skilled physical activity as legitimate means of obtaining a college education. When college days come up this so-called poor boy, who has been fed on coarse but wholesome food and has been forced to labor throughout the day and into the night sometimes for a bare existence, is a fit subject for the so-called illegal athletic scholarship because he is tough enough to stand the football racket. And our average social "mezzanine hurdler" and "cooky-pusher" who is surfeited on the pre-digested food, the late hours, plus cocktail parties and the automobile, is no fit subject for a coach's perfect dream. Who will say that this fearless and rugged chap, endowed with nature's wonderful physique and a fine brain, hasn't as much right to use his God-given talents as a favorable introduction to a college education, as is the rotund and dapper high school luminary with a Carusoan voice who uses his talents in the fine arts singing at funerals.

It is a notorious fact that the wealthy alumni of some of the oldest colleges in America have long subsidized this so-called poor boy with heavy and powerful gastrocnemius and biceps muscles to the so-called glory of their alma mater. But when the Southeastern Conference proposes a new deal that perhaps is radical, some of these same representatives throw their hands up in horror and cry, "Sin! Sin!"

A shameful procedure happened a few years ago in our own Big Six Conference, when it was necessary to resort to the application of a retroactive rule to make Jim Bausch a professional, although he was hired by an insurance company at $75.00 a month, a thing that is practiced and has been practiced for years by athletes of other schools which are members of conferences many, many times older than the Big Six Conference.

Life is full of paradoxes. We give money to aid the physically crippled young, and in the next breath we give money to mentally cripple the physically strong. It is easy to collect a thousand dollars for a slush fund for certain purposes, where otherwise you would be unable to collect a hundred dollars for certain legitimate activities.

The Associated Press out of Los Angeles, on January 17, 1938, states as follows:

A Survey of Coast Sports

"Former G-man will Investigate Status of Athletics.

Los Angeles, Jan. 17.-- Dean E. J. Miller of the University of California at Los Angeles said today that Edwin N. Atherton, former G-man who created a sensation by a vice investigation in San Francisco two years ago, had been engaged by the Pacific Coast conference to assist in a survey of financial support for athletes. Dean Miller, chairman of a committee making the survey, emphasized that Atherton was not retained to seek 'evidence against athletes or to investigate any one institution'. He said the survey is to enable the committee to adjust 'rules concerning what constitutes legitimate aid for athletes.'"

If a G-man should investigate the Big Six Conference or any other honorable, long-established conference on obeying the present rules of the conference as they are now printed, his findings would cause much panic. The athletic situation is a mess. Conferences are printing one rule, but actually obeying another. This is comparable to the present ~~world~~ international situation, when the world powers say we must be prepared, we must protect ourselves against the outlaws.

When Primo Carnera, the great Italian hulk, won the world's heavyweight championship, a little Jewish boy who was his shadow and hero-worshiper, followed him everywhere. When Carnera left New York on the Italian steamer, the Roma, the little Jewish boy became a stowaway. Carnera was returning to his native home in Italy. He was lionized on his triumphal return to Italy; the women of his little seaside home knitted him the most gorgeous, multicolored shawl that the deft hands of Italian women could weave. When Carnera returned to America the little Jewish boy became a stowaway on the return trip, but as soon as the purser was out of sight, the little Hebrew slipped from his hiding place and camped along beside Carnera whose gigantic form was stretched out in a deck chair. As the evening wore on and the atmosphere became cooler, Carnera used this beautiful throw that the women of Italy had made him to protect himself from the chill air. The churning of the waves soon rocked him to sleep. The little Jewish boy, keeping a close watch over Carnera, soon had an impulsive desire to rush to the rail to feed the fishes. In his haste to scurry to the rail, he tripped over Carnera, and all of his gastronomic contents were spilled over Carnera and his shawl. The awakened and surprised Carnera looked at the mess and glowered on the little shaking, frightened and sick Jewish boy. But true to his traditional quick thinking, the little ~~Jewish boy~~ fellow gulped a couple of times, and then said, "Now, sir, Mr. Carnera, you will feel a lot better."

~~Some~~ conferences pay specialists whose business it is to keep some nervous and athletic sick stomachs from regurgitating in public ~~where the vomitus might nauseate John Q. Public.~~

OUR FOOTBALL NEIGHBORS - Washburn College

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Some facetious wag has said the only difference between a professional and an amateur was that the amateur would not take a check.

Another nimble wit has suggested that the four-letter boy in college nowdays was the boy with ~~the~~ large capital letters in a concentric circle over his chest - C * A * S * H

With no desire to be as facetious as these other wags but having the same second guessing privilege as the athletic minded, we are offering President Avery Brundage of the A.A.U. a left-handed suggestion which might have prevented a very serious embarrassment in A.A.U. circles last summer. This, of course, pertains to the much discussed Eleanor Holm Jarrett incident on the S.S. Manhattan.

Both Glenn Cunningham and Ralph Metcalfe of the Olympic Track Team declared that there were too many A.A.U. managers abroad. We would suggest that Brundage should have employed the large extra supply of free trip traveling A.A.U. managers as bartenders on the S.S. Manhattan. With this great group of team managers on the job at the bar-room Eleanor Holm Jarrett would not have had a chance to have gotten near the bar for her so-called over indulgences.

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But let's bury the A.A.U. for this season and discuss the great national business and professional men's obsession - the collegiate game of football.

FROM EARLY SEPTEMBER UNTIL AFTER THANKSGIVING THE AIR IS FILLED WITH PUNTS, PUBLICITY AND PLAUDITS. California - Only Chicago

Lovers of football are becoming increasingly concerned over the attitude of the growing minority among the spectators, who under artificial stimulus make the game unpleasant for their neighbors and even invade the field and interfere with the progress of the game.

It is somewhat strange that the phenomena of offensive drinking is really peculiar to football games - not being so evident at Big League baseball games, prize fights and other athletic exhibitions. Strange, because a larger proportion of those at the football games than at other contests have had the benefit of college training. Such training is supposed to have some beneficial effects upon a person's manners, self control and sportsmanship. Some of those who defend stadium drinking say that much of it is due to frigid weather conditions but those who regularly attend great skiing meets, toboggan races and other winter sports assure me that the spectators there, as a whole, are a sober lot.

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Today is the age of subsidizing.

President J. B. Conant of Harvard University ~~stated recently that Harvard~~ would subsidize the best young brains of the United States at his institution! ~~The lawyer, the doctor~~ ~~the minister~~ the student preparing for law, medicine ~~and the ministry~~ engineering, the ministry and all of the professions ~~are~~ have been and are subsidized. Why exclude physical education and athletics? ~~Is it because some educators think it is vulgar to sweat and~~ ~~below the dignity of real education.~~

"Whizzer" White is to be subsidized in England with a Rhodes scholarship. Yet if the English practice of subsidizing applied ~~in our~~ to our American colleges, Rhodes scholars were ~~Trouble U.S. athletes~~ our athletes, all of ~~these~~ our ~~boys~~ would be declared ineligible by our American collegiate eligibility committees.

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If subsidizing were dignified by recognition then the insidious proselyting that is so dominant today among 90% of our American colleges would be much diminished. This malignant athletic lesion that devitalizes many of our best athletes by the systemic hypocritical handing of sinecure jobs should be ~~[illegible]~~ cut out. Study the roster of the professional football leagues of the United States with the player's college affiliations, for a pretty fair appraisal of where proselyting is dominant. Many scars are carried for beyond the academic hall by surreptitiously paying a boy more to play football in college than he can earn on the outside in honest employment. The boy having taken this so called "easy money" during his eligibility playing days quite naturally turns to professional football when his eligibility is exhausted.

Write the Chairman of your College Athletic Committee and insist that the authorities carefully reconsider their past and present action of denying a square deal to some of the best brains and bodies in their institutions. ~~Enlist! Investigate and~~ ~~acquit insist~~ Enlist! Investigate and acquit our young athlete of any improper attitude when he desires to gain a scholarship obtain an education by using his complete talents in quest of a higher education.

"Thirty years ago when intercollegiate football was on trial because of physical dangers to the participants the late Theodore Roosevelt ex-president of the U.S. saved the game for the good that he thought it possessed."

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Today, with the game on trial again, this time because of alleged moral and spiritual dangers, there is need of another Evolutionary leader instead of a revolutionary one. The disease starts from without, among the men whose interest is misguided.

Ex Pres. Angell of Yale in emphasizing the need of competition p 590 sport groups said:"

C. W. Savage p 588 One phase of comp. vets

According to our American Amateur Ath-rules the English Cecil Rhodes if applied in America scholarship would make our American boys ineligible for athletic participation because it is a subsidy.

Ref to Pg 24 Kiwanis closing sentence - Kiwanis speech pg 14 life is full vets

Certainly the Pacific Coast Conference Faculty representatives realize with us that "you cannot bury your mistakes." And they desire to know the real truth. They would rather hire a man to curette the wound than to apply sedatives to a malignant athletic disease that has proved to be incurable under the present inadequate treatment.

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August 30, 1938.

Mr. Paul Teetor,
Assistant Editor, The Rotarian,
35 East Wacker Drive,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Teetor:

I received your letter of the 29th instant this morning, enclosing check for $60.00 and also rough copy of the revised article.

Thank you very much for the check. I appreciate your promptness in sending it, as the vacation time has made a dent in the Allen exchequer and this most timely contribution is very welcome. I will remember Mr. W. A. Dill, who spoke to me about writing the article, with a small honorarium.

I am very much pleased with the way you have handled the material for the article, and wish to congratulate you. You are a fine journalist, sir!

There is just one thing, however, which I believe we should change. On page 8, line 5, of the rough copy which you sent me we make specific mention of the Big Six Conference. I believe it would be much better to have the sentence read - "If a G-man should investigate any honorable, long-established conference . . . .". The Big Six and the Big Ten rules are practically the same and were written when there were real ideals fostered in the breasts of men like Alonzo Stagg and George Huff, of Illinois. I think it would be wise, however, if we did not specifically mention any certain conference in connection with an investigation.

You have done a fine job, and I am very grateful to you.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Dear Dr. Allen:

Here is a rough copy of the revision of your article. Copy has already gone to the printers, but if we have made the "cases" too strong, so that they may cause you embarrassment, do not hesitate to say so. We have tried to follow your suggestions as closely as possible and in such a way as to avoid "repercussions".

Our check for $60.00 to pay you for full rights on the article is enclosed. Sorry, indeed, for the delay in sending this to you. It so happens that last week most of the employees in the financial department of the Secretariat were on vacation, and all payments were withheld.

Very cordially yours,

Paul Teetor

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Should We Subsidize College Athletes? Yes!

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Subsidize college athletes? That's what we're doing now--furtively. There is not a college in the United States, excepting Johns Hopkins University and one or two others, that does not subsidize athletes.

Take the university with the 40 thoughtful alumni, for a sample. Every year each of these "well-heeled" gentlemen endows four scholarships each of which pays $125 monthly. This has a way of bringing 160 hand-picked athletes to the campus every Fall. But the scholarships aren't exactly gifts. The boys have to earn them--by visiting their Mothers at Christmas and Easter, absolutely! Beyond that there are no strings.

Or turn to that State University which a year or two ago diverted $10,000 from its athletic association for advertising. The sum bought football and basketball players... @ $90 per mo.

The same salary scale holds in a certain other school but there the selection of the athletes who shall benefit is a matter of pure science--of trial and error. Each August the football department holds a training camp where the varsity men start conditioning themselves for the Fall schedule. To the camp come also the Freshmen prospects whom the athletic director and his aides

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have coralled during the Summer. Double workouts are held daily, and the new lads who survive the grind are selected to attend the institution--at $90 per month, plus board, room, tuition, and all theater and baseball tickets. Freshmen who make poor showings in the grid drills are relaased--just as are the hopeless rookies in the Spring training camps of baseball's Major Leagues. Which is all very convenient. The coach knows what he's to work with before the boys matriculate--not after.

Foofball is no longer a sport. It's a business! A surreptitious business, a clandestine business--but a business nevertheless! I could offer further proof. I could cite as an added instance the school whose assistant athletic director is a sort of glorified paymaster. He handles all the monetary arrangements for the school's athletes whether they live on or off the campus. He "cracks down" on them if they violate training rules or let their scholastic averages slip. The football coach and the athletic director, of course, know nothing about it--but you and I both know that they know.

Someone has said that our American life divides itself into three epochs: The passing of the Indian, the passing of the buffalo, and the "passing of the buck." We are still in the middle of the last epoch--so far as the administration of college athletics is concerned. Everyone with at least one eye half open admits that there is some proselytizing in the present picture--but no one does anything about it--anything helpful. But something needs doing because this malignant lesion, this hypocritical parcelling-out of sinecure jobs is devitalizing many of our best athletes. Surreptitiously

pay a boy more to play football in college than he can earn on the outside in honest employment and you leave a scar on him which he'll carry far beyond the campus halls. Having grown used to the feel of this so-called "easy money" during his days of eligibility, he often turns to professional football when his college days are over. You have, in fact, only to study the roster of the professional football leagues of the United States and note the players' college affiliations to learn where proselytizing is dominant.

Now you can't get rid of this great straight-faced subterfuge by talking about it. That has been tried. I doubt if you can get rid of it at all. But you can dignify it—by recognition. You can bring it out into the fresh air of public intelligence, agree on principles, establish a few simple, business-like procedures—and so achieve ~~institute~~ scrupulous honesty in the athletic department of ~~the one~~ an institution ~~that is~~ dedicated to honest thinking, the ~~university.~~ college.

Talking, I have just said, has been tried. Three years ago the Committee on Student Group Life drew up some Standards of Athletic Eligibility. The National Association of State Universities endorsed them. Article III of these Standards provides that:

The faculty committee on eligibility shall, in advance of competition, require of each candidate for competition in any sport, a detailed statement in writing of the amounts and sources of his financial earnings and income received, or to be received during the college year and the previous summer, from others than those upon whom he is naturally dependent for support. In case

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any question arises with regard to the implication of this statement, the matter shall be referred to the executive committee of the conference for decision.

If the above unfair discriminatory regulation does not produce mass perjury, then pass judgment upon the following edict from the same source: Every candidate for an athletic team must, after a careful explanation of all the eligibility regulations and their implications of honor, by the faculty committee on athletics, declare orally to the committee and in writing upon his honor his eligibility or ineligibility under each separate regulation. Each member of the athletic staff, physical education department, athletic council, and faculty committee on athletics, shall upon his honor in writing certify his own adherence to all the athletic regulations and to the best of his knowledge the eligibility or ineligibility of every member of the team that represents the institution.

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There is no admission or confession here stated that the majority of athletes are receiving secret subsidies, but the very tone of this act immediately ~~takes on~~ gives it the spirit of the inquisition, and then the crime results in getting caught. This scheme above mentioned was in operation a decade ago concerning Summer baseball for collegians, and it failed dismally. It is working no better today.

Open honest subsidy is the only answer. But by subsidizing I do not mean the hiring of athletes merely for playing ability, at a salary based on skill. We have that sort of thing now in the tramp athlete, the youth who seeks to barter his physical prowess <u>not</u> in exchange for an earnestly desired education, but only for an attractive

monetary consideration. I am vehemently opposed to him and his kind, as, I am certain, most college coaches are. I am irrevocably against professionalism of this sort or any other in college athletics!

But if subsidizing means "to furnish aid with a subsidy," or to give the athlete an even break with other students, then my answer is Yes! And Why Not?

Today is the age of subsidizing. President J. B. Conant, of Harvard University, stated recently that Harvard would subsidize the best young brains of the United States at his institution. Students preparing for law, medicine, engineering, the ministry, and all of the professions have been and are subsidized through scholarships and fellowships. Why exclude physical education and athletics? "Without discrimination for or against the athlete" has long been the slogan of the present purity collegiate eligibility rules committee. There has been much talk but little action to ~~bring this matter squarely out in the open.~~ shift that principle into gear.

Byron "Whizzer" White, superb football player from Colorado, is to be subsidized in England with a Rhodes Scholarship. Yet if the English practice of subsidizing Rhodes Scholars were applied to our American college athletes, all ~~of our boys~~ would be declared ineligible by our own eligibility committees. One of the requirements of the Rhodes Scholarship is, in fact, that the applicant be outstanding in at least one sport. English education, in other words, encourages physical skill, while ~~apparently~~ American education looks upon that kind of skill with suspicion.

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The athlete, I repeat, is already and many times discriminated against. Just why should the finger of suspicion be pointed at a healthy, husky American boy because he wants to play a game in which he excels? Why should he be hailed into an academic court, lectured to, and caused to sign papers and also to declare orally that he is without stain of professional guilt any more than the rotund and dapper campus luminary with a Caruscan voice who sells his talent singing at funerals and collects a tidy sum for singing in a church choir, and in addition gets credit toward graduation for his singing in that choir.

No credit is given the athlete for participating in daily two-hour practice drills on the football field, or for playing in a regularly scheduled contest. But if he should go down town and play in any competitive game with an outside team, even without remuneration, he would automatically become ineligible. If the athlete should referee an intramural game of any kind for the same amount of money that the singer receives for his hour's work, the athlete immediately becomes a professional and is ineligible to play. When playing ~~games~~ for his school in an intercollegiate ~~athletic~~ contest, ~~no~~ he receives no academic credit ~~is given for this activity,~~ but credit toward graduation is given ~~a~~ members of the band ~~for his service.~~ who play between halves at the same game.

If you ~~desired~~ want to teach history or chemistry, you ~~could~~ can carry the minimum load the school required and ~~you could~~ take as long as you desire to complete the course. But if you want~~ed~~ to coach athletics and ~~sought~~ seek to earn a varsity letter as a recommendation, you ~~would have to~~ must

possess 28 hours of academic credit the two preceding semesters before you ~~could~~ can enter the game laboratory of athletic instruction.

It is just as logical to think that we should have physical education scholarships as well as any other special scholarships which are offered by alumni and other beneficiaries. Coaching and physical education are professions, and the sooner we have a newer and a better understanding of these moot points, the better off all of us will be. Who can say that from a great army of aspiring youth, tingling with the love of contests and conquests, it is not possible to discover another young Naismith, a Stagg, a Gulick, or a MacKenzie? ~~These men were all poor boys. They struggled for their education and they competed in athletics when their parents frowned upon the profession that they were to take up. Since those days, physical education has been dignified and edified, until now we have giants of intellect as well as physique in the field of physical education.~~

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~~Again, is it not possible for the fine young athlete to use his skills, just as does the student of art or music? It has been said that the rhythm and the poise and the timing of a superb athlete are art and poetry in action.~~

But life is full of paradoxes. With one hand we give money to aid the physically crippled, and with the other we give boodle money to mentally cripple the physically strong. It is easy to collect a thousand dollars for a "slush fund" for certain subrosa purposes, but impossible to collect a hundred for some legitimate activity.

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No doubt you read some months ago about the investigation the Pacific Coast Conference had instituted. It had hired a former G-man to assist in a survey of financial support for athletes playing in the Conference. If a G-man should investigate the Big Six Conference or any other honorable, long-established conference, on obeying the present rules of the conference as they are now printed, his findings would cause much panic. The athletic situation is a mess. Conferences are printing one rule, but actually obeying another. This is comparable to the present international situation, when the world powers say we must be prepared, we must protect ourselves against the outlaws.

Colleges should take a page from the ~~statute books of the~~ State of New York in its educational policy regarding high schools. All activities of the high schools in New York state, including all forms of competitive athletics, are under the direct control of the high school administration. There is no such thing as an athletic association. If colleges would abolish their athletic associations, with their alumni and student boards, and if the universities would handle athletic funds the same as all other state appropriated funds, then such bugbears as high priced coaches' salaries and bits of skullduggery such as diverting $10,000 or more from advertising channels into a "slush fund"—then much of the grief of our present athletic catastrophe would be done away with.

¶ James Rowland ~~Ex-president~~ Angell, ~~of Yale,~~ when president of Yale University, once made the case for ~~in emphasizing the need of~~ competitive sport groups, when he said: "We must believe in all sincerity, as I am sure many of us do not, that physical education, including competitive sports, is an essential part of the obligation of the college and in no

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sense a mere excrescence to be confided to the casual outsider or to the transient apprentice. We must recognize that it stands in the closest possible relation to moral education, which we often pronounce as one of the prime duties of the college, if not, indeed, the very first. We must believe unreservedly in sports for the whole college community, and competitive group sports as far as possible. If, then, physical education in the largest sense is an intrinsic part of the work of the college, why should there longer be hesitation in recognizing that fact, and accepting the full responsibilities which go with it."

¶ Why should there be, indeed? The core of the whole question is, ~~The point at issue here is,~~ what is best for youth? Shall we continue a system that puts a premium on hypocrisy and dishonesty, that encourages selfishness and parisitism, and that warps youth's view of life far out of line with the actual? Or shall we teach our young men to be realistic, to value their potential contributions as highly as the classics or chemistry student values his—and therefore to ~~demand~~ expect and get equal recognition. The choice, to me, seems obvious.

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