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Mr. John W. Bunn,
Stanford University,
California.

Dear Johnny:

I feel that the heavy indebtedness that the N.C.A.A. has taken on puts it up to the basketball committee to clear their skirts financially. I am wondering how you feel toward all of our discussions, tentatively agreeing so far as practical, to play on the home court of one of the winning teams.

For instance, if Missouri and Oklahoma should tie for the Big Six championship I would be agreeable to tossing a coin to see whether they should play at Columbia or Norman for the play-off. Or I would let them settle it any way agreeable to them. If they wanted to play two out of three games, or one game to determine it, that would be agreeable, the N.C.A.A. to get a major portion of the cut, of course.

And then if we had a situation like we had last year with Oklahoma A. and M. in the district play-off and tied with Drake, I would be agreeable to having the play-off at Stillwater. Last year Iba said if we would have given him the tournament he would have guaranteed us somewhere around five or six thousand dollars. Of course, I think his figures were high, but if we could go into a deal like this all over the country and then have the semi-finals and finals, we ought to have some money in the bank. I am wondering what you think about it.

You can see by the enclosed letter that I have written Ole that I am much in favor of getting out of debt and being on the right side of the ledger. It would be too big a boom for the Ned Irish tournament for us to fall down again.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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