

athletics from being vulgarized and from becoming more and more public spectacles, and that we should endeavor to return to some simpler method of athletic life. In some way we must get rid of the incubus of money. If we continue to make money as we are doing at present with our games we will go further and further along the path that we are now following. For if we continue to make more money we will spend more money. Strangely enough there are many people who attend these great pageants merely because it is fashionable, because of the great crowd, because of the excitement that prevails, who have little knowledge and interest in the game itself. They know nothing of the athlete's tingling delight in life, of brain divinely knit to limb. Now how are we to avoid becoming more and more a public spectacle? How are we to get rid of the yelling crowd thirsting for violence and rough play?

I am of course not wise enough to answer the question adequately. I believe that the rough professional coach is almost out of fashion, though many still persist—men with no idea beyond perfecting a fine football machine, jockeying schedules, winning games, establishing a reputation, and affording a spectacle to the multitude. The grim seriousness of such men has been transmitted to the players and much of the fun has been squeezed out of football by their efforts. Here is a clipping I cut from a Chicago paper a few weeks ago: "There was no 'singing in the rain' yesterday as Northwestern's grid warriors began preparations for the season's finale with Notre Dame at Dyche stadium Saturday. It was a grim set of youths who assembled in a drizzling rain and went through a routing drill on fundamentals, the improper execution of which cost them a victory against Indiana last Saturday."

The coaches I have known, Mr. Roper of Princeton, slightly, and more intimately Judge Steffens of Carnegie Institute of Technology, Dr. Mercer of Swarthmore, and Mr. Leary of Union, are all fine high-minded men who could be as unwilling to have anything to do with dishonesty, double-dealing, or corruption of youth, as anyone here present. It is no good shouldering the blame upon coaches or graduate managers. We, the administrators of colleges, must take the burden upon our own shoulders.

Here is what we might attempt: first, to have no gate fee to our games and to admit by invitation, second, to do away with high-priced seasonal coaches, third, to ban all scouting, subsi-