

people of the region who have been sufficiently concerned to express themselves. Every packed stadium or fieldhouse constitutes an endorsement of this athletics policy.

In conclusion, we would offer the opinion that Judge Streit went to unnecessary lengths in blackening the reputation of a University that has commanded respect throughout the land for its scholastic standards, for the high accomplishments of its faculty, and for its steady and sound development over the last three decades. It was totally unnecessary to the accomplishment of the purpose of the court for him to attempt to shake the confidence of the people of Kentucky in the entire structure of their University.

Our feeling about this is intensified by the realization that in sixty-seven pages of the attack upon the athletics policies of the University and upon its faculty, its alumni, its trustees, and its administration not one reference is made to the organized gambling in New York and the criminals that produced this scandal. We do not contend that our record in this affair is above criticism and we are firmly resolved to make such reforms in our athletics program as will assure the people of Kentucky that never again shall a scandal besmirch the name of their University. But in establishing an athletics program for the University we affirm that we shall be answerable to the people of Kentucky, to the N.C.A.A., and to our regional associations, and that our policies will not be dictated by Judge Streit.

For what has happened in respect to basketball, the administrative officials and the athletics staff are partially responsible, and they are ready to acknowledge that responsibility. But the blame for the tragic events of the last few months does not rest completely on any particular group or individual. It must be shared by the public that persists in gambling and in protecting gamblers, by over-zealous alumni, real and synthetic, who place athletics victories above all other considerations, by radio stations, newspapers, and magazines that have featured college sports out of all proportion to their importance, and by college and university administrative officials and coaches throughout the land. And it would be well for Judge Streit to remind himself that not the least responsible, by any means, are those who have tolerated the unsavory environment in which Madison Square Garden operates. It is a fact of some significance that there were no basketball fixes in America before the game was featured in Madison Square Garden and that no school, whether located in New York City or elsewhere, was ever touched by scandal until its teams had participated in one or more games in that arena. University administrators and coaches have erred in several respects, but one of their gravest errors was in ever permitting a basketball team to play in Madison Square Garden.

The following persons were in attendance and agreed to the issuance of this statement:

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