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Mr. James W. St. Clair
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Dear Jim:

I understand there is something brewing along the line of replacing "Phog" as the member of the Rules Committee from District 5. I, personally, would feel that it would be a mistake to replace "Phog" at this time. I think you will agree he is a valuable member of the Rules Committee and more than that he has done a whale of a fine job in connection with our N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament, the conduct of which is in the lap of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Rules Committee.

I have talked this matter over with Saint at some length and he tells me that the Chairman of the N.C.A.A. Rules Committee has a voice which is listened to by the Appointments Committee. In other words, if you, as Chairman of our Basketball Rules Committee, feel that the reappointment of "Phog" Allen is indicated, and if you feel he should be retained, it is entirely within your province, and perhaps I might say it is your duty, to say so to the men who are charged with the nominations for committees. In this case, C. L. Brewer at Missouri is the Chairman of the Nominating Committee in District 5.

I hope you won't feel I am being presumptuous if I suggest to you that I think it would be very much in order for you to write Brewer, telling him why you feel "Phog" should continue on the committee. As I see it, there are two good reasons for him continuing - one is the fine job he does as a rules legislator and, secondly, because of the key position which he holds in this business of conducting a successful N.C.A.A. Tournament, and you, as Chairman of the committee charged with the conduct of that Tournament, surely have a right to speak up for the retention of a man whom you feel is important in that connection.

Saint has suggested that if you do feel this way you would be doing the right thing to write Brewer and to send a copy of the letter to Professor Thomas E. French of Ohio State University, who, as you know, is the Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the N.C.A.A.

Kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

H. G. Olsen

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✓CC-Dr. Forrest C. Allen

(This in confidence, of course)