

I got in touch with Professor Davis, and my letter of December 12th is the explanation that I made to him of my action. I do not recall that I called Professor Davis's attention to the letter that I had written to Mr. Quinn Henry on October 6th, because the whole matter seemed to me one that could have easily been taken care of if matters had been presented to the Athletic Board any time after October 6, 1939.

I think that I should quote you the rule that the faculty representatives based their action on. It is on page 14, section 3 of the Rules and Regulations Governing Athletics and all participation of the Missouri Valley I.A.A., published in 1937. "All intercollegiate contests shall be conducted within the city of one of the two schools involved and on grounds either owned by or under the immediate control of one or both of the colleges participating. All intercollegiate contests shall be conducted under college managements."

According to the precedents set forth in my letter to Professor Davis, George Edwards told me that the Missouri committee on athletics had ruled that when Missouri and Illinois and those teams played in the Washington University gymnasium and the St. Louis University gymnasium it was under the immediate control of those schools involved. What this rule obviously was striking at was professional promoters or outside individuals running athletics for university teams, and this has always been the interpretation placed on it until the interpretation in regard to Kansas participating in the Washburn tournament. Their contention was that if Kansas should meet Baker in a tournament it would not be under either Kansas' or Baker's management; neither was it true when Illinois met some of these Missouri Valley and Big Six schools. But the obvious way some of these schools have of doing things is to go ahead and do them, and then if anybody raises a question they make the interpretation for the faculty representatives. Our policy has been to put everything aboveboard and out in the open, and then be subjected to some unusual ruling of this nature.

Another point is in regard to the twenty games. At a meeting a year ago in Kansas City the faculty representatives voted that the basketball games should be cut from twenty to eighteen, but the unusual part of this was that neither the athletic directors of the Big Six nor the basketball coaches in general were informed of this ruling. You can see that in my letter to Director Henry on October 6th I make the statement that "the above mentioned games will have completed our twenty game limit." So there was entire innocence on our part, and further than that, there had been no notification by any one in authority here that we were limited to eighteen games.

I have been especially careful that no act of mine in any way should embarrass my superiors. In fact, I have constantly striven to cooperate to the nth degree in all matters of administration and I have been especially economical in the expenditure of funds, realizing that the Athletic Association had a terrific financial struggle during