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Dear Harold:

I have just received a letter from Johnny Bunn, of Stanford, giving me the set up for the N.C.A.A. basketball tournament play-off for Districts 5, 6, 7 and 8, on March 20 and 21, at San Francisco. John states, of course, that he will manage the play-off.

I am wondering what arrangements the General Chairman could make to enable a member of the General Committee and chairman of the Fifth District to attend that meeting. I am quite sure that my team is not potent enough to be the representative from this district. I think it will doubtless be between Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Aggies.

I have a meeting the first part of April on the West coast of the National Health and Physical Education Association, and I am trying some way to negotiate the trip out to the coast without reaching into my pocket one hundred per cent to attend that meeting. The University does not pay any expenses for our attendance at this meeting, yet I am very anxious to be there. So I am writing you for counsel and advise, to see if there is any possibility of a member of the General Committee being of any service out on the coast.

Since there are four members of the General Committee, if you and Salmon could attend the 1-2-3-4 District play-off, and John Bunn and I could attend the 5-6-7-8 District play-off, it seems that might be comparable with good administration. What do you think? Of course, it would make it perfect for me.

I am responding to Bunn's request to see that he gets each week a new story of the outstanding teams in our district so that he and his publicity people may have the advantage from the beginning to build up interest in the popular entrants in the tournament. We will see that he gets mats of the players and a full story which will give him one hundred per cent cooperation from our district.

It is going to be a wild scramble in our district. We have no outstanding teams, and I am afraid we will not be as strong as in some other years. But this is only the beginning,