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Dr. F. C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Doctor Allen:

I am hoping that you have been thinking favorably about my telegraphic invitation to our holiday basketball tournament and hereby renew the bid. I'm sure that you aren't familiar with the details of operation so I'll try to explain.

The tournament was started some eight years ago with the idea in mind that it would give teams a good three or four-day drill in advance of the regular season in some good competition. Most of the coaches have told me that they find it the best proving ground for pre-conference seasons.

We have invited 16 teams to the tournament each year, getting them from Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Wyoming, etc. In order to give the teams a maximum of competition, a consolation playoff was set up, so that the teams could go on playing almost as long as their coaches wanted them to. Originally, the tournament ran four days in five--- that is Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday. Last year, because of the press of railroad travel and hotel accommodations over the weekend, we moved the event into three days--- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and trimmed the playing schedule some.

We are now planning on the same setup this year. That is three straight days of play. First-round losers would drop into the consolation bracket and if ~~xxxx~~ successful there, continue until defeated. Thus each team is assured of at least two games and we were able to arrange even more games for twice-defeated teams when the coaches were anxious for them.

Wartime having changed conditions somewhat in the Big Six, the University of Oklahoma is planning to enter the tournament this year and we feel that their entrance will add considerably to the attractiveness of the event.

I also feel that having the University of Kansas in the tournament would insure its success--- both artistically and financially. You have many friends on Oklahoma and a host of admirers. Kansas also has a large number of alumni in our state and I believe you have seen