

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.