

First, play is instinctive and of decided advantage to the participant; it is a means of developing the individual, and for this reason it should be universal and of the nature of recreation.

Second, commercializing sport puts it in a wrong perspective for the individual who is preparing himself for his life work. Sport should be a means, not an end.

Third, it tends to over-specialization and leads to over-training.

Fourth, it makes work of sport, for the fundamental distinction between play and work is that we pay for the privilege of playing; but when we are paid for doing the same thing it becomes work.

Fifth, it puts too much stress on the winning of the game and too little on the subjective benefits of the sport. This leads to the practice of open violation of rules.

Sixth, it leads to a worship of the dollar in the field of athletics where recreation and development should be the end sought.

Seventh, it stimulates betting; for the man who is taxed to pay for the players feels that he has a right to get back the money which he has invested in the team. This leads to a wrong attitude towards the team for it becomes a means of making money.

Eighth, commercialism leads to a class distinction, for when a man is paid for his services in athletics he is on a different level from the man who buys him. He is under obligation to the man who pays him. Every man who puts a dollar into the treasury considers himself the athlete's master.

Ninth, it makes sport a spectacle rather than a source of recreation.

Tenth, it destroys class spirit and college loyalty. A common question becomes: "What is there in it?" The value of a suit far outweighs loyalty to an institution. Loyalty is fostered by sacrifice not by remuneration.

Eleventh, the study body of the nineties sacrificed that they might give us a clean sport and today we are reaping the benefits of their sacrifice. We ought to sacrifice for the good of the future students of the University.

Twelfth, commercialism narrows the field of sport, for no man will participate in any form of sport in which he is so far behind as to be laughed at. We insist on such a high standard of sport that few can please.