
Syracuse Hotels Take Action.

A contributor has left with us a clipping from what looks like a Boston newspaper. It is an editorial entitled, "Football's Aftermath." You will find it interesting:

"Something more serious than the commercializing of football calls for the attention of the college authorities. The leading hotel in Syracuse sends out the following notice to all persons who seek to reserve rooms for the nights following the important football games at Syracuse University:

"If we accept your reservation, we are going to ask you not only to be responsible for any damage which may take place in the rooms assigned you (whether it is done by your own party or by any person whom you may allow to visit your rooms); but to cooperate with the management by refraining from throwing anything out of the windows.

"Last year many people were injured and property damaged by this dangerous and unmanly practice. We are warned by the police that officers this year will keep close watch to discover from what rooms any article, whatever it may be, is thrown, and should anyone be hurt or killed, the party responsible will be held to strict account.

"We conduct an orderly and respectable hotel, and the public of Syracuse, as well as the University officials, are of the opinion that it is time to call a halt to the riotous and drunken orgy which has been such a disgrace these last two years."

"That such strong language is necessary is a stinging reproach to the college world."

Thus far the editorial. Nothing is said about a stinging reproach to the hotel world or to the Volstead Act or to the mothers of the girls who throw bottles out of hotel windows or to insane American life in general. Nothing is said about the "synthetic alumni," men who never went past algebra in high school but who follow a victorious team to make whoopee; nothing is said about the poor small-town drummer whose education never got past the whoopee stage. It would be foolish to deny that hotels have been lax in controlling football crowds or that bootlegging-bellhops have furnished exhilaration towards breaking chairs and chandeliers. But with all exceptions made, it is true that more effective character training on the part of the colleges would prevent much of the disgrace that comes to Alma Mater on the occasion of football games.

The Bulletin has been devoted almost exclusively these three days to a denunciation of the disgraceful incidents that follow big football games. Have you gathered the impression that Notre Dame men on parade are a gang of rowdies who run hog-wild as soon as they leave campus restraint? If so, correct it at once. The vast majority of Notre Dame men are a credit to their parents and their school wherever they may be. But one hoodlum can make more noise than a hundred silent gentlemen, and these warnings are issued to ask the gentlemen to suppress the hoodlums, by force if necessary, and to prevent inexperienced kids from being sucked in by hoodlumism.

It happened once that an organization in South Bend refused to rent its hall for any more Notre Dame dances -- and while the parties responsible for the brawl that took place in the hall were ginned-up strangers for the most part, the class sponsoring the dance was responsible for their presence on the floor. It happened last year that a lady walking along Michigan Boulevard just missed being struck by a bottle hurled from the window of a hotel in which a Notre Dame football dance was in progress. A sense of responsibility on the part of sane men can stop much nonsense.