

The complete abolition of gate receipts which has been suggested, would not by any means furnish a cure for abuses, either real or imagined.

Figures were recently collected and published by a western authority on inter-collegiate athletics, which showed that of the one thousand institutions of university and college rank which undertake a well-rounded program of athletic sports, only twenty-five take in sufficient annual revenue from contests to cover the annual cost of their entire sports programs.

If colleges and universities are to continue to meet the demand for enlarged and more luxurious facilities for the staging of sports spectacles, involving large capital expenditures, it is only reasonable that those for whose benefit and entertainment the contests are presented should, through alumni and public gifts, provide the necessary funds. Certainly funds intended and required for the educational program should not be used for this extra-educational phase of college athletics.

Steps will be taken in due course to minimize the importance of gate receipts at games by some method of financing costs, which at present are a burden to the University. The Survey Committee has made various suggestions on this point and has furnished information as to how this has been done elsewhere including the extinguishment of obligations through gifts and subscriptions from alumni and friends, entitling donors to preferential treatment in the allotment of seats, varying with the amount of contributions and other preferences already established; and the issuance of secured notes of varying denominations, at a low rate of interest, to be sold to the alumni and public, purchasers of which would receive season ticket preferences in accordance with some equitable basis, reconciled with the present system.

Somewhere in this range of possibilities will be found a means of re-financing our obligations so that less and less reliance need be placed upon the familiar system of