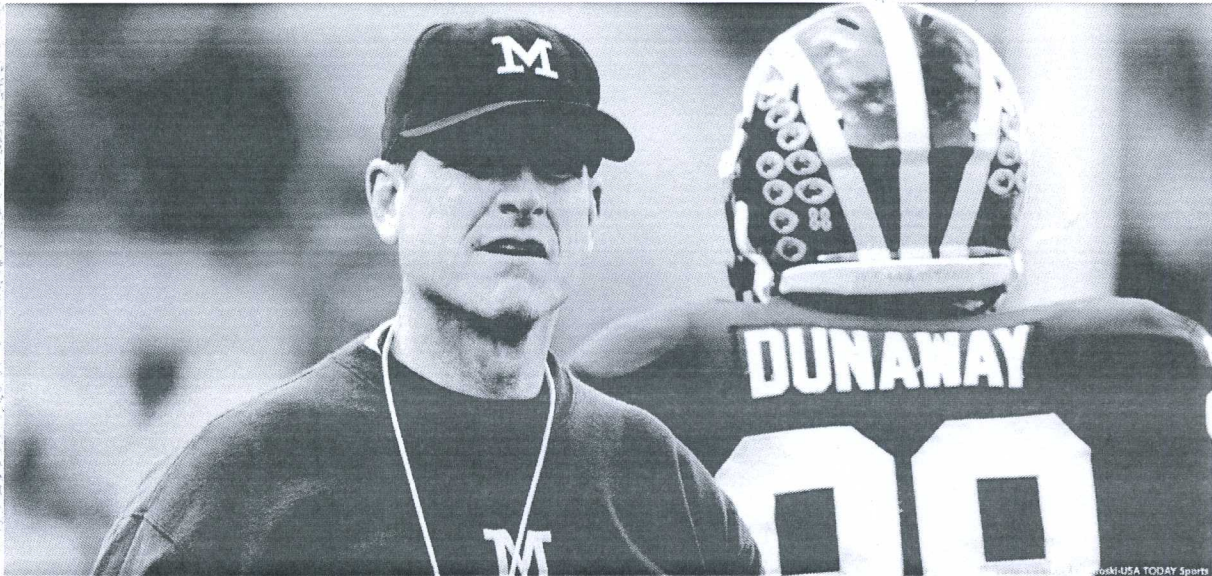


# NCAA Ban Of Football Satellite Camps Misses The Point, Hurts Players



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Mens sana in corpore sano.

Sound mind, sound body. A simple philosophy, which means exercise is good for the brain. What was revolutionary a century ago is common sense today. It's also the best reason to support school sports, which Americans believe in more than any other culture in the world.

In the late 1800s, when the Wolverines were just getting started, Michigan president James B. Angell hated big-time football, and just about everything that went with it: The coaches, the crowds, the media and the money. But the one argument Angell couldn't counter was "Sound mind, sound body." On that basis, he allowed the Wolverines to play. It's still a good reason, of course, so good Americans have expanded it to include women, thanks to Title IX.

True, the massive money big-time football and basketball programs now generate can easily eclipse the original motives for starting college sports. But for the vast majority of college athletes, that's why you play. A close second is the chance to go to college, something a lot of these athletes wouldn't have, if not for sports.



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