

I might state that on March 22 and 23, the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth districts (those are the districts of the Missouri Valley Conference, the Southwest Conference, the Rocky Mountain Conference, and the Pacific Coast Conference) will meet in Kansas City to determine a semi-finalist winner. At the same time in Philadelphia in the Palestra, the first, second, third and fourth districts meet to determine the semi-finalist. You will note that there are four districts east of the Mississippi and four west of the Mississippi River.

Then on March 30 the winner of the western section and the winner of the eastern section will meet to determine the national champion. There has been much complaint from the N.C.A.A. faculty representatives that this is even too great a strain on the boys by taking them away from school, so it must be handled discreetly to have the antagonists of this tournament put their O.K. on it as it is.

I am sure that you will see the academicians standpoint. They maintain that the boys are their for study and pursuit of their vocations, rather than to give too much time to their athletic pursuits.

We have many boys on the team who are from the Schools of Business, Medicine, Law, Engineering and Journalism, and some of those professors are even hostile to athletics, rather than being sympathetic. For that reason we must very definitely live with our own faculty members.

Trusting that my long explanation has enabled you to see the schedule under which we work, and hoping that you can obtain other attractions for your very worthy and highly commendable cause, the Finnish Relief, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Chairman, Fifth District, N.C.A.A.