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Lawrence, Kansas  
November 16, 1938.

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

Dear Ole:

I will answer your letter by asking you some questions that are not clear to me.

First, I take it that only colleges will be eligible for selection who are abiding by the freshman rule. Is this true? In the administration of this problem we will have teams who play freshmen, but the personnel of this particular team might happen to be all juniors. This situation would still bring them under the three-year college rule. In other words, the fact that there are only juniors would allow them to participate men who have only competed for three years.

And again, the four-year college may have some fellows who have competed only three years, but unless there is some sort of a check up many of these small colleges will play their four year, raising a very undesirable situation. How are you planning to handle that? It seems to me that about the only way you can handle it satisfactorily would be to eliminate the teams that do not observe the freshman rule. Perhaps this has been done, but you state in your mimeographed sheet that "such thinging 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." So I am asking that question.

Personally, I am not so sure whether the administration along the lines that you suggest in your letter would not leave a lot of details for the people to shoot at, especially since you make the selection arbitrarily on the basis of record, and perhaps personal observation.

Certainly I would say that any committee member that had his team in the running should automatically disqualify himself and appoint someone else in his place. This is the procedure that the jurists and the legal profession have traditionally adopted and it is the only decent way to behave.

Now, let's talk about this outstanding newspaper man. The one outstanding newspaper man in this vicinity is Clyde E. McBride. He is a writer of clean sport, a college man, and a man with high ideals both as a newspaper man and as a sportsman. Doubtless you will remember that C. E. McBride did not sponsor but he was friendly indeed to the National A.A.U. Tournament which was held under such suspicious circumstances for a number of years. It was his support that really put that tournament over. Then when the National A.A.U. Tournament went to Denver, this National Collegiate Tournament under the straw-bossing of Emil Liston of Baker University, endeavored to promote this tournament in the new auditorium in Convention Hall in Kansas City. The difficulty was that only small teams were obtained. But Liston set up a board over the country including John Bunn of Stanford, Dutch Lonborg of Northwestern, Adolph Rupp of Kentucky, and other men who had basketball reputations over the country. Of course, none of these men brought teams, but they used that personnel to boost the prestige of this so-called National Collegiate group.

Now, Ole, I am in a dilemma and I am turning to you for advice. Of course the location of where to expect to have this tournament would have much to do with the selection of the newspaper man. You have talked to the N.C.A.A. powers that be, and I would like for you to tell me what you have in mind regarding the location of the tournament, east or west.

I will say that I think your set up of assembling the first, second, third and fourth teams, and the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth teams in groups is much better than the original plan of having the first and second play, third and fourth, fifth and sixth, seventh and eighth. That feature would entail too much time away from school and would be subject to much criticism. You, as chairman of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament Committee, should have a fairly good idea of where you think the tournament would pay.

I know Kansas City is one of the best basketball centers of the United States, but without Mr. McBride boosting for this tournament there would be no use in trying it in Kansas City. Likewise, Des Moines is a good town if Drake is in the tournament. It doesn't matter whether Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska or anyone else is in the tournament here in Kansas City. The Oklahoma Aggies have good teams and would draw just as well in Kansas City as any other team. Kansas City is a real basketball town, but it would take C. E. McBride on your side to succeed there. And, Ole, the fine thing about Mr. McBride is that he doesn't want a lot of kow-towing to him. He is just the type of fellow that will boost a project if it is on the up and up and he is the type of fellow that doesn't take his cut as so many of these newspaper men do. He is one of the

large stockholders in the Kansas City Star and his dividends pay many times more than his salary check does.

I would like some guidance from you on the personnel of the committee. I will not discuss this matter with any individuals until I have heard from you, as I very much desire the benefit of your knowledge in picking the most substantial men in our five N.C.A.A. districts.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
L. W. ST. JOHN, Director

November 7, 1938

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Director of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

I am enclosing a brief outline of tournament plans. Would you please give me the benefit of your observation regarding the same?

I should like to have you act as chairman of the selection committee of N.C.A.A. district #5 and would like to have you select two other members to serve with you. Your committee, of course, would be charged with the selection of the team to represent district #5 in the play-offs and, as I indicated in the sheet which I am enclosing, it seems to me that wherever possible we ought to make the selection arbitrarily on the basis of record and, perhaps, personal observation.

If it should come down to the point where some member of your committee, like yourself, is vitally concerned in this selection, then it would seem that he should step aside and ask somebody to serve in his place. Suppose, for example, that Kansas was the best team in district #5. It would not look so good to have "Phog Allen and Company" selecting the Kansas team to represent the district. I am sure you get what I mean. But, seriously, we need your help in district #5. You did a swell job - I should say the finest job - in the Olympic set-up of 1936 and everybody that I have talked to have agreed that you are the one that should head up this committee in your district.

If I may make a suggestion regarding the other two men - first of all, select somebody whom you know will work at the job, someone who is vitally interested in basketball and who has some standing in the basketball world so that when your selection is made it will have a really fine chance of meeting with general approval. I know that in some of the other districts the chairmen are going to put on their committee one outstanding newspaper man. I see no objection to this procedure and I see a good many things in favor of using this means of getting favorable reaction by the press toward this basketball tournament. If you do select a newspaper man, then it would seem to me that the other man surely should be an N.C.A.A. man, not necessarily a coach. Perhaps you ought to take into account too the geography of district #5.

Just as soon as you have selected the other two men to serve with you on the committee, will you please wire me their names and addresses? I would prefer to release the publicity as to our committees from here when we get all the selections in. I will certainly be looking forward to hearing that you will agree to serve as chairman and I very much hope that you can

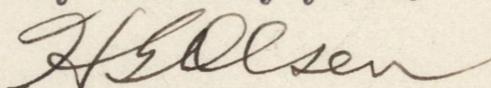
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select your committee men very soon, because the earlier we get started the better our chance of doing a good job.

With kindest regards.

Very sincerely yours,



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

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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.

February 1, 1939.

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

Dear Harold:

Acknowledging your circular letter of January 26 regarding the possible date for the play-off as of March 27 at the Chicago Coliseum, it seems to me that the only fair thing to do would be not to play the game a day before March 27.

It is rather unfortunate that the Pacific Coast conference has their play-off so late, but I do not believe that Districts 5, 6 and 7 should be penalized on account of District 8's late dates for determination of their championship. I have always gone on the theory that the greatest good should be for the greatest number. And to penalize three-fourths of the districts for one's late date would not be harmonious with this policy. It would certainly be unfair to the winner of the western district to make them travel more than half across the United States and force them to play the following night against the eastern winner that had had plenty of rest and perhaps a short haul, at that.

I realize how much trouble the chairman of the National Committee would have in arranging this play-off. But it seems to me that another year all these factors can be taken into consideration, and if the Pacific Coast arranges their play-off the coming years as late as they do now, then I do not think they should have the geographical advantage in their favor. If nothing can be done about advancing the playing time, then it seems as if the final play-off should be as late as the first part of April.

Answering your objection about the boys being away from school, I think that objection should be minimized because only one team from each district would be missing this added time. Then the national championship, if it is to be played, should be played under the fairest possible conditions that can be obtained.

Frankly, I think that all of these weighty matters should have more consideration than they have had this past year.

Very cordially yours,

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Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

GEORGE W. RIGHTMIRE, *President*

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

COLUMBUS  
January 26, 1939

✓ H. H. Salmon  
Dr. F. C. Allen  
John Bunn  
W. S. Chandler

Gentlemen:

After releasing the publicity regarding the dates and places for the Eastern and Western play-offs, and the final game in Chicago, I received a wire from Bill Chandler which reads as follows:

"COLISEUM CHICAGO AVAILABLE MARCH 27. ACCOMMODATES 13,000. REASONABLE RENT. COLISEUM REPRESENTATIVE WILL PHONE YOU TODAY. OTHERWISE PLACES AND DATES SATISFACTORY."

Up to 4 o'clock today I haven't heard from the Coliseum representative, but I thought I would write you men immediately to find out what your reaction would be to the March 27 date for the final game in Chicago, provided the Coliseum (I suppose Bill means the Chicago Stadium) is available and at reasonable terms.

It seems to me, in thinking about the date, that if we were to play on March 27, rather than on March 25, that the winner of the Pacific Coast play-off would be in a little better condition for the game than if we go ahead as originally planned on the 25th. By making the best possible train connections they will not be able to arrive in Chicago until the evening of March 24. Balancing this favorable slant, however, is the thought that perhaps if we play on Monday, it means additional days away from school, not only for the Western representative but also for the Eastern team.

I wish you men would think about this problem and give me your reaction at the earliest possible moment. As it stands now, we have announced March 25 at the Northwestern University Gymnasium and I have no doubt that the final game will be a successful venture there. If, however, we are going to be able to fill the Coliseum (Stadium) in Chicago that, of course, would make it more successful both from the standpoint of prominence and finances.

I will be waiting to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

"H. G."

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

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# ARRANGE A CAGE MEET

DRAKE AND OKLAHOMA A.-M.  
START PLAY-OFF MONDAY.

Winner of Contest in Oklahoma  
City Will Clash With Sooners  
Tuesday to Decide Fifth  
District Representative.

(By the Associated Press.)

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 8.—Basketball teams of the University of Oklahoma, Drake university and Oklahoma A. and M. college will stage a 3-way argument here Monday and Tuesday nights to decide which will represent the fifth district in the N. C. A. A. western play-off in San Francisco, March 20 and 21.

A committee headed by Dr. Forrest C. Allen, University of Kansas coach, selected the three teams, along with the University of Missouri, which tied Oklahoma for the Big Six conference championship. But Missouri rejected the offer on the ground it would keep players away from the classroom too long.

## DRAKE VS AGGIES IN OPENER.

Allen conferred with tournament officials and coaches of the two Oklahoma schools here today. As soon as final word was received that Drake's team would be here for the play-off, the schedule drawn up by the district committee in Kansas City yesterday was given final approval.

Drake and the Oklahoma Aggies, who finished the Missouri Valley conference race in a dead heat, will meet in the first game Monday night, with the winners facing the Sooners the following night.

The Aggies split even in two games with each of the other two teams during the regular season, winning on their home court and losing at Norman and Des Moines. The Sooners and Drake have not met.

The games will be played in the municipal auditorium which is not equipped for basketball but will have a seating capacity of more than 5,000 after a playing floor and goals are installed.

## TO USE O. U. GOALS.

Allen and Coaches Henry Iba of the Aggies and Bruce Drake of the Sooners completed all arrangements today, even to measuring the auditorium floor for a playing court. Portable goals will be brought from the University of Oklahoma field-house in Norman.

The winner of the play-off here will go into the San Francisco play-off with the other three western district winners, while winners of the four eastern districts will meet in Philadelphia, March 17 and 18. Winners in San Francisco and Philadelphia then will clash in Chicago, March 25, for the national intercollegiate championship.

NORMAN, OK., March 8.—Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University of Oklahoma today gave the University of Oklahoma basketball team permission to go to San Francisco and play in the National Collegiate tournament provided the Sooners defeat the winner of the Drake-Oklahoma Aggie game in Oklahoma City Monday.

GRINNELL COLLEGE, GRINNELL, IOWA

John Scholte Nollen, President

DEPARTMENT OF  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

J. C. Truesdale  
G. H. Lookabaugh  
G. Lester Duke

March 6, 1939

Dr. F. C. Allen  
Hotel Continental  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear "Doc";

I am writing this following our phone conversation of this date to set before you the desires of the teams I represent in the proposed NCAA playoff.

1. Drake and the Aggies are agreed that a 2-team or a 4-team playoff is best, subject to the outcome of the 2 Monday night games.
2. They both expect to attend, but such participation is subject to the formality of Conference and Faculty approval, (both of which should be mere formalities).
3. They will abide by the Committee's best judgement as to place, although Williams said Drake would have their field house full of boys and girls H. S. tournaments the next 2 week-ends; and the Aggies talked of a \$6000 gross at their new place.
4. The Valley delegation wants to make the NCAA angle big and consequently we wonder whether a Monday - Tuesday session at K. C. might seem like a minor spot for the NCAA play-off. Your answer to that was to the effect that proper buildup would make it prominent enough. That's a good point and I am sure it could be done alright.
5. We understand that the reason for the NCAA going into this is to keep the profits in the NCAA and with the competing teams, rather than having private promoters make the profit. Neither Drake nor the Aggies care to spend their own money for this purpose, consequently they expect their expenses to be taken care of out of proceeds and also a pro-rata share of any profit, along with the NCAA. Doubtless OU and MU would take the same stand. Also, doubtless that is the expectation of our Committee and of the NCAA. Would it be proper for the two conferences involved to cut in there too.
6. Due to a heavy class schedule I ought not to travel to Kansas City for a committee meeting on Tuesday. Any other day would not offer the same objection. However, I am expecting to get down for the play-offs especially if they are held in connection with the Collegiate tournament in KC.
7. Because of the necessity for speed in this matter I have undertaken to deal by long distance. If possible I think we each should be reimbursed for such expenses and for whatever travel or other promotional expense the Committee or its members incur.

F. C. Allen

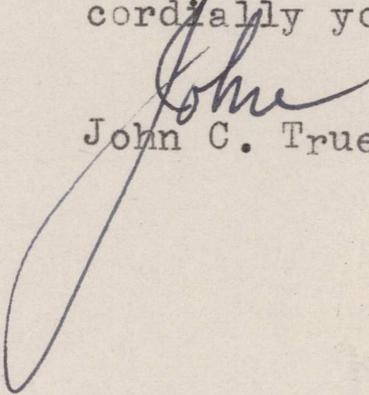
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I see no reason why the balance of the Committee should not be able to transact the business of the Committee without me, especially in view of the points I have set forth here. But if necessity should arise I shall be here in town all day Tuesday and could be reached by phone. The Valley Conference might be jealous of the interests of it's teams and therefore might expect it's representative to attend all meetings, but I am sure whatever you decide will be for the best interests of basketball and of the NCAA and that I would subscribe also.

I would be very glad if you should decide that the Committee should be called together at the time of the play-off for the purpose of running matters, and you may be sure I would do my part on any assignment you see fit to make for me.

With kindest regards, I am

cordially yours

  
John C. Truesdale

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Lawrence, Kansas  
March 9, 1939

Mr. C. E. McBride  
Mr. George Edwards  
Mr. J. C. Truesdale

Members of 5th District N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament Committee:

Dear Friends:

The chairman wishes to report that we arrived in Oklahoma City and held a conference early Wednesday morning with Mr. Tom Stidham, Director of Athletics of the University of Oklahoma; Mr. Henry Iba, Director of Athletics of Oklahoma A. & M. College, and Basketball Coach; Mr. Bruce Drake, Basketball Coach of the University of Oklahoma; Mr. Bus Han, sports editor of the Daily Oklahoman; and Mr. H. A. Dolman, assistant to Athletic Director Iba.

It was arranged that we would play Monday and Tuesday, March 13 and 14. Mr. Ed Lytton, the manager of athletics at Drake University, protested strongly against playing on the 13th and 14th. He desired to play on Saturday, the 11th and Monday, the 13th, but we received a protest from Mr. Lee K. Anderson, executive secretary of the Oklahoma High School Athletic Association, that the Saturday night date would interfere very definitely with their high school regional basketball meeting that was being held in Oklahoma City finishing Saturday night, the 11th.

Coach Iba objected to playing on the 11th because Mr. Harvey Slade, his star forward, is convalescing in an Omaha hospital but will be released from the hospital by Saturday, and Mr. Iba is confident will be able to play Monday. These objections were carefully weighed by the entire group who all seemed to be very fair and cooperative. After talking with Mr. Lytton several times over the phone and presenting all sides to him, the chairman felt that it was impossible to play on Saturday night and not incur the displeasure of the high school people.

The fact that Oklahoma A. & M. and Drake were to play the first game, and the added fact that Oklahoma A. & M. would be crippled by playing Saturday night, it was felt by pushing it of to Monday night, the committee's originally scheduled time, that it would be just as fair to Drake to play on Monday night, but it would not be fair to Oklahoma A. & M. to play Saturday night. For that reason the dates that were selected by the committee were permitted to stand.

To the committee's selection of officials Mr. Lytton took violent objection. It was his vehement contention that we had just picked southern officials and had not considered Drake at all. He classed the Kansas City officials as southern officials. We asked him for a nomination of the northern officials and he gave Jack North, Haskbrouck, and Johnstone from Cedar Rapids. With Bruce Drake and Henry Iba in conference while we were conversing with Mr. Lytton, they accepted Mr. Jack North, sports writer on the Herald-Tribune from Des Moines, and Parke Carroll, of Kansas City. The chairman wired these two gentlemen from Oklahoma City asking them to send their acceptance to us here at Lawrence.

The auditorium was procured for the nights of the 13th and 14th at Oklahoma City. The games start at 8:15. The seating capacity is something less than 5,000, but it is a marvelous place to play. The building is of modernistic design and has all the attainments that a new civic auditorium would have. It is beautifully lighted, has a public address system; in fact, it is only three years old so the lighting, audition, playing floor and conveniences for the public are all excellent. It was the conviction of all the individuals who attended the basketball parley that the house will be sold out both nights.

The people in Oklahoma City thought the price that the committee suggested was entirely inadequate, and the chairman permitted the local people in Oklahoma to set the price commensurate with the regular prices charged for basketball contests in the auditorium. The baskets and the backboards will be brought in from the University of Oklahoma by truck on Monday. The floor will be marked with black lines broken by white two-inch squares every six inches.

The chairman expects to be in attendance at the play on Monday and Tuesday nights, and the prediction is for a bumper crowd both nights with a consequent financial harvest. The general committee of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament has not made a definite decision as to how the distribution of money from these tournaments shall be prorated. It was the definite conviction of Mr. Tom Stidson and Mr. Henry Iba that the conference teams participating should get a very definite and healthy slice of the tournament proceeds. They felt that 25% of the net should go to each of the three competing teams, and the other 25% to the national committee. I am writing the national committee pointing out that had four teams been in it would perhaps have been necessary to cut it five ways with 20% to each of the competing teams and 20% to the national committee.

I am quoting below a night letter that I received from H. G. Olsen, chairman of the national committee, as of February 23, and my reply to him on February 24:

"Suggest for your approval that NCAA guarantee complete expenses of competing teams limited to total party of 12 in play-off at Philadelphia and San Francisco, also in final game at Chicago. If district tournaments seem advisable in suggesting NCAA cannot guarantee total expenses but that they be run on prorata basis which may very well result in all expenses being paid depending on popularity of play-off in that district. Please indicate immediately if this meets with your approval.  
H. G. Olsen."

"Heartily approve of your policy regarding Philadelphia, San Francisco and Chicago tournaments. Suggest however that where prorata basis guarantee exists for district tournament that colleges concerned take their prorata earnings individually if income exceeds expenses.  
Forrest C. Allen."

You can see from Mr. Olsen's wire that there is a possibility of the NCAA permitting the competing teams to pocket all the money, but this will be determined by the action of the national committee. It is my feeling that the national committee should have at least a small part of the proceeds because their administrative set up will naturally prove expensive in promoting these various tournaments. I further feel that any income that the national committee may receive in the name of the NCAA should be earmarked for basketball and basketball promotion. However, this is for the policy committee of the national group to determine.

I thought that perhaps the members of my committee would desire to keep step with the progress of the collegiate basketball situation.

Very sincerely yours,

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Chairman, Fifth District, N.C.A.A.

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Lawrence, Kansas  
March 10, 1939

Mr. H. C. Olson, Chairman,  
N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament Committee.

Mr. John Dunn, Chairman,  
Western Regional Play-off, N.C.A.A.

Gentlemen:

I am somewhat perplexed over the division of the gate receipts on these district play-off tournaments. A little history or background of the situation would not be amiss.

At our conference in Oklahoma City with Henry Iba, Tom Stidham and Bruce Drake, Henry Iba brought this very important point to the floor. Iba stated, and I know it to be a fact, that he was invited to the Sport Writers Tournament in Madison Square Garden March 20-22. I believe that Frosty Cox has accepted, because Utah State has been qualified for the tournament, and it is my understanding that Colorado won the Rocky Mountain Conference championship.

I received letters from both Everett Morris and Ned Irish, as did the University of Texas, the Sixth District winner, and others, inviting them to the tournament. It is my impression that those people that stick by us in the N.C.A.A. play-off and go through with their assignments should receive some consideration. Iba stated that he felt that in these district tournaments the competing teams should receive the largest share of the money. I made the point to him that you had wired asking for confirmation of a policy of the N.C.A.A. that the district winners receive a pro-rata part of their expenses, but for the regional and for the finals that all expenses for fifteen men would be paid.

During our Kansas City meeting and after the drawings Drake University constantly showed pique and irritation and threatened to withdraw on account of the drawings, which they had agreed to previous to the meeting. I personally guaranteed full expenses to Drake University from Des Moines to Oklahoma City for fifteen men, as it was so apparent that they wanted to withdraw, and I wanted to leave them no opportunity to do so. We will not only make expenses, but we will make some money, and it is on that account that I desire to bring these matters up for the committee's determination.

It was my feeling that where four teams were involved that possibly the N.C.A.A. committee should receive 20% of the net and each of the four playing teams should receive 20%. Where three teams were involved the N.C.A.A. committee should receive 20% and the 80% should be split among the three competing teams; and where two competing teams were involved the N.C.A.A. committee should receive 20% and the two teams should receive 40% of the net.

Now I realize that I have no authority to make such a decision. But Ita said that the reason that he was sticking with the N.C.A.A. tournament was because of the fact that his team and his district had opportunity not only to build up basketball but to make some money. It was the veiled implication of Mr. Ita that if they were not permitted to make some money they would go where they would get publicity and money.

I am frank to say that this has not been my attitude, that I have strung along from the beginning some ten years ago on the proposition that the N.C.A.A. and the larger schools supportant it should follow the academic trend and attitude. However, there have been so many changing attitudes in this publicity and income deal that I am loathe to say what is the proper one to take.

There is a vague suspicion on the part of many basketball men that the N.C.A.A. committee, after selling basketball down the river to the A.A.U. when the N.C.A.A. agreed to turn over all sports for domination by the A.A.U. with the exception of track and field, wrestling, swimming and rowing, that is, if the A.A.U. would permit the N.C.A.A. to name the coaches in those four above named sports. Then the basketball men fear that this revival of interest of the N.C.A.A. in basketball is but their long range view of raising money for the Olympics for the four above named sports. If that is true, the basketball men will not go along very far with such a proposition. It is the feeling of the basketball men that any earnings derived from basketball in these tournaments and play-offs should all be earmarked for basketball and for basketball promotion in the Olympics when and if we have them.

It is the feeling of many prominent basketball men that the National Collegiate could set up a certain program wherein the pick of the colleges of the N.C.A.A. could compete with the A.A.U. and defeat the best A.A.U. team of the country. Major Griffith asked me some few years ago what I thought the chance of a college team would be against the A.A.U. I told him that while the best college team could not beat the best A.A.U. team as college teams are now constituted, it was my definite opinion that the pick of the college teams over the country could be turned into a team that would beat the best A.A.U. team now existing, provided that the colleges made certain enactments that would prohibit college seniors from joining A.A.U. teams the year of the Olympic play-off.

It is my opinion that a definite long range view must be taken by the administrators of the N.C.A.A. of this very important policy that I have stressed, else we will find a crumbling away of our best teams in favor of promotional tournaments.

Would it not be a wise thing to discuss with the leaders of our college coaches this problem, but before discussing the matter with them some broad policy should be outlined by the N.C.A.A. administrators so that the college men could work on some hypothesis that would be understandable to all of the college men interested in a national play-off and members of the N.C.A.A. who abide by the one year residence rule.

I would kindly ask that you determine from the leaders and the administrators of the N.C.A.A. what their attitude is so that we might answer some of the questions that are constantly being presented to me by these legitimately inquisitive souls who want to know what is the best thing for them to do.

Very cordially yours,

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Chairman, Fifth District, N.C.A.A.

Lawrence, Kansas  
March 10, 1939

Mr. Henry Iba, Director of Athletics,  
Oklahoma A. and M. College,  
Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Dear Henry:

I am enclosing carbon copy of my letter to  
Mr. H. G. Olsen so that you will see I am endeavoring  
to do everything I can to answer the questions that  
were discussed at our meeting in Oklahoma City last  
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I assure you I am desirous of being cooperative  
to the nth degree.

Very sincerely yours,

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

Lawrence, Kansas  
March 10, 1939

Mr. Tom Stidham, Director of Athletics,  
University of Oklahoma,  
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Tom:

Will you please be sure to show the enclosed carbon copy of my letter to H. G. Olsen to Bruce Drake so that he will see I am endeavoring to do everything I can to answer the questions that were discussed at our meeting in Oklahoma City last Wednesday morning.

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

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March 16, 1939.

Mr. Henry Iba,  
Director of Athletics,  
Oklahoma A. & M. College,  
Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Dear Henry:

I did not get to see you after the game because I was seated upon the stage, and when I got through the crowd you had gone. I looked for you to extend commiserations. It was a tough ball game to lose, but your boys just couldn't hit those free throws and some of their shots. Then I had to rush on to make the settlement for the officials and by the time I got to the hotel I packed my grip and had the night clerk phone the depot agent at the Santa Fe to tell him I would be over at 10:15 and not to pull out until then.

Instead of the agent communicating with the fellow that was sending the train away, he apparently just sat on his haunches and when Bill Williams came through with his Drake team the fellow on the platform asked if that was all of them, and Bill Williams said it was, so he signalled the train to leave at eleven minutes after ten, instead of 10:15 the time they had agreed to hold the train.

You can imagine my chagrin in rushing down there expecting to catch the train to get home at 6:30 in the morning, to find that the train had pulled out and I was forced to go back to bed and sleep until about 4 o'clock and catch a train to Wichita, change there at 8 o'clock and arrive in Lawrence at noon. I was certainly peeved. I didn't get in to Lawrence to meet my classes the next morning as I had expected.

Anyhow, I want you to know it was a pleasure to spent two days visiting with you when we could play golf and sit around and discuss matters that were for the better interests of basketball.

You have a fine ball club, Hank, and a fine group of fellows. I know some of them do not come up to your expectations, but that is true with all teams and certainly they couldn't hit at critical moments after the first few minutes of the ball game. That Indian boy of yours, Doyle, and Slade and Scheffler are a grand bunch of kids. They are all competitors. But the brightest spot is that you have a group coming on and while they are not ready yet, they will be tough competition for anybody's ball club next year.

I am going to leave Friday night for San Francisco, arriving there Sunday morning. I will have to hurry out after the games to attend a budget conference here, but I expect to see you in Chicago.

With all good wishes and with kindest personal regards,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 16, 1939.

Mr. C. O. Burnside, Manager,  
Carpenter Paper Company,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Cob:

Well, I am cooled off now, Cob, but I really was in a dither after that fellow pulled out with his Santa Fe train. I had been away from school two days and was all set, planning to start a happy, early morning in Lawrence Wednesday. The train gets in at 6:30, so I had planned to go home and get cleaned up and have a shave and a good breakfast and get on the job at 8:20.

You can imagine my consternation, especially when I had set up the arrangement to hold the train, and then I fried in my own fat. But the visit after the unpleasantry was worth it.

I spent two very pleasant days in Oklahoma City, and the chiefest part of the pleasant time had there was the visit with you and your good family and with our mutual friends who attended the games. I am sure that we made some money for all three schools participating, and I believe the game was handled well - all factors considered - to make it eminently worth while.

I am leaving for the Coast Friday night and will get there Sunday morning. I am counting on seeing some good tournament play. Then I will see the finals at Northwestern University on the 27th, so my winter of basketball when that is completed should have been profitable.

Again I want to tell you that I always enjoy my visit with the Burnside's and their friends. With all good wishes for your continued success, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Monday afternoon --

Prof. Davis received a wire from Dr. Bergman giving approval for Big Six participation in the NCAA basketball tournament.

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

January 27, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

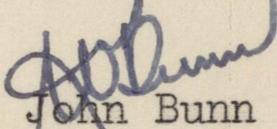
This will acknowledge your letter of January 21. We here on the Coast are faced with the same problem in connection with the selection of our 8th District representative that you have proposed in your letter. We plan to follow very much the same schedule as you suggest. We have tentatively set up an elimination tournament for March 10 and 11. If this tournament is necessary then the winner will play the Pacific Coast Conference champion to determine the 8th District representative in the western play-off.

It is my understanding that each district is privileged to formulate and carry out its own plans for choosing a district representative. I appreciate the fact that the date of our play-off out here is a little late but in view of the fact that the Pacific Coast Conference championship games will be played on March 10, 11, and 13 it is absolutely impossible, if the 8th District is to be represented in the western play-off, for us to set an earlier date than March 20 and 21.

I appreciate very much your co-operation in connection with publicity material. I shall look forward to periodical outbursts from you.

With best wishes for your season, I am

Very cordially yours,

  
John Bunn  
Dean of Men

Had a nice visit with C. E. McBride the other day

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLUMBUS

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

February 1, 1939

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

Dear "Phog":

I am enclosing copy of the first information which we are sending out in regard to the tournament. If you have any suggestions, I hope you will forward them on to me.

I, too, had my doubts about the advisability of March 20-21 for the play-off dates in San Francisco, but I am assured by John Bunn that the winning team from there can be in Chicago on the evening of March 24 by using the Deluxe service from San Francisco. Under the circumstances, I believe there is nothing for us to do except to use those dates. Bunn, and I assume President Owens, seem to feel that to do so would be o.k.

You will note that in this letter to the committee men, I am trying to suggest that they stress the idea that this is a N.C.A.A. Championship and doesn't pretend to be the "National Intercollegiate Championship" sponsored by the N.C.A.A.

I feel we are getting a fine response generally, in respect to this tournament, throughout the country and am very hopeful of it being a huge success. I deeply appreciate everything you are doing and I heartily concur in your idea that you write the people in your section giving them the straight dope on this tournament.

Very sincerely yours,

"Ole"

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

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given to  
H. Mason

February 8, 1939.

Mr. John Burn,  
Dean of Men,  
Stanford University,  
California.

Dear John:

I am sending you some information on the teams in this district that you can assemble for your publicity material. We don't know who the outstanding team is, and it doesn't look as if there are any, unless it is Oklahoma A. and M.

We are playing the Oklahoma Aggies tonight, but are not in very good shape to meet them. They make the best showing by far in the Missouri Valley Conference, although Oklahoma has beaten them once in Norman. They play Oklahoma next week at Stillwater, and I wouldn't be surprised to see the Aggies win.

I will get more information on the Missouri Valley Conference as soon as possible. I doubt if any team besides the Oklahoma Aggies is in the hunt.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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