

Lawrence, Kansas  
March 4, 1939

Mr. George Edwards,  
Columbia, Missouri.

Mr. C. E. McBride,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. J. C. Trussdale,  
Grimell, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter that I received from Mr. H. G. Olsen, as of November 7, 1938, asking me to serve as chairman of the N.C.A.A. 5th District and asking that I appoint two other members on the committee. Personally, I felt that a four-man committee was much better than a three-man committee, and made that suggestion to Mr. Olsen, Chairman of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament Committee, and he acquiesced. I am also sending a copy of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament plans, as he briefly outlined.

I would like to call your attention to the third paragraph of the letter in which Mr. Olsen referred to the possible contingency of Kansas winning the title. In that case he felt that it would be the part of wisdom to have Kansas take smaller action toward promoting her interests than if she were not in the representative list. While we desire all the cooperation and intelligent suggestions from Mr. Edwards, as well as his personal attendance at the meetings, since Missouri is in the championship titular hunt it may be the better part of wisdom to let the Missouri representative depend upon the other members in outlining the vital procedures for the tournament.

I am sending this copy of the letter so that you may know the wishes of the general chairman.

On the afternoon prior to our game with the University of Missouri at Columbia, Coach Edwards and I had a conference about the possible contingencies of the play-off series. I outlined to Coach Edwards the bare possibility of the winner of the Kansas-Missouri



game being tied with Oklahoma after next Monday night's Oklahoma-Kansas State game. In other words, the Big Six presents the possibility of having a co-champion.

The Oklahoma Aggies are definitely in as champions of the Missouri Valley Conference. I told Coach Edwards that it seemed unfair to pit two Big Six teams against the one Missouri Valley representative in a play-off series, and I voiced to him that I thought the fair thing would be to have two representatives of the Missouri Valley district, namely the Oklahoma Aggies and Drake. Drake is a close second to Oklahoma Aggies, and the fact that they defeated them at Des Moines owned the series in their own conference. Therefore, if such a situation does exist, that Missouri and Oklahoma are tied, then it seems fair that two teams from the Missouri Valley Conference with two teams from the Big Six Conference should have a play-off at some point to be selected real soon. Drawings could be made with the Missouri Valley teams playing the Big Six teams. This would be a two-night tournament, the second night would be the final play-off to determine the champion that would represent the 5th District at San Francisco on March 20-21.

I further expressed the opinion to Coach Edwards that in the event that Oklahoma should lose either one of the two games to Nebraska or to Kansas State, then Missouri would be the outright champion of the Big Six and they would meet the Oklahoma Aggies on some neutral court in a single game to determine the championship.

Coach Olsen stressed the point that the matter of being taken away from school as little as possible was one of the prime essentials that the tournament committee has emphasized. The time consumed in determining the district winner, and then the added time for the trip to San Francisco and then back to Chicago adds up into a lot of days away from school. We must protect our athletes against the charge of itinerant traveling men.

Upon receipt of this letter will you not wire me telling me if it will be possible for you to meet in Kansas City, say at the Continental Hotel, at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7th. This committee can then make final plans regarding the selection of the teams eligible for this play-off to represent the 5th District at San Francisco. The Monday night game between Oklahoma and Kansas State will be history and we will then be free to make a decision. There is a bare possibility that Oklahoma might lose to Nebraska Saturday night, but by writing this letter today and having it in your hands Monday morning I feel that I have moved as rapidly as possible consistent with possible changes in the situation.

I am thinking out loud so that you may have the benefit of my thoughts, and I might suggest that you also turn over in your mind and have ready for presentation your ideas on the location of this play-off tournament or play-off game. As I think it over, the cities that might be interested in this would be Des Moines, Oklahoma City and Kansas City.

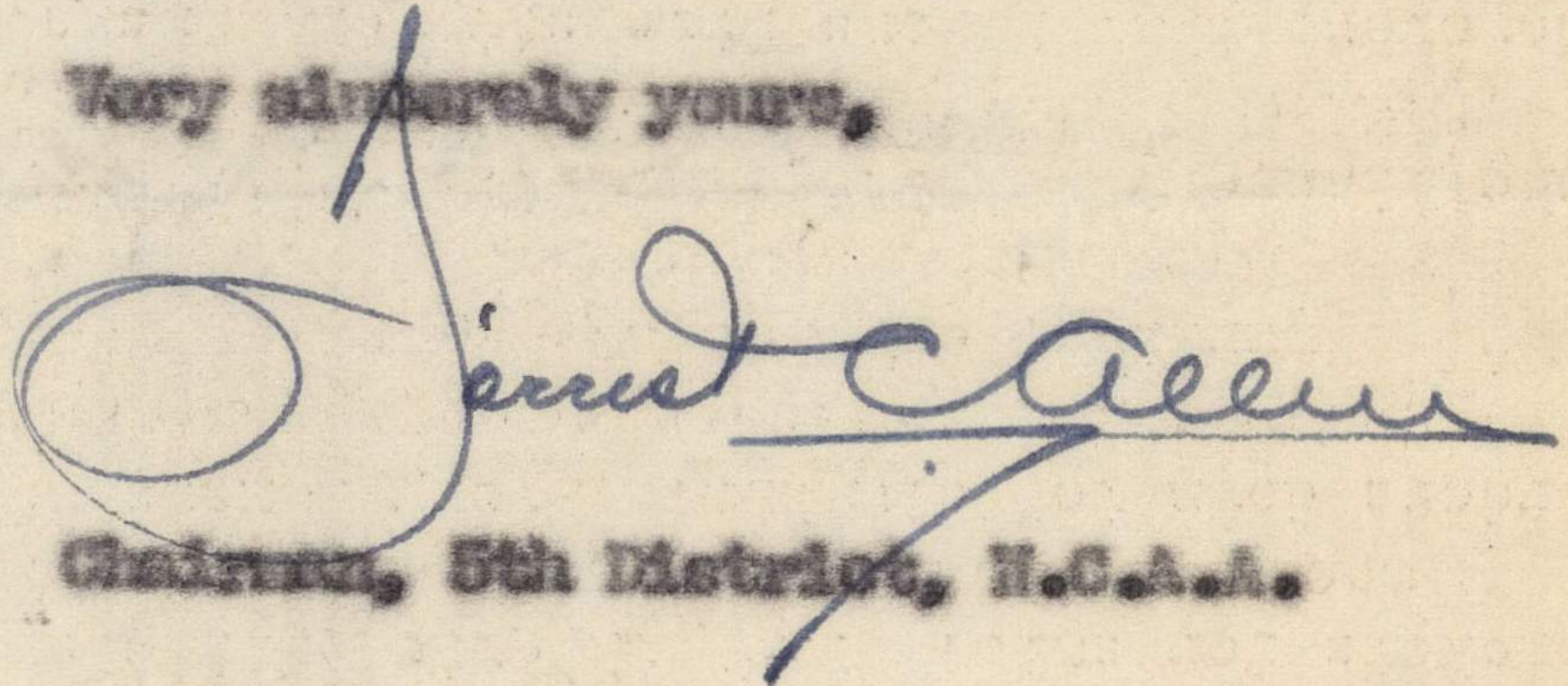


The National Intercollegiate Tournament starts in Kansas City on March 13 - 16. It might be possible to make arrangements with this tournament committee to stage our play-off games in conjunction with their games. Naturally the time for the lightest attendance for their tournament would be the first part of the week, say Monday and Tuesday, the 13th and 14th. By playing this tournament or game in Kansas City it is my opinion that both groups would benefit - the tournament committee in Kansas City and the members of our group. The citizens of Kansas City would naturally be basketball-minded due to the build-up that the Kansas City Star has given the National Intercollegiate tournament. And too, if the game should be in Kansas City it would be possible for Mr. Melride to inform John Q. Public the difference in the status of the two tournaments. So I think that one would help the other. Memorial Hall in Kansas City, Kansas, is very anxious to attract play-off tournaments of this kind, but I believe that we should stick to the basketball center of the United States - Convention Hall in Kansas City, Missouri, if it is possible to make arrangements.

Doubtless you will remember that when the N.C.A.A. tournament was first mentioned the thought was to have either the sectional district play-off of Districts 5-6-7-8 in Kansas City, or the final championship tournament played there. It was also tentatively planned in the beginning to have the National Association of Basketball Coaches meet after the final play-off game, as well as the National Rules Body to be in session at that time. But those things were changed, due to the fact that the World's Fair directors at San Francisco guaranteed the regional there, and the final game for the championship was set for Evanston, Ill., at Northwestern University gymnasium on March 27.

I will appreciate your wire at the earliest possible convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.

FCA:AH  
Enc.



Lawrence, Kansas  
March 13, 1940

Mr. B. T. Grover,  
Ohio University,  
Athens, Ohio.

Dear "Butch":

Immediately upon receipt of your letter this morning I got in touch with Mr. H. Roe Bartle, of Kansas City, who has kindly consented to be our principal speaker at the Coaches Association banquet.

Bartle is one of the outstanding Rotarians in the country, a National Boy Scout executive, a great football player, - and a real spellbinder on the platform. He is a real headliner, - not the Y.M.C.A. type at all.

Jimmy Conzelman is a great fellow, and if we could get him for some song specialty it would be fine. However, I feel we are very fortunate in securing Mr. Bartle.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Convention Committee.

FCA:AH

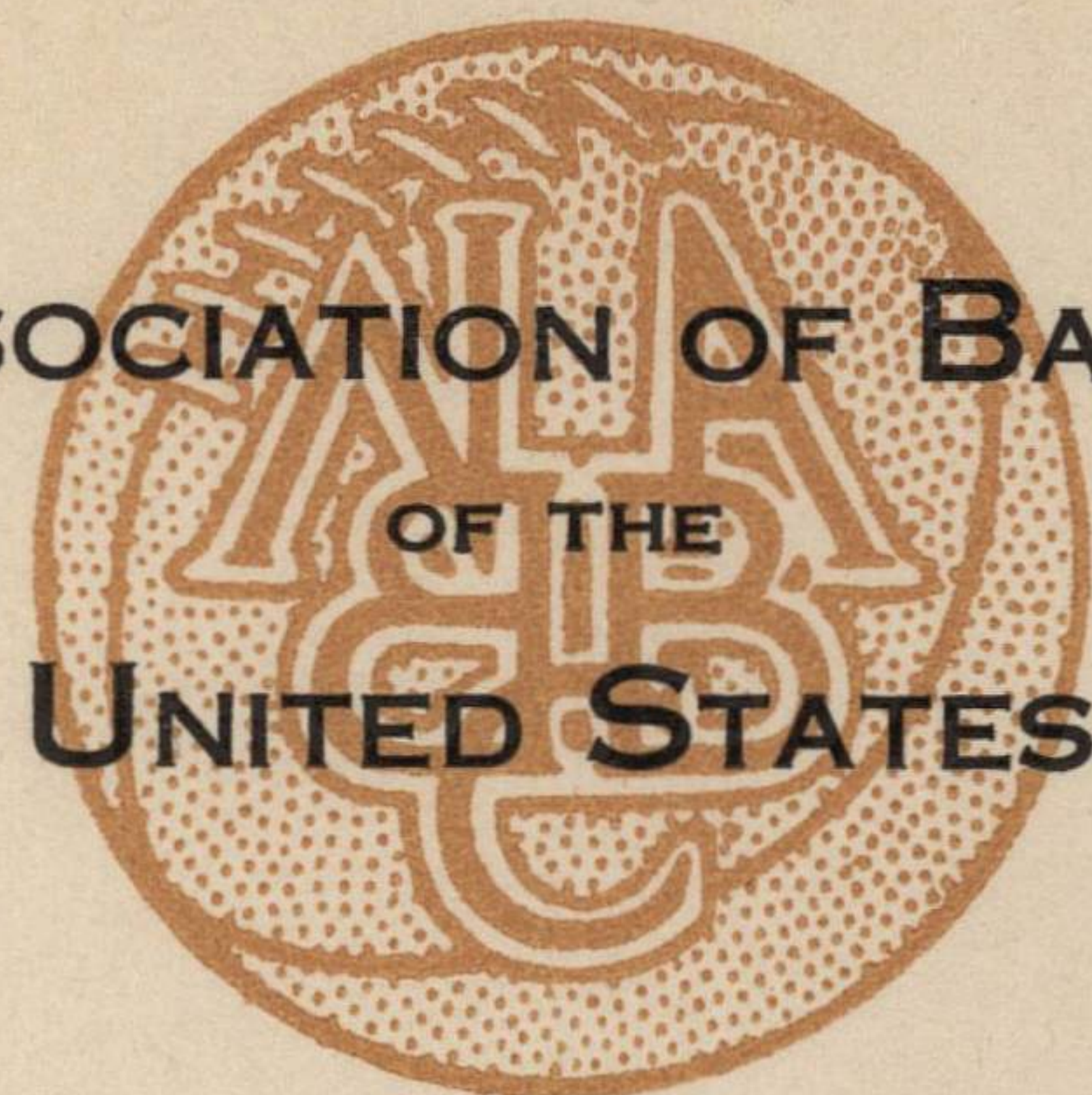


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Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
c/o University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Dr. Allen:

I hope that you did not misunderstand my telegram of Saturday suggesting that it might be possible to secure the president of Ohio University as a speaker at our banquet at Kansas City.

When I received your letter Saturday morning stating that you were under the assumption that I was to secure the speaker for this banquet I was not a little surprised. I had written you several weeks ago stating that if you would accept the appointment, I would gladly leave the selection of the speaker for the banquet entirely in your hands. I suggested also that you secure some one from that territory that could do us a good job and in this way the expense would be minimized. You indicated in your communication of Saturday that you have tried several men and that they are not available for this date. My suggestion of the possibility of our president was due to the fact that the time is now so short, and I was just reaching for the last straw as I saw it. I feel now that the matter must be left in your hands just to do the best you can. I do not know any one other than men from this section whose expenses would be too large for such a trip.

You suggest in your wire of Saturday that I talk the matter over with my board. As you know our board is scattered all over the United States and to get a vote from them would take entirely too much time to give a person sufficient time to prepare to talk on this occasion. What would you think of Jimmie Counselman, former director of football at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.? If it is entertainment they want, I think he could do a good job. I hope that you will be able to think of others and will be able to select a man. Whoever you select will be entirely satisfactory with me.

I will forward our program to you within the next week. It looks as though we might have Saturday afternoon free. Could we arrange for some sightseeing

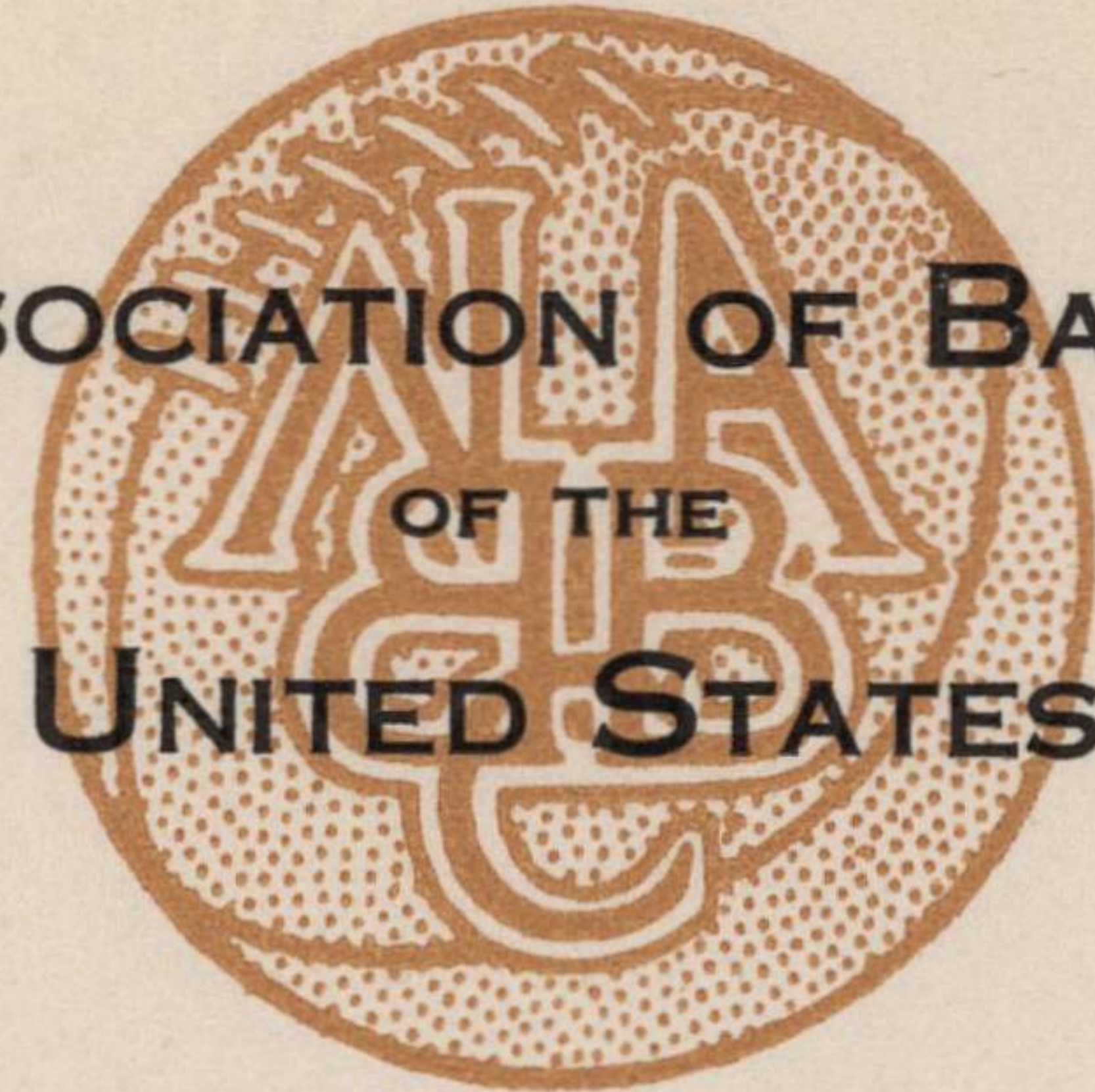


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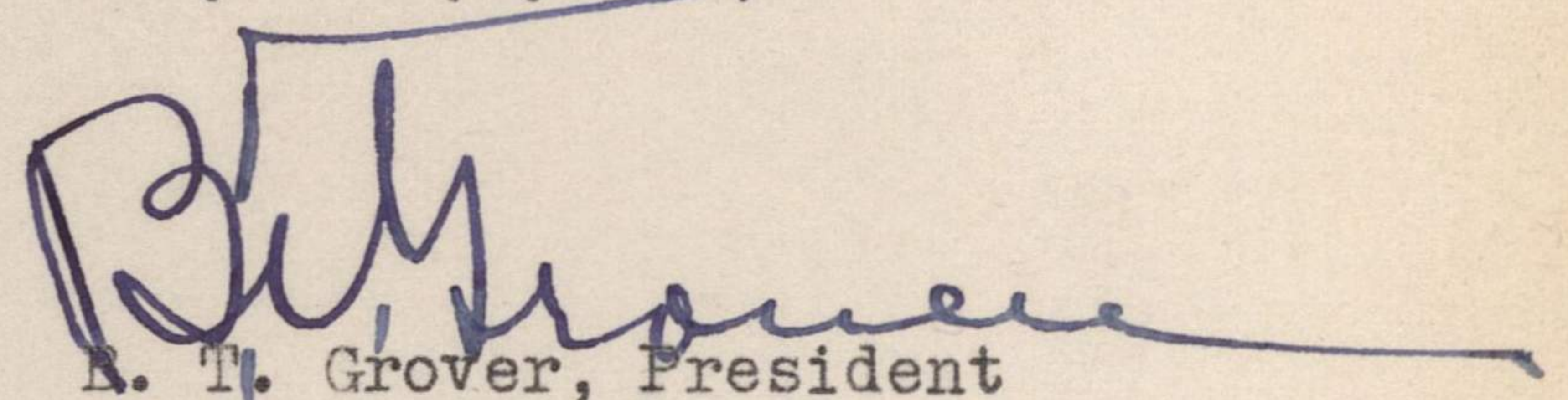
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tours for that time? When I forward the program to you you can see for yourself the amount of time we should have left.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 28th,

I am,

Very truly yours,



B. T. Grover, President

BTG d



A.

November 8, 1938

Mr. H. G. Olsen  
Department of Physical Education  
The Ohio State University  
Columbus, Ohio

Dear "Ole:"

Thank you very much for your letter of November 5. I am glad to see that the plans for the national basketball tournament are crystallizing. I shall be very glad, as I wired you yesterday, to act as chairman for the eighth district. Would it be possible, however, to choose more than two representatives for my committee? You see, the eighth district covers so much territory and so many different types of schools that it is hardly possible to get adequate representation without enlarging the committee.

In addition is it possible for this committee, when it is selected, to make its own decisions concerning the method of choosing a district representative? The feeling here now is that it may be desirable to have a tournament for this purpose.

I shall await your decision on these two points before taking any further steps. May I also suggest that a date for the final play-off be set as soon as possible?

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,



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November 5, 1938

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Mr. John W. Bunn  
Dean of Men  
Stanford University  
Stanford University, Calif.

Dear John:

I am enclosing a brief outline of the plans for the basketball tournament as we have been thinking about them. Please give me the benefit of your reactions to the same.

I very much hope you aren't so tied up in your new work but what you can agree to serve as chairman of the selection committee in district #8 and I would hope that you would not only agree to serve but that you would select two men to serve with you on this committee just as soon as possible, because the sooner we get going on this job the better chance we have of making it a fine tournament.

If you will pardon the suggestion as to the makeup of your selection committee, I would suggest that it might be smart to pick somebody from the Northern part of your district, somebody, for example, like Fred Bohler and then someone from down around the Los Angeles area. This selection committee, as you no doubt understand, will be charged with the task of picking arbitrarily on the basis of records and, perhaps, personal observation by the members of your committee, the team best qualified to represent district #8 in the play-offs and, of course, the more standing your committee men have personally, the better the chance that its selection will be well received.

There is a disposition on the part of the committee men in several of the districts to put on this selection committee one newspaper man and I see no objection to such a procedure, provided the selection is a good one. Of course, if there is one newspaper man then by all means the other man should be definitely an N.C.A.A. man, although not necessarily an active coach of basketball.

I will hope to hear from you by wire that you will act as chairman and I should like to have you also wire me the names and addresses of the other two men you select to serve with you just as soon as you have made your choice, because I want to release any publicity regarding tournament plans from here just as soon as the committees have been set up in all the districts.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*H. G. Olsen*  
H. G. Olsen  
Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball  
Tournament Committee

HGO:M

P.S. Please give my very best to Everett Dean.



N.C.A.A. BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Such thinking as has been done up to the present time with respect to the N.C.A.A. Basketball Championship Tournament has been along these lines.

1. There should be a selection committee appointed in each N.C.A.A. district. This committee would be charged with the responsibility of selecting the best N.C.A.A. team in that district. It seems that wherever possible this selection should be made arbitrarily without any play-offs.

2. When the teams to represent each district have been selected, the teams representing the four districts East of the Mississippi River, that is, districts 1, 2, 3 and 4, will get together at some desirable point to play a four team straight elimination tournament to decide the team which will go into the finals to meet a team similarly selected from the four districts West of the Mississippi. These two teams would play a final game for the N.C.A.A. Basketball Championship of America at a place to be selected later. The reason for such a curtailed program is to keep at a minimum the objections which will always be raised to any post-season play by individual schools or conferences.

The plan briefly outlined above, it is felt, comes closest to eliminating such objections as time away from school, etc., and can be carried out with a minimum of travel expense.



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLUMBUS

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
L. W. ST. JOHN, Director

April 19, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

I am anxiously awaiting your letter with the report on what the share of the N.C.A.A. will be in the play-off in your district. Unfortunately, we are in desperate need of that contribution in this tournament set-up inasmuch as there was no overage at San Francisco; the Eastern play-off was a little behind as well as the finals in Chicago.

Unquestionably we have to have another set-up next year so as to insure financial as well as attendance success. The more I think about it the more I am convinced your suggestion of Kansas City is the one to which we should turn.

*will talk  
it over  
at Rules  
meeting*

At any rate please get that check from Oklahoma just as soon as you can and send it on to me so I can make my final report.

Kindest regards.

Very sincerely yours,

*HGO*

H. G. Olsen  
Basketball Coach

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April 3, 1939

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
L. W. ST. JOHN, Director

*asked*

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

I am anxious to complete my report as Chairman of the Tournament Committee at the earliest possible moment. Won't you please contact the man who has in his care the net proceeds from the play-off in District #5 and send me, just as soon as possible, the proceeds which are coming to the N.C.A.A. on the basis of 20% participation as mentioned in my previous letter to you? Would be deeply grateful if you could hurry this matter up as much as possible.

*Bill Ham  
Earl Jones  
Columbus, Ohio*

Kindest regards.

Very sincerely yours,

*"Ole"*

H. G. Olsen  
Basketball Coach

HGO:M

Air Mail  
Special Delivery



April 4, 1939.

Mr. H. G. Olsen, Basketball Coach,  
Ohio State University,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Olsen:

Your letter of April 3 addressed to Dr. Allen has just arrived. Dr. Allen is at present in San Francisco attending the national convention of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. He will return to the office on Monday, April 10th.

Your letter will be brought to Dr. Allen's attention just as soon as he returns. I trust this will not delay too long your report as chairman of the Tournament Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen.





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Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letters of April 26, to Mr. Bus Ham and Mr. Earl Jones, wish to advise that during Mr. Jones absence from the city Mr. Ham asked that I kindly send you the attached itemized statements made out in longhand covering your expense account to the National Intercollegiate basketball tournament in Oklahoma City.

Thanking you kindly, we are

Yours very truly,

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A. G. SPALDING & BROS.  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

April 11, 1939.

OK  
4-13-39  
Earl Jones

My Dear Bus -

I am glad to know that you now have things under control and that it will not be necessary for me to return to O.G. for a final settlement.

The N.C.A.A. share is to be 20% of the net after expenses are deducted. If you and Earl will make out a check for the 20% and make the ck. to N.C.A.A. Basketball Com. of U.S. then I'll mail the check to Harold Olsen Chm. with my report. May I have a copy of the financial statement, one for my files and one to send to Olsen along with the check.

I drew \$125.00 before I started. I told Earl that I would send an itemized statement of my trip when I returned and I am enclosing it herewith.

R.R. Fare Round Trip Law to Osco & Return	95.60
Pullman R. Trip.	28.50
Taxi Fares	5.70
Meals on Dinner	18.75
Hotel & Meals Fares	15.40
Phones, Wires & Misc.	10.60
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Left Law Mch 17<sup>th</sup>  
Returned " 24<sup>th</sup>

Cash Recd	125
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	49.55

Thanking you I am,  
Sincerely yours,  
Harold Olsen



Traveling

Expenses of Forrest Green Chm. of 5<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
N.C.A.A. Basket Ball Committee -

Geo. C. Truesdale member of Secy. Statement rendered  
~~Trip to K.S. Mar 7<sup>th</sup> -~~ <sup>return</sup>  
~~Trip to Okla City Mar 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> -~~ <sup>return</sup> ~~14.50~~  
 Geo. Edwards <sup>K.S.</sup> Columbia Mo & return 14.50  
 To K.S. Mo Mar 6. Private Auto 110 mi @ 6¢ 6.60  
 (Auditorium rental) 6.60  
 To K.S. Mo <sup>Mar 7</sup> N.C.A.A. Cam Meeting 110 mi @ 6¢ 6.60  
 To Baldwin K.S. Conference Listen K.S. Auditorium 2.10  
 Taxi K.S. Lawrence & Okla City 6.35  
 R.R. <sup>Pullman</sup> Law to ~~Lawrence~~ Okla City & Return Mar 7-8 - 21.95  
 R.R. <sup>Pullman</sup> Law. to Ok City & Return Mar 12-14 21.95

	<u>Expense</u>		80.05	Paid Payment
Travel & Rail Road		80.05		129.00
Hotel & Hires		40.51		188.71
Phones		67.15		(317.71)
<u>Grand Total</u>		<u>\$188.71</u>		<u>Due 100.</u>

Tentative estimate trip

→ Expense to San Francisco Regional N.C.A.A. Tournament

R.R.	80.00
Pullman	24.00
Hotel & Meals	25.00
	<u>\$129.00</u>

Will render statement to Cam upon my return -



From Lawrence, Ko. Expense Phone & Telegraph of Forrest Allen  
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Phone to Columbus Ohio	<del>2.85</del> + 8.40 + 3.25	14.50
Phone to Grinnell, Ia.	3.85 + 2.60	6.45
Phone to K.S. mo.	1.20 + .80 + .65 + 2.40 + .80 + .95 + 1.45 + 3.20	11.45
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Phone to Manhattan Ko.	1.80	1.80
Phone to Columbia Mo.	2.40 + 2.80 + 3.90 + 1.25	10.35
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		<u>\$ 67.15</u>

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Telegrams Haines City, Fla. .95¢ Columbus .96¢ Des Moines .85¢  
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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLUMBUS

December 6, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
L. W. ST. JOHN, Director

Mr. John Bunn  
Dean of Men  
Stanford University  
Stanford University, Calif.

Dear John:

I am still waiting to hear from you regarding the makeup of the selection committee from the eighth district. I very much hope you can get this to me before long so we can make an announcement regarding the entire committee.

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I should like to get some information from you just as soon as you can get it to me - first of all, if we were to set the dates of March 10 and 11 for the play-offs at Kansas City, granting that we can get the big hall there, would those dates be okeh with the people in your district? In other words, will they have completed their regular schedules prior to that time? Second, what is your idea as to the proper place and the proper time to hold these play-offs? I have indicated the dates of March 10 and 11 at Kansas City because it seems those dates are the only ones on which we could get the big hall there. Now if it were to be held some place else, say Los Angeles, some other dates might be available. I am somewhat hazy about this whole matter and wish you would give me some guidance if you will. I rather feel that Kansas City in many respects is the ideal spot, however, you may feel that these games might better be played in Los Angeles or that they might be played in Denver, despite the handicap of altitude. Please let me hear from you concerning this.

I have just had a call from "Phog" Allen at Lawrence, Kansas and he tells me that C. E. McBride is willing to boost the N.C.A.A. Tournament, although he doesn't want to do so if it means any particular "fight" this year with the tournament which they have already set up for March 13-18. He does feel, however, that the N.C.A.A. Tournament is a very proper one and one he would like to help put across. He has agreed to serve on the committee in the fifth district with Allen, George Edwards and John Truesdale. Now that "Phog" Allen's committee is all set up yours is the only one that we haven't organized so I very much hope I can hear from you very shortly both as to your committee appointments and as to these other questions which I have raised.

One thing more - at our annual meetings in Chicago last week-end, we secured the promise of the Western Conference coaches that if it should develop that one of the Conference teams should be selected to represent the fourth district, that they would cooperate wholeheartedly and compete, and in addition to that the Western Conference

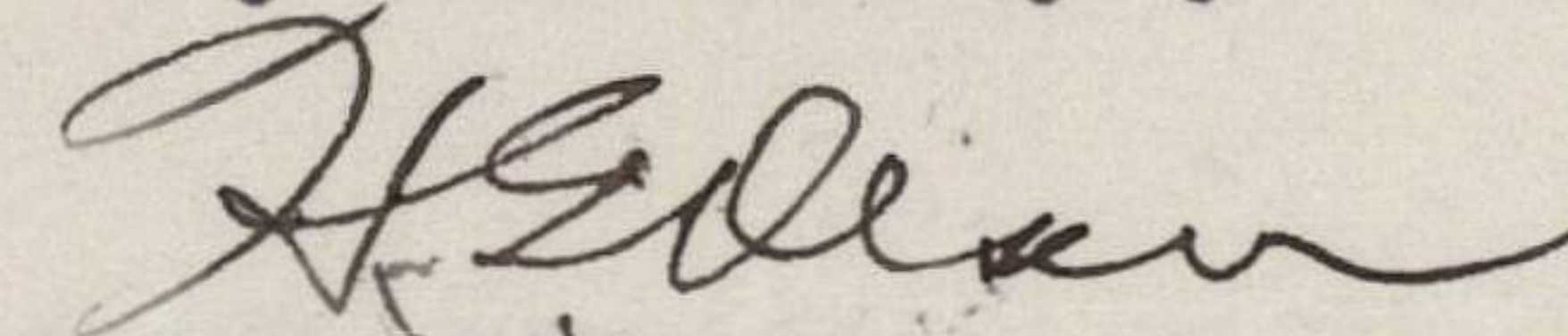


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December 6, 1938

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directors agreed that if a Conference team would be selected that they would make it possible for them to compete by modifying the present limitation which they have on the number of games to be played by Conference teams. That clears the decks for us in this district. I am very hopeful that the Eastern Intercollegiate League will take a similar attitude and I wish you would take steps at once to see if you can get a similar commitment from the Pacific Coast Conference. If we get all these big conferences behind the idea we can unquestionably "go places".

Very sincerely yours,



H. G. Olsen  
Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball  
Tournament Committee

HGO:M



March 6, 1939.

Mr. H. G. Olsen,  
Chairman, NCAA Basketball  
Tournament Committee,  
The Ohio State University,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Ole:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 2nd in connection with the trophy for the western play-off.

I suggest that we leave this in the hands of the Exposition. They are interested in using something which will commemorate the Fair. You will recall that we had some conversation about this when you were out here. In the contract, which is just now in my hands, we are making a provision for the selection of the trophy subject to the approval of our committee. I would suggest that this is a better way to handle the affair out here.

With respect to the finals in Chicago I think it would be fitting to use the N.C.A.A. design. I would also think that it would be wise to give each member of the team a memento of the occasion.

Since writing to you concerning the size of the squad I would suggest that we make this uniform for both the play-offs and the final. If we do not then it will mean, in particular with respect to our western representative, that three members of the party must be detached before going to Chicago.

We have run into some difficulty here in the West concerning our tournament. The Pacific Coast Conference has resulted in a tie which necessitates a longer season. We cannot, of course, change our dates of March 20 and 21. I am sure that some solution, even though it will not be the most satisfactory, will come out of it.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

John Bunn.



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

GEORGE W. RIGHTMIRE, *President*

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
L. W. ST. JOHN, *Director*

COLUMBUS  
March 2, 1939

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W. S. Chandler  
Dr. F. C. Allen  
H. H. Salmon, Jr.  
✓ John Burn

Dear Sirs:

In order that we may have appropriate trophies ready in time, we must come to some decision as to what medals, cups, etc., we are going to give the winners in the N.C.A.A. Tournament.

The N.C.A.A., some years ago, had Dr. McKenzie design a very fine medal which has been used in the N.C.A.A. track meets for years and, I believe, is considered the official N.C.A.A. medal. I am wondering if we shouldn't adopt and use that same medal for our tournament with appropriate engraving, of course, on the back, rather than to try to design a medal which is distinctively basketball.

I would assume that we would, of course, give medals to the twelve members of each team which would participate in the final game at Chicago.

Regarding the play-offs at San Francisco and the Palestra, do you think we should give medals to the winning team and also the runner-up? Someone has made the suggestion that perhaps we might give the N.C.A.A. official medal for the final game at Chicago and give something in the line of a gold or silver basketball to the winner and runner-up at the two play-offs.

If you have any suggestions regarding this matter of medals, I hope you will get them to me at once because it is imperative that we place our order soon so that the medals will be ready to give out.

Do you feel we should have, in addition to individual medals, some sort of team trophies for the winners and the runner-up?

I would appreciate an immediate reply with respect to these questions.

Very sincerely yours,

*H. G. Olsen*

H. G. Olsen  
Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball  
Tournament Committee

HGO:M



Lawrence, Kansas  
March 4, 1939

Mr. John W. Bunn,  
Dean of Men,  
Stanford University,  
California.

Dear Johnny:

Thank you very much for your very enlightening letter of February 28. I can see very clearly now things that I did not know before.

I am sending you a carbon copy of my letter that I have written to "Ole" Olsen and to the members of my committee.

I will see that you get everything possible in the way of photographs and publicity as soon as we make any decision on Tuesday afternoon. Then after the play-off, or during that time, we will plan to give you every possible play up on the winner that is selected, so that your California newspapers will have all available material for their publicity. I know how much more California papers use in the way of publicity and pictures than our locals, so I will anticipate that need by quadrupling our news dispensing force as well as our photographic offerings.

You can count on my doing a one hundred per cent job for you. I am really going to put over this play-off job in this district in the very best possible way that my energies will permit. I can do a better job now that Kansas is out of it, because that reduces my worries to the minimum.

In writing to Olsen, I impressed upon him that he as general chairman should ask that you make arrangements for hotel rates, as well as practice courts for the teams.



Now I am getting to a point that I mentioned to Ole once, and I think that I should speak very frankly to you about it. I wrote Ole asking if he was planning to have some of the members of the general committee at these play-offs. I particularly referred to myself at San Francisco and to Salmon at Philadelphia. He said of course that we should be there, and you were very nice to mention the fact that you would be glad to have me as the NCAA representative from the general committee. But I am wondering if the income for such expense would be derived from the general income of the N.C.A.A. play-off, or from what source. I frankly believe that we will make enough money from our district here to take care of any such expenses that I mention. But I would appreciate any helpful suggestion or cooperation from you should you write to Olsen to that effect.

I think I mentioned to you once before that the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation is meeting in San Francisco on April 3-6, and it was my thought that if I came out for this play-off I might stay over to attend that convention as well. I realize, too, that the Coaches Association, as well as the Rules Body meeting dates have not been set. It may not be possible for me to even go to your play-off on March 20-21, or to the Health and Physical Education meeting. The University felt so financially embarrassed that they were not able to assist the head of the department of physical education on his trek westward, so it is an individual financial venture so far as I am concerned. I did want to attend our state meeting here on March 24-25 at McPherson, and I am scheduled to read a paper at the Central District Physical Education Association meeting at Sioux City, Iowa, at their meeting on March 31.

So it looks like we have just got too many conflicts, but we will have to meet only the most important ones. I think things will shape up in a few days, though, so that I will be able to be more definite in my selection of important dates.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH  
Enc.

Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.



STANFORD UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF MEN

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

February 28, 1939.

Dr. F. C. Allen,  
Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear "Doc":

Your letter of February 23rd is most enlightening. I can see now why the differences of opinions have arisen at a time when presumably all problems were settled. I have been working under the assumption that our general committee was fully appraised of all procedures and deliberations and that final decisions had been made only after all had expressed their opinions.

It therefore seems advisable that I give you a full account of the conference with reference to the Western play-off. I was interested in this event for San Francisco for several reasons.

1. San Francisco newspapers have been interested in a college tournament for some time. I knew we could get their whole-hearted support.
2. The fair would make such an event a "natural" for this year.
3. Since the final would certainly be somewhere in the middle west, it seemed logical to spread the two play-offs.
4. The tournament here in the west will be one of the greatest boons for our basketball.
5. The traveling distances, as we figured them, would not be any greater to San Francisco than to K. C. or to Texas.
6. To hold the tournament in the middle of the four districts would introduce the altitude element, which might prove somewhat of a handicap.



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7. In San Francisco there would not be any interference with any other tournament.

All these reasons seemed to weigh logically in favor of San Francisco and were, I thought, sufficient for finally placing the tournament here.

With reference to the date, because of the custom, since the Pacific Coast Conference has been divided into a northern and a southern division for basketball competition, of a final play-off for the championship of the whole conference, our season has never been completed until around the middle of March. The schedule in the northern division, due to its geography, will not permit a much earlier finish.

This year the final play-off is scheduled for March 10, 11 and 13. Therefore the earliest possible dates for the western play-off would have been on March 17 and 18. We first set the play-off on these dates and then were forced to change to March 20 and 21 for reasons that will follow.

Since the tournament was in its first year and was, therefore, somewhat of an experiment I wanted to make sure that it went over successfully from a financial aspect at least. For this reason we solicited the Fair officials for the purpose of getting them to sponsor the event. This they agreed to do.

The agreement set-up was that the Fair would underwrite the event to the extent of paying the expenses of the four teams, plus an option of 50% of the gate after all expenses are paid. Expenses in this case, in addition to the traveling expenses for the teams, were definitely defined.

Mr. Olsen and myself in conference with Fair officials, and after consultation with the president of the N.C.A.A., set up the following arrangements for expenses of the teams:

1. Railroad fare and pullman on a second class basis for a party of 15.
2. \$3.00 allowance per day, <sup>per man</sup> while en route.



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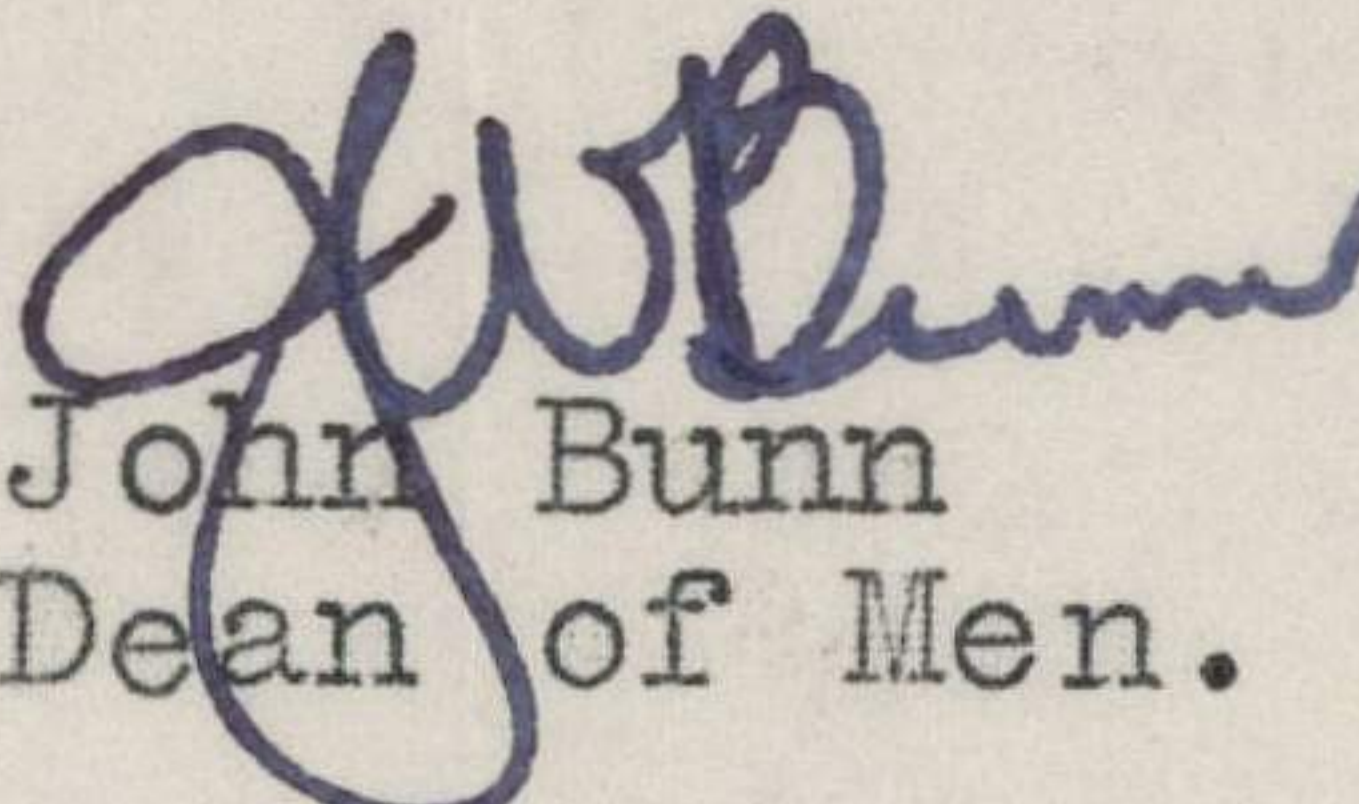
3. \$5.00 during residence in San Francisco throughout the time of the tournament.

After the arrangements were made it was found that the dates of March 17 and 18 would conflict with the 6-day bicycle race. Since the bicycle race dates were subject to a season schedule it was not possible to adjust them to the tournament dates. This left the alternatives of running the tournament on an independent plan in the Civic Auditorium or changing the date to avoid the above mentioned conflict. The latter seemed to be the better plan so the tournaments were moved up to March 20-21.

Now we are going ahead with arrangements on this basis. As soon as each district picks its team I hope they will rush to me full publicity material, together with a good supply of pictures. I can get some good hotel rates if the teams will all stay at the same place. However, unless I am directed by each team to make reservations, these details will be left to the individual teams. Arrangements for practice courts can also be made if the desires of each team are made known.

I am sending a copy of this letter to each of the districts west of the Mississippi with the hope that this will serve as a general information bulletin concerning the western play-off. I hope that this information, in turn, will be passed on to the teams that are chosen to represent the districts.

Very cordially yours,

  
John Bunn  
Dean of Men.

CC to H. G. Olsen - J. W. St. Clair -  
Willard Witte and W. B. Owens

JB:B



N. C. A. A. Fifth District Basketball

Tournament Committee Meeting

Hotel Continental

Kansas City, Mo.

March 7, 1939

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Membership: Dr. F. C. Allen, University of Kansas, chairman;  
C. E. McBride, The Kansas City Star; John Truesdale, Grinnell College;  
George R. Edwards, University of Missouri.

The chairman appointed Mr. Edwards as secretary of the committee.

Preliminary discussion centered around the decision of athletic authorities of the University of Missouri who had just announced that the Missouri team, co-champions of the Big Six Conference, would not be permitted to compete in post-season play. Missouri's withdrawal left three other fifth district teams whose seasonal records qualified them as candidates for selection as district representatives. These teams are: the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Agriculture and Mechanical College, and Drake University. The first is co-champion of the Big Six Conference, and the last two tied for first place in the Missouri Valley Conference.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The chairman reported in detail of his efforts to obtain the feelings of the various schools and conferences toward a district elimination tournament, and the moves he had made in administration of the play-off. It was agreed, without vote, that three teams only were worthy of consideration but that none of these had made such an outstanding record that it could be named without further tests.

Motion made by Mr. Truesdale and seconded by Mr. Edwards. "That the Fifth District representative to the tournament in San Francisco be the winner of a three-game play-off." Motion passed.



Motion made by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Truesdale: "That this play-off be held on a neutral court in the state of Oklahoma; the selection of this court to be made by the chairman after further personal investigation." Motion passed.

Game officials. It was decided that the committee should pick a list of six competent officials. This list is to be submitted to the coaches of the teams involved who are to rate all six in the order of their preference. From these ratings the chairman is to select the two receiving the highest rating and to complete necessary arrangements as to the appointment of the selected men. It was agreed that the game officials should be paid the fee regularly given for conference games--\$20.00 and necessary traveling expenses for each game they work. The list to be submitted by the committee chairman consisted of:

Parke Carroll, Kansas City, Missouri; Ted O'Sullivan, Kansas City, Missouri; Earl Jones, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Carl Sears, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Carl Larson, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Bud Knox, Oscalosa, Iowa.

Admission prices. It was agreed that admission costs to these games should not be any higher than spectators have been charged for conference games. A resume of charges which have been made during the past season indicated that the average has been 55¢ for general admission and 75¢ for reserved seats. The committee set this schedule for any or all play-off games.

Game ball. Big Six games have been played with sewed seam basketballs while Missouri Valley Conference teams have been using moulded type balls. Motion made by Mr. Truesdale and seconded by Mr. Edwards, "That both types of ball be used in play-off games--each ball being used for one half. The choice of which half either type is to be used belongs to the team winning in the toss of a coin." Motion passed.



Playing Rules. The official basketball rules as adopted by the National Basketball Committee shall govern the play-off games. Rule 8 Section 1 provides that by mutual agreement between teams a game may be played in quarters. This option is set aside by the committee and all play-off games will be played in halves.

Administration. It was moved by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Truesdale "That the chairman should act as administrative head of the play-off. He is to select dates after conference with all authorities involved; to attend to details of promotion; and to make any decisions necessary to the smooth operation of the games." Motion passed.

Drawings. It was agreed that in the event one team withdrew after the drawings were announced the play-off would be conducted between the two remaining teams. The drawing was made by placing the names of the teams in a hat together with a blank slip. The drawing was made by Mr. McBride. As a result of the draw the first game will be between Drake University and the Oklahoma Agriculture College. The winner of this contest will play the University of Oklahoma.

Adjournment.

George R. Edwards, Secretary



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