

STATEMENT ISSUED TO PRESS BY DR. DONOVAN AND A. D. KIRWAN
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We appeared today before the Executive Committee of the S.E.C. and admitted such violations of Conference rules as we have discovered at the University of Kentucky. For these violations we respectfully requested punishment commensurate with the offense. We told the Committee that we were not seeking a whitewash. We promised that in future we would see that all rules would be observed at Kentucky, even those whose violation is universally condoned.

The Executive Committee has seen fit to suspend our basketball team from Conference competition for one year. We were impressed with the honesty and the sincerity of the Executive Committee in their long and exhausting deliberation. Nevertheless, we feel that the punishment we have received is excessive. For the violations with which we have been charged and which we have confessed, have been committed by other members of the S.E.C. in recent years. We pointed to specific instances of such violations.

We shall accept the verdict of the Executive Committee with as good grace as possible under the circumstances.

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