

## AN APOLOGY AND A PLEA TO THE COACHES ASSOCIATION

**T**HE INITIAL issue of the National Association of Basketball Coaches Bulletin has been unreasonably delayed for which an apology is due to the membership as a whole.

At the same time we feel that some part of this delay is attributable to circumstances beyond our control. In the future we trust that delay will not be due to any failure on the publication end of your Bulletin.

It is our hope to get out the next edition of the Bulletin the last week of February, in advance of the annual meeting, so that the membership can be acquainted with problems that will be discussed at this gathering of members.

In order to adequately present these problems and acquaint the entire membership with these factors it is necessary for all members who are serving on the various committees to acquaint me with your progress. Please forward any data or research being carried forward in your district so that we can spread the word. Pictures, charts and statistical information is invaluable to your associates. Not being in possession of the membership roles of the various committees I am addressing this plea to you individually.

Several organizations and committees have been kind enough to cooperate for this issue but too many have overlooked contributing.

For your information the reason for the publication delay let me say that in early December following receipt of a communication from our president, Nels Norgren, I agreed to undertake editing and publishing the Bulletin under the direct supervision of the committee. This request was the first response to my suggestions along this line made to the Executive Committee last March. It naturally found my organization not equipped to handle the Bulletin as it should be done to best serve the entire membership.

Since receiving instructions to get out the Bulletin my staff has been in the process of reorganization due to the loss of three members to the armed forces of this country. All of you can appreciate the additional duties which have thus devolved upon myself and the staff. Until a breathing spell in the winter schedule here we neglected the Bulletin matters. At the same time my requests to coaches for material for the most part were overlooked or the material delayed so that we are approximately four weeks late in publishing.

You can rest assured that we will not permit this delay in the future and we earnestly request each and every one to help with prompt contributions.

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## N.C.A.A. TOURNAMENT DATES SET

**Eastern and Western Playoffs March 20-21 at New Orleans and Kansas City with Championship in Kansas City March 28. Dr. Wilbur C. Smith and George R. Edwards Named as Managers.**

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**T**HE EASTERN Play-Off will be held in the Municipal Auditorium at New Orleans on March 20th and 21st. The manager of the Play-Off is Dr. Wilbur C. Smith, Director of Athletics, Tulane University, New Orleans. The teams competing in the Eastern Play-Off will represent districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the N.C.A.A. (in other words, the section east of the Mississippi River).

The Western Play-Off will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri on March 20th and 21st. The manager of the Western Play-Off is George R. Edwards, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri. The four teams competing in the

Western Play-Off will represent districts 5, 6, 7 and 8 (section west of the Mississippi River).

The winner of the Eastern Play-Off and the winner of the Western Play-Off will meet for the N.C.A.A. Championship in Kansas City on Sat., March 28th.

Last year, the four teams competing in the Eastern Play-Off at Madison, Wis., were Dartmouth, Pittsburgh, Wisconsin and North Carolina. The four teams competing in the Western Play-Off at Kansas City, were Washington State, Creighton, Arkansas and Wyoming. Washington State won the Western Play-Off; Wisconsin won the Western Play-Off, and also went on to win the N.C.A.A. Championship.