

Statement Made to the Executive Committee of the Southeastern  
Conference, August 11, 1952

H. L. Donovan, President  
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First , we wish to express to you our appreciation for your willingness to assemble again and hear our appeal for a more understanding verdict than you were about to pronounce upon the University of Kentucky when we appeared before you at your last meeting. Further degradation of our institution as a result of the basketball scandal cannot possibly serve any good purpose, as we have already pledged to you and to the country major reforms in our athletic policies. Through the unmerciful publicity we have received, the institution and those connected with it have already suffered untold misery. We feel now that we are entitled to some generosity and sympathetic understanding on the part of our colleagues with whom we have been associated since the formation of the Southeastern Conference.

At our former meeting the representatives of the University of Kentucky did not come before you asking for a "whitewash". We entered a plea of guilty to all of those charges to which we were guilty and we requested you to impose punishment upon us commensurate with the offenses we had committed.

It is a matter of fact that six of our basketball players did take bribes from gamblers to fix games by controlling the point spread. The University of Kentucky was deeply humiliated