

April 16, 1940.

Mr. Gaylord Johnson,
Business Manager of Athletics,
Rice Institute,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Gaylord:

I am very happy to have your letter of April 13th and I second your feeling of indignation regarding the possible discrimination of the eastern and western teams. But this is not the case in this regard.

Here's what happened, Gaylord. When H. G. Olsen, the chairman of the Tournament Committee, and the manager of the eastern tournament, endeavored to get Duquesne in, Duquesne refused to go to Indianapolis unless they were granted expenses for fifteen men.

Previously our committee had agreed on a limit of twelve men, and I of course, wrote all of our people to that effect. Olsen did not communicate with me the difficulty that he had with Duquesne until he got to Kansas City. He then told me the trouble and he said that he felt all the teams should have expenses for fifteen men regardless of whether fifteen made the trip or not. I heartily concurred in his views, and we expect to pay everyone of the teams full expenses for fifteen men. You will get your extra allowance, as will all the other teams, when and as soon as we can get these accounts in shape.

I have also written Bus Brannon emphasizing the fact that I thought these teams who made this tournament possible should get a cut of the earnings after all expenses were paid and after the N.C.A.A. took a sizeable sum to assure them of their competence - say \$7500. Bus doubtless will consult you on the matter, but I have been fighting a pretty aggressive battle with some of the higher committeemen who feel that the N.C.A.A. general committee is entitled to all the money. I also learned that it is not even possible for any of this fund that the basketball committee earned to be ear-marked for