

Lawrence, Kansas  
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12th and Baltimore Ave.,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Dumpy:

Your two letters of December 29 and January 17 were duly received, and I contacted Mr. Falkenstien for the tickets for George, Jr. I am sure that he had no difficulty in obtaining them.

Answering your letter of December 29, which I should have answered sooner but which came during my absence in Texas with the basketball team, wish to state that our National Collegiate play-off for the Fifth District (our own), Sixth (Southwestern), Seventh (Rocky Mountain), and Eighth (Pacific Coast), will be held at San Francisco on March 20 and 21. The other tournament play-off will be held somewhere in the east. This takes care of Districts One, Two, Three and Four. The winners of these two play-offs will play at a place to be decided upon by the General Committee.

H. G. Olsen is chairman of the General Committee, and John Bunn, of Stanford, and June Salmon, of New York City, and I are members of that committee, and will decide where the final play-off is to be held. Olsen indicated to me that Chicago was pretty strongly for it, and since Olsen is chairman and a member of the Big Ten Conference, frankly I think Chicago has a pretty good lead on it. That hasn't been determined, however. So you have the information so far as I am advised.

You will understand, Dumpy, that this National Collegiate is a real national tournament sponsored by the N.C.A.A., and not by any small group of individuals. Only universities and colleges that recognize the three-year eligibility rule and who are members