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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION, AND
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY.

In November, 1951, after the basketball scandal broke, Governor Wetherby, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky, called Mr. Vincent O'Connor, the Assistant District Attorney of New York, and urged him to come to Kentucky and make a complete investigation. In December, Mr. O'Connor had numerous meetings here with Governor Wetherby, President Donovan, members of the Board of Trustees and of the alumni. Mr. O'Connor was given the full cooperation of all. Due recognition of that cooperation has been made by Mr. O'Connor and by Mr. Frank Hogan, the District Attorney.

Subsequently, Mr. Robert P. Hobson, a Trustee; Mr. A. D. Kirwan, Dean of Students; Mr. Bernie Shively, the Athletics Director; and Coach Adolph Rupp, went to New York and conferred with Judge Saul Streit of the Court of General Sessions of the County of New York. President Donovan also offered to go to New York in order to give him any information which would be of help to him. In addition, financial records of the Athletics Department of the University were furnished Judge Streit in order to give him as complete a picture as possible of the entire athletics situation.

In spite of this, Judge Streit has seen fit to make public a denunciation of the University of Kentucky, its officers, its faculty, its alumni, its basketball coach, a public official of the State of Kentucky, and the community of Lexington.

Much of Judge Streit's statement reflects only his personal opinions based on meager and sometimes erroneous information. Interspersed with his statements of opinion are statements of fact. But these statements of fact, removed from context and taken together with his statements of opinion, have produced a distorted and untrue picture of the athletics program of the University.

Many of Judge Streit's opinions are controversial, even among his colleagues on the bench. On April 26, in sentencing two Manhattan College players on fix charges, Judge Barrett of the Bronx County, New York, Court said, "I see no harm in athletic scholarships; in fact, I think they are a good thing. The fault lies with the public. If they continue to bet on the games they are responsible."

The specific charges which Judge Streit makes against the University are several in number and they will be discussed specifically.

1. Judge Streit attributes the athletics scandal at Kentucky to "the inordinate desire by the trustees and alumni of Kentucky University [sic] for prestige and profit from sports". In the first place, it should be said that the Athletics Association of the University is a non-profit agency. All of its income goes for the support of the entire athletics program of the University as well as for other educational and cultural purposes. In the second place,