

Educator Wonders How Football Can Last With Specialization

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With tongue in cheek, an English professor at the University of Indiana has forecast the sad collapse of college football by 1960.

The way Prof. Samuel Yellen sees it, in an article in the current Atlantic Monthly, the first step in football's demise began in 1947 when the University of Michigan team introduced the now widespread platoon system.

Under this plan a coach uses two different teams—one for defense and the other for offense. Gazing ahead, Yellen sees the resulting demand for football material exerting an ever heavier drain on the supply.

First, little schools like Wabash and Amherst will have to give up the game. As for the bigger schools, they will manage all right for a time. But around 1952, some outfit like Notre Dame will carry the platoon idea a bit further. They'll pop up with a specialized offensive unit of, say, three or four men trained just for one play—maybe a screen pass, or a deceptive off-tackle slant.

The opponents won't catch on at first. Later, however, they'll begin to develop specialized defensive units designed to cope only with the specialized offensive group. Then as soon as the later trots on the field, the defensive bunch will follow.

You can see that the possibilities here are almost endless. A coach might need half a dozen fullbacks, each for special plays. Squads might jump from the present 60 or 70 men to 150 or 200. College athletic costs will be sure to mount to staggering heights. Pressed for bigger funds the schools will find themselves in a quandary as 1960 nears.

Yellen, squinting into his crystal ball, sees mighty Michigan at last devising the ultimate solution. Since money will be the great need, why not another stadium seating another 100,000 people? Why not two games every Saturday instead of one?

Yellen projects himself into 1960 to imagine what it would be like. Michigan now has two stadiums. On successive Saturdays the Wolverines play double-headers. Sometimes they win both games, sometimes they divide.

But here's the big feature. The two fields are connected by a tunnel. Michigan shuttles its platoons and specialized units from one game to the other, more or less as they are needed. Why not? They're never employed full time in one contest.

Then the inevitable tragedy occurs. Traffic in the tunnel is pretty heavy and confusion is the rule. So no one can really be blamed when the signals get mixed and Michigan's defense platoon trots out and lines up against Michigan's offensive squad while in the other stadium Notre Dame's two main units face each other.

That day in 1960, when Michigan and Notre Dame wind up



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playing themselves in adjoining stadiums before a joint crowd of 200,000, is the moment Yellen thinks football's death knell will sound.

You think the guy is crazy? Maybe so. But at least he shows some nerve in tackling one of the big questions that is kicking around today. The question is: What is becoming of the "whole man" in a world that divides work and thought ever more minutely?

U. S. Engineer Survives Terrible Attack In Bolivia

CHEWELAH, Wash. —(AP)—Hung, stabbed and slugged in the face with a two-by-four during the Bolivian uprising, mining engineer Pat Green was still here today to tell the story.

The 35-year old man was a supervisor at a Bolivian mine at the time of the revolt last summer.

Green said he and six other Americans were seized by enraged miners as hostages. The miners hoped to force the Bolivian government to return deported union leaders by taking the Americans as hostages.

He said the sight of two miners killed by government troops sparked the violence that led to his own troubles.

"Enraged by X X X liquor and the sight of the two dead miners more than 1,000 miners burst in to the union hall crying 'blood for blood' and 'dirty gringos,'" Green said.

The mining engineer said he was slashed and stuck with knives, and stabbed with sharpened screw drivers and ice picks.

After he was cut and badly beaten, they put a rope around his neck and hung him from a flagpole. Green said a man smashed him in the face with a two-by-four inch piece of lumber as he was being hoisted from the ground.

The victim of the attack said he lost consciousness but was told later that he had hung by the neck for at least a half-minute

before his assailants dropped him to the ground when a Bolivian army plane flew over.

Sympathetic miners carried him back to the union hall.

"But, that wasn't all," Green said. "The workers returned to the hall a short time later, planted two cases of dynamite around the building and blew it up."

The surviving Americans escaped the final explosion because the miners had locked us in a small room in the union hall and forgot us."

Green was given little chance to live but recovered after he was flown to New York for two months of medical treatment.

He returned to Cashmere recently to rejoin his family.

Philosophy Of Oregon's Prison Draws Criticism

SALEM —(AP)— Oregon's State penitentiary has a completely wrong philosophy, Tom Humphrey, associate editor of the Oregon Journal, said at a forum here.

Humphrey declared that the philosophy of the prison is based on revenge and punishment, and that it should be based on rehabilitation so that prisoners can become useful to society after they are released.

Humphrey said there is need at the state institutions for better administration and more competent employees.

He said he has received reports of cruelty to patients at the Hillcrest school for girls and at the Fairview home for feeble-minded persons.

Humphrey also proposed that administration of the institutions be taken away from the State Board of Control and placed in the hands of an organization such

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as a State Board of Mental Hygiene. The public, he said, could do much to improve conditions at institutions by becoming interested in them. He urged the public to visit them often.

One place the public could help would be to give jobs to men discharged from the penitentiary. He said solitary confinement punishment at the prison should be reduced to a maximum of 30 days. He declared that some men are put in solitary confinement for as much as a year, whereas 30 days is about all a man can stand.

He also contains a Masonic lodge card if Fallang figures correctly. Fallang, deputy game warden, says he was dressing an Elk when his wallet fell to the snow from his hip pocket. He went home without it, later returned to the scene of his loss.

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