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Dear "Phog":

Endeavoring to answer your questions in your letter of November 16: First, it seems to me that our only sensible plan of procedure here is to include only N.C.A.A. teams in this tournament. Doesn't that automatically mean that we are not having any teams that do not observe the freshman rule? Inasmuch as the basketball coaches association was the instigator of this idea and inasmuch as the N.C.A.A. is getting behind it, it seems to me we ought to adhere to the N.C.A.A. participation throughout. Therefore, we should eliminate entirely the teams that do not observe the freshman rule - I believe that will be the consensus of opinion.

Secondly, your suggestion that the idea of selection arbitrarily on the basis of record and personal observation might be somewhat difficult - that is, of course, true but even if you were to hold an elimination tournament, let us say in your section, you would run into some of the same difficulties, because in order to get your teams into this tournament for your district you are going to have to make selections of some kind before the tournament is played. So you will probably run into some difficulty there.

With regard to your observation regarding McBride, I certainly feel that if we can have Mr. McBride on this committee that would be ideal. Unquestionably, he is an outstanding figure there and to have him on the committee and to give his support would be a fine move. Why not go ahead right away to see if you can't sign him up as a member of your selection committee, especially since (to answer another question of yours) I have a feeling that the best place to hold this play-off between the representatives of districts 5, 6, 7 and 8 is Kansas City. I believe that if we can get men like McBride on the committees over the country that this tournament will receive a lot of fine support in the newspapers and that we will be able to put across this tournament over and above such attempts as are being made by fellows like Emil Liston of Baker University. So I very much hope you will go after McBride right away. If you wish, I will be glad to write him to add my invitation to yours if you think that desirable.

As to the third member of your committee, I am sure you would have a better idea as to who should be appointed there than I would, but