

to take care of our own team and leaving to the administrative officers in Lawrence the course they desired to pursue. We had no contact with them.

Certainly I was not asking for any tickets for the administration here at Lawrence. What I told you when you mentioned this was that they would take care of their own tickets, meaning that I would have no tickets for them in this exceptionally small allowance which you made, and naturally they would have to make their own arrangements. If you intended to make me feel that I was asking an especial favor of you personally for these tickets, you did so. There doubtless was some unpleasant background of my criticizing your N.C.A.A. tournament, and the feeling perhaps was on the part of both of us not to ask favors of each other.

Henry Iba told me that he heard on very good authority that if Oklahoma Aggies won the play-off they were to be matched against Stanford, and if we won the play-off we were to be matched against Colorado. Iba also told me further that if he won the tournament he expected to be consulted regarding the official who was to represent this district. The drawings for games were made, but they were not made in public, so far as we learned. Certainly there was no public notice of the drawings. I am frank to say to you that I had no great confidence in the quality of officiating from this district, and I believe that it did prove rather disappointing.

You had asked the coaches to determine the type of ball, but in your circular letter of March 10 you sent out a notice that the court would be equipped with 6 x 4 glass backstops, which was a violation of the rules as printed in the N.C.A.A. Guide. In our meeting at the President Hotel, Commissioner Peters had stated that all rules would be decided with no interpretation, but would follow strictly to the letter the rules as printed in the book. These and other acts of yours caused me to feel very uncomfortable when I was dealing with you.

I had stated that I was not interested in playing in the tournament, and it was only because the boys desired to play that I acquiesced. I can assure you now that it will take more than that to ever get me into another tournament where the University loses a large sum of money and the N.C.A.A. takes 55% of it. The 55% "lug" of the N.C.A.A. is an outrageous discrimination against the sport of basketball. In no other sport that the N.C.A.A. supervises do they take more than 10% - swimming, wrestling, boxing, track and field.

In order that the average layman can see the unfairness of this "lug", let us divide a \$5.00 bill the same as the N.C.A.A. divides the basketball receipts from the N.C.A.A. tournament. First, the N.C.A.A. takes 10% of the \$5.00, which is 50¢. Then they divide the remaining amount, \$4.50, the N.C.A.A. taking 50% of that, which is \$2.25. The N.C.A.A. therefore gets 50¢ plus \$2.25, making a total of \$2.75. The other \$2.25 is divided eighteen ways, $\frac{2}{18}$ going to each of the eight teams which play two games in the Western and the Eastern N.C.A.A. playoffs. That leaves the remaining $\frac{2}{18}$ for the two teams in the finals, such as Stanford and Dartmouth. One-eighteenth of \$2.25 is 12½¢.