



BILL CURRIE

Mouth of the South

NCAA Vs. AAU

Long ago, in a seizure of cynicism, I developed the technique of looking with careful scrutiny at every so-called worthwhile endeavor to ascertain who might be making money from it.

This is a legitimate inquiry which any truly eleemosynary organization can not only tolerate but should welcome. Accordingly, for some years I have been wondering without discernable light whence the long and continuing struggle between the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU).

Each of the organizations wishes to dictate the regulations and policies under which amateur athletes, particularly track performers, may participate in international events.

The record teems with unbelievable examples of petty jealousy and downright misrepresentation on both sides. It was so embarrassing to see the foggy old men who run both organizations showing their posteriors to the world that President Dwight Eisenhower appointed General Douglas MacArthur to arbitrate. There was considerable rhetoric, but no progress; the war continues to this day.

AAU Financial Status

Of course I am not privy to the financial status of the wheels who run amuck purporting to boss the AAU. Apparently they do not suffer, but then again there is not much likelihood that they are digging in the Mother Lode.

The NCAA is run by college professors, which explains a good deal about its confusion and insatiable thirst for power. The professors are too busy publishing to avoid perishing to be in the office every day, so they employ some professionals who are not unlike their counterparts in the AAU.

But still, there doesn't seem to be enough money floating around to make anyone, even a college professor, put up such a struggle for supremacy.

Therefore, when one reads about the nauseating rulings which the NCAA has made in an effort to keep college athletics from participating in international events, one must recognize that the NCAA has its own self aggrandizement at heart much closer than it does the welfare of the individual athlete, or the relative position of the United States in the world of sports.

The AAU is equally guilty, for it would like to control all track as well as basketball, swimming and whatever else it may grab.

Craving For Power

Why? If it isn't money, then the obvious answer is the craving for power. Do not underestimate the temptation of power, for it was this craving which motivated Caesar, Alexander the Great, Bismarck, Napoleon and even Hitler.

As a matter of fact, most politicians are driven by their desire to exercise power over people and lands. So the fuddy duddy fringe, feeling the same longing to be in command, and lacking the grit and gall for war or politics, sneaks into such areas as the NCAA and the AAU.

In these sanctuaries where nothing more hurtful than a few measured phrases of invective is ever thrown against the other side, the struggle may be pursued in safety.

The only losers are those splendid young men who have been the victims of these organizations' efforts to protect the pristine purity of amateurism.

What constitutes an amateur, nobody can say with certainty, and both organizations bury their heads in the hypocritical sand when the need arises. So a pox on both of them!

Since the Federal Government is taking over everything else, why not amateur athletics? The staff for the new bureau is ready-made. The confusion already exists. All that's needed is tax money, and then there will be enough loot around to motivate somebody new to move in. It might help. It certainly couldn't be much worse.



DAVIE MAN NEW CHAIRMAN — Lonnie Howell, left, a resident of Mocksville and an employee of Holly Farms, is the new chairman of the board of directors of Yadkin Valley Economic Development District, Inc., the four-county organiza-

tion administers Office of Economic Opportunity programs in Davie, Yadkin, Surry and Stokes Counties. With Mr. Howell is E. Leroy Cundiff, a member of the board of directors from Yadkin County.

**Let us show you
HOW LITTLE IT COSTS
to air condition
your home!**




**CENTRAL
AIR CONDITIONING**

**LIVE IN COMFORT...
all through the house—
all summer long**

Cool comfort can be yours by simply adding a G-E space-saving, split-system to your central heating system. It's so easy and costs much less than you ever expected.

- Famous General Electric dependability.
- "Quick-Attach" refrigerant lines make hook-up quick and simple.
- Tough enamel finish resists weather and corrosion.
- Exclusive spine fin coil for a more efficient and quieter operation.
- Sealed-in-Steel G-E Compressor.
- Only system with "Matched Components" for high reliability.

MAKE YOURS THE "HOME FOR ALL SEASONS"

OWEN-LEONARD, INC.

Phone 636-0951

as low as

\$20⁰⁰ Per Month

We Have Installed Over 600 Air Conditioners In This Area