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Dear Doc:

As Gwinn intimated in a letter today, I have been holding off plans for our proposed pre-season basket ball tournament until something definite came out of Kansas State.

The plan is to have eight teams here, play the games at Washburn's fieldhouse, with each club playing one game on December 27, 28 and 29. All proceeds, above actual expenses, would be pro-rated to the competing teams. We hope to have Kansas, Kansas State, Washburn, Emporia State, Baker, Ottawa and possibly Southwestern and Creighton.

Because I know you must complete your schedule within a short time, I called Mike Ahearn today to get his reaction. He is very favorable to the idea but wants to take the matter up with Jack Gardner, the new coach, who will not be in Manhattan until August 15. Mike also wondered about the Big Six schedule limit, which would be exceeded by one game if Kansas State played three here. He was interested enough, tho, to say that he might try to get out of one game already scheduled if Gardner is willing.

Personally, I believe such a tournament would pay all expenses easily this first year and possibly net each team some money. On an annual basis, it could be built into a real event and could include touring teams that might be coming this way.

We also plan to work out a clinic program for coaches and players if the tournament goes over and, of course, would want you to head the faculty.

Beyond this information, I have nothing more to offer until Gardner arrives. Of course, if you are willing to go ahead without definite knowledge from Kansas State, we are perfectly ~~xxxxxxxx~~ satisfied. I'm sure Baker, Emporia and the others will come in and Washburn is all set. We won't have any trouble getting the teams but my first thought was to get two from the Big Six, two from the Missouri Valley, two from the Central and two from the Kansas conferences.

I will appreciate hearing your ideas on the situation.  
With all good wishes,

*Gene Kemper*  
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