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Mr. H. G. Olsen,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Harold:

I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter that I have written "Butch" Grover concerning two very important things. I trust that you took the matter of admission to the basketball tournament up with him so that we can cut our deficit perceptibly. I find that it will be very necessary to make some heroic economies if we are to break even on the two-year set up.

If you have not spoken to "Butch" Grover as yet regarding the matter of giving \$1.00 of the coaches dues to the N.C.A.A. for a \$1.65 ticket, will you not kindly do so at once? Call "Butch" up, and let's get that machinery started because that admission will almost pay for the hall rent.

I was under the impression when you, John Bunn and I discussed the percentages in Chicago that you were fairly well determined on the amount that should go to each outfit. Frankly, I do not see why the Coaches Association should cut in on the N.C.A.A. tournament until the N.C.A.A. tournament is self-supporting. Since I do not recall what the recommendation of the Coaches Association was, will you kindly write me and let me know what they expect?

You will remember that in our play-off for the Fifth District last year at Oklahoma City we gave 20% of the sum to the N.C.A.A. after all expenses, hall rent, traveling expenses were figured. The University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma A. & M. College, and Drake University received their share of \$121.87 a piece. This amount figured 80% of the profit, and \$91.40 went to you as the N.C.A.A. chairman. Apparently we were the only outfit that made any money. All of the others lost. I trust that this will not be true of your play-offs in the east this year. We expect to have a fine play-off between the Big Six and the Missouri Valley and it should net some good money.

Oklahoma A. & M.'s expenses of band and team were \$349.21; Oklahoma's expenses were \$236.39, and Drake University's were \$746.25. I am going to endeavor to cut down a lot of these expense items on our district play-off. If we can have the district play-off with the proper build up in each one of our districts we should make a lot of money, but it is just the way we handle the thing as to whether we will do it or not.

We have already set a precedent of 20% to the N.C.A.A. and 40% to each team. We might get them to cut a little off of that, but I don't believe they would be willing to give the N.C.A.A. much more than 20% of it.

I am convinced that we should limit the expenses for twelve men on each of the competing aggregations. Fifteen is entirely too many under the financial situation that we now face.

I was quite disappointed when I saw the announcements regarding the chairmanships of the various district committees after you had asked me to go along with you so that more faculty members could be in as chairmen. I notice the Rocky Mountain district was not altered and it was quite a bit of a surprise for me. I have followed your and Saint's suggestions pretty consistently and I could not understand why a faculty member was not named in the district that you discussed with me when we were in Cleveland.

I received a letter from John Bunn stating that he would not be able to continue, for which I am truly sorry. I think basketball is losing a very definite contribution in John Bunn's resignation.

Yesterday I received a letter from C. S. "Heck" Edmundson that he had been placed on the basketball rules committee of the eighth district taking over the work that has been done in the last few years by John Bunn. I am quoting "Heck" as follows:

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This presents a problem to me, Ole. I do not believe that "Heck" would be in position to handle the officials. John Bunn was so closely associated with that side of the thing in your set up, and in discussing with John the matter of officials I told him that I thought we should get officials for the final championship game from sections that neither of the two competing teams came from.

I am going to write "Heck" right away, but naturally if I am to handle the tournament I would not want to take on the responsibilities for such a thing and have someone who is not well acquainted

with the job make the appointments. I am very sure, however, that I can handle this to the satisfaction of "Heck" and all concerned, because "Heck" would not want to do this, and there is ample time for us to work out problems such as this.

Will you kindly write me regarding what information went forth to "Heck" from Saint or from the people appointing "Heck"? Also, will you kindly give me the definite low-down on June Salmon? I would like to know whether he is active or who is really the generalissimo of the officers of the Rules Committee.

I would also like to have you give me what information you have regarding the teams that are interested in the eastern play-off. Also let me know how your Big Ten is warming up to this venture. How is H. Jamison Schwartz taking hold of the play-off there?

On your Bulletin #1, which you enclosed, in the General Committee in charge of the tournament I notice that you left my name off of the list. I imagine that was an oversight.

Thanking you for an early reply, I am

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Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
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January 13, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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Dear "Fhog":

I am glad to know you are finding a lot of interest in connection with the National Collegiate Tournament. I am having the same experience and it is my hope that everything will work out in fine style this season.

By the way, I want to get out to all the committee men at the earliest possible moment, the general instructions as to the set-up for the conduct of the tournament this year and I hope you will forward to me immediately any suggestions you have with respect to such an announcement. There are a number of factors involved:

1. There was the recommendation which the Coaches Association made as to the distribution of the income from the N.C.A.A. Tournament. How closely should we follow this suggestion?
2. In the matter of the conduct of play-offs within each district, if any are held, what, in your judgment, is the basis on which we should conduct those play-offs?
3. When it comes to the Western play-off and the Eastern play-off, last year we guaranteed expenses for fifteen men on each competing team. Is it still your idea that a guarantee for a party of twelve would be sufficient?

These are some of the questions that occur to me at the present time and I hope I may get your suggestions as to what should be included in this announcement to the selection committees in the eight districts.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the announcement which we sent to committee members last year.

I will be hoping to hear from you soon.

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I am enclosing the first release of information regarding the N.C.A.A. Tournament, since we finally have the Eastern play-off, the Western play-off and the final game set. You will notice there is a sheet of general information and also several sheets for use in your district. We have endeavored to give you definite information as to the territory which your district covers, together with the N.C.A.A. schools in your district. If you should find any discrepancy in this list, I wish you would let me know at once so I may get the matter straightened out. We don't want to overlook anybody and the list as I have given it to you is correct to the best of my knowledge. I am, however, making a check with Dean Nicolson, the Secretary of the N.C.A.A., to make sure that it is correct with respect to his records.

I think now that the play-offs and the final game have been definitely set, we should get busy in each district in the matter of talking about the tournament, getting as many people as possible interested in the ideas of this tournament, which is to decide as best we may the N.C.A.A. Basketball Championship. I think it is incumbent upon each member of the committee to spread the word wherever possible that this is not a "National Intercollegiate Championship" sponsored by the N.C.A.A., but rather a tournament run by the N.C.A.A. for its membership only. I am sure you get the distinction. Obviously, there are a number of schools with good basketball teams who are not members of the N.C.A.A., but we are not interested in them in connection with our tournament. We are not competing with such other tournaments as may be run throughout the country; we are simply trying to put over in the best possible manner this N.C.A.A. tournament, but I think it should be rather clear to everybody that if we do a good job, this tournament will be the outstanding basketball tournament in the country.

I think I see a fine opportunity for building up a lot of interest in this tournament through the work of committee men in each district. As the season goes along and various teams begin to "stick their heads up", they ought to be singled out as potential representatives from that district. I think in this way we can build up a good deal of interest as the teams "come down the stretch" in each of our eight districts.

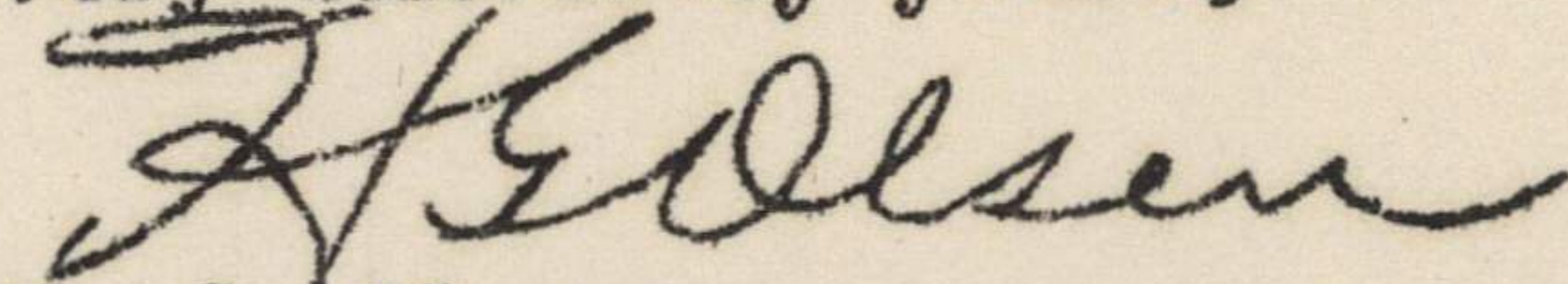
Please bear in mind that because of the very general objection to any amount of post-season play we want, if possible, to select the best team in each district without any play-offs. If, however, you find it impossible to make a final selection, as between two teams, let us say, and you find that these teams are willing to play off to see who will represent the district, then I can see no objection to such a procedure.

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Please do everything you can in your district to get information regarding the tournament into the press. As we come closer and closer to the Eastern and Western play-offs, we must depend on the committee men from each district to get good information regarding the most impressive teams, together with good pictures, etc., to send on to Mr. Swarts at the University of Pennsylvania and to John Bunn at Stanford University. These men will find their job much easier and will make much more of a success of these play-offs if you can get good information and good pictures to them considerably ahead of the play-off dates.

I would appreciate very much having the chairman of each district keep me informed as to the progress of affairs in his charge. If there is anything we can do to help you in your work, please call on us.

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H. R. McQuillan, Texas A. & M., College Station, Texas

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Utah

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C. S. Edmundson, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

Morris H. Gross, San Diego State College, San Diego, California

J. Fred Bohler, Washington State College, Pullman, Washington

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The basketball schedules of N.C.A.A. schools will be completed shortly and the time is nearly here for the selection of the outstanding team in each district of the N.C.A.A. Note to all selection committees:

- I. You, as a committee, are responsible for determining the outstanding N.C.A.A. team in your district. Please follow the records of teams in your district carefully and make your selection at the earliest possible moment. If a play-off is necessary (in your judgment) your committee is authorized to run it off, that is, make all arrangements for the place to play the elimination, select officials, etc. - on the following basis, 20% of net profit to go to the N.C.A.A.; 80% of net profit to be divided among competing teams (40% to each team if two are concerned, 20% to each team if four are in the eliminations, etc.) The N.C.A.A. is not in a position to guarantee such eliminations within any given district, but any eliminations that are held should very easily "pay out" if properly handled.
- II. The teams finally selected to represent the eight districts will be brought to the Eastern and Western play-offs, March 22 and 23 on the following basis: Complete necessary travelling expenses (railroad fare, pullman and meals) and local entertainment (hotels and meals) for a total party of twelve (12).

WESTERN PLAY-OFF (teams representing districts 5, 6, 7 and 8) will be held in the Municipal Auditorium at Kansas City on March 22 and 23, 1940. Please address any questions or problems concerning this play-off to Dr. F. C. Allen, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

EASTERN PLAY-OFF (teams representing districts 1, 2, 3 and 4) will be held on March 22 and 23 at a place to be designated as soon as selections in districts 1, 2, 3 and 4 are made. The manager of the Eastern play-off will also be designated later. In the meantime please address any questions concerning this play-off to H. G. Olsen, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. If any committee members have suggestions to make as to the location of the Eastern play-off, please send them along at once.

TROPHIES. Appropriate team and individual trophies will go to the winners and runners-up of the Western and Eastern play-offs.

THE FINAL GAME for the N.C.A.A. Championship will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, March 30, 1940. Manager, Dr. F. C. Allen, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. Dr. Allen is doing a splendid job organizing both the Western play-off and the final game, as well as providing an unusual program of entertainment for those who come to Kansas City, either for the play-offs, the coaches meeting, or the Rules Committee meeting. Kansas City will be the basketball center of America in the latter part of March. Everybody who is interested in basketball should come to Kansas City at that time, if possible.

NAISMITH MEMORIAL TROPHY. The National Association of Basketball Coaches have donated a splendid trophy which will be known as the Naismith Memorial Trophy. This will be presented to the winner of the Championship and will be retained by them permanently. The coaches have agreed to present this trophy annually. This memorial trophy, by the way, is the only trophy officially approved and authorized by the family of Dr. Naismith.

Individual awards will also be made to members of the winning and second place teams.

III. PUBLICITY MATERIAL. If the N.C.A.A. Tournament is going to be the success that it should be, it will be because selection committees in each district are making their selections expeditiously and because we get into the public press good publicity from each district. As the race narrows down in each district it might be well for each chairman to give to the press some idea as to what teams are being considered for the final selection. Each selection committee should assume the definite responsibility of seeing that such material gets into the papers just as soon as possible. In addition, if you can get anything which you feel may be of national interest send it to Dr. F. C. Allen or to myself and we will see that it is used. Now is the time to "boon down" if we are to put this Tournament across.

IV. ECONOMY IN PROCEDURE. I should like to emphasize again the need for economy on the part of all committees. As you all know, the N.C.A.A. Tournament last year lost money. We are anxious to not only pay our own way this year but, if possible, to erase the deficit from last season. That means we should do everything that can possibly be done by letter rather than telephone or telegraph. Please understand, however, that if in the final rounding out of the situation in any district the use of the telephone or telegraph is indicated, by all means use it. We don't want to handicap procedure by any "penny wise and pound foolish" administration.

Please keep me informed about any developments in your district, especially in Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4. Districts 5, 6, 7 and 8 should keep in very close touch with Dr. F. C. Allen at Kansas, since he is the manager of both the Western play-off and the final game and is a member of the General Tournament Committee.

V. CHANGES IN COMMITTEES. Please note the following changes in our committee set-up: On the General Committee, James W. St. Clair, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, replaces John Bunn, Stanford University, Stanford University, California. In District 3, Curtis Parker, Centenary College, Shreveport, La., will be replaced as Chairman by Roy Mundorff, Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga. In District 8, C. S. Edmundson, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, replaces John Bunn, Stanford University, as Chairman.



H. G. Olson
Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament Committee

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February 12, 1940.

Mr. H. G. Olsen,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Ole:

I am sending you a copy of your Bulletin #1 which was sent me last year explaining the set-up of the Eastern Sectional, the Western Sectional, and the Final Championship play-off. Please refer to the personnel of the General Committee in the third paragraph from the bottom and you will find that my name is not listed in that bulletin, as I explained to you. I am referring to the second paragraph from the bottom on the second page of your letter of February 7, 1940.

Ole, you've got me woozy! You send a second annual N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament Committee Bulletin, and on the second page under the Fifth District you list the personnel of the committee and mention Dr. H. H. King as chairman; and then you say in the fourth paragraph of your letter on the first page - "The only reason King is not serving in your district is that you felt you would rather retain that chairmanship yourself."

You will remember that I wrote you a second letter stating that I wanted to follow your suggestions, and since you wanted to make some changes in the other districts that I should go along with you, and yet you did not make those changes. Anyhow, will you explain to me what you mean by this recent letter?

Yes, I am very sorry to see John Bunn pass out of the picture. John was aggressive and intelligent. We will miss him very much.

I wrote "Butch" Grover a letter this morning when I was dictating one to you in which the Coaches Association had asked for a small cut of the profit, but since there are no profits until the deficit has been taken care of, then I believe it would be unwise to cut them in as yet. However, since you are chairman I would like for you to give me your final stand in the matter.

I think you misunderstood me as regards the officials for the Pacific Coast Conference play-off. I certainly did not think that any of us should tell each district what officials to use. I was referring to the play-off in Kansas City. John Bunn and I were

of the opinion, and I thought that you were in on the discussion also, that we should not use officials as they were used in Chicago last year. If the Big Ten was interested, we would not use Big Ten officials. I am speaking of the finals in Kansas City. If U.S.C. is in the finals we would not favor using Coast officials, and if Oklahoma Aggies were playing U.S.C. we would not use Missouri Valley officials. We would use officials from outside of these two conferences. That is what I had reference to.

After you have read my correspondence to Heck Edmondson and Butch Grover I would be glad to have the benefit of your advice.

I am also glad to get the new set-up of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Rules Committee for 1940. Saint is a fine, steady and friendly chap, and I am sure will make a good chairman. I am writing him a letter of congratulation today.

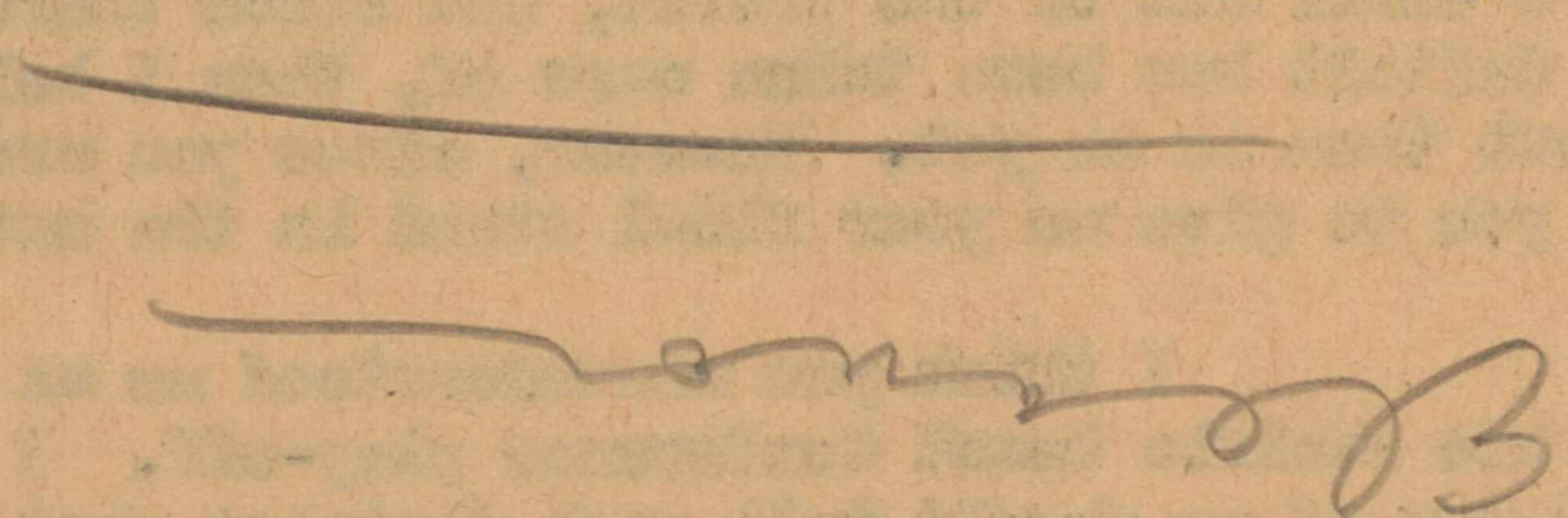
Did you get the mimeographed letter that E. J. Hickox wrote regarding Liston's tournament?

Our set-up here in Kansas City is going to be O.K. and I am sure that we will draw a very fine crowd.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "W. J. ...", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLUMBUS

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
L. W. ST. JOHN, Director

February 7, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

Regarding the matter of the N.C.A.A. helping out with the contribution toward the tournament, instead of having the tournament committee provide them with free admission, I talked with "Butch" Grover sometime ago concerning this and, as he has probably told you by now, he has had the matter under consideration for some time. My impression was he is heartily in favor of your idea and I have no doubt but what that procedure will be carried out by the Coaches Association.

Regarding the conduct of such play-offs as we may run - as you recall, the tournament and olympic committee at the last meeting presented a rather involved proposition regarding the conduct of the tournament - presented it merely as a recommendation. I think what we better do, however, is to scrap this idea for the present and follow the procedure which you followed in the conduct of the play-off in your district last year, that is, splitting the profits from any play-offs in any of the districts, 20% of the net profit to go to the N.C.A.A., the other 80% of the profit to be divided among the teams involved. I am sure this will meet with the approval of the other members of the committee.

Further, with respect to the conduct of the tournament, I am going to propose that we definitely limit expenses to twelve men this season. Fifteen men is too many for us to handle in our present financial circumstances.

With respect to your comment concerning the chairmanship of the various districts, while we did not go all the way with the Faculty type of men in selection committee chairmanships, still we are in a better position than we were last year. For example, in District 2, C. E. Bilheimer, who has been active in N.C.A.A. affairs for some time, is serving as chairman there. The only reason King is not serving in your district is that you felt you would rather retain that chairmanship yourself. I feel we have a good committee as it is set up.

I, too, am sorry to see John Bunn pass out of the picture. John is a very able man and he will be missed by the N.C.A.A. I have also written to "Hec" Edmundson indicating that we are hoping he will jump into the job which is being vacated by Bunn and help out in every way he can.

February 7, 1940

I think your suggestion as to handling of officials for the Pacific Coast Conference play-offs, and so on, is all right, although I am under the impression that the Pacific Coast Conference, as a group, handle their officials in a pretty fine manner and I am a little afraid there might possibly be some resentment on the part of the Pacific Coast if we were to step in there and say, "here, we want to appoint the officials for this play-off". However, any way you can work that out with "Hec" Edmundson is all right with me.

I have just received a letter from Phil Badger, New York University, in which he gives me the make-up of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Rules Committee for 1940. I note there are two new men on the committee - H. Jamison Swarts succeeds "June" Salmon, as representative from District 2, and Edmundson succeeds Bunn from District 8. I also note they have designated James St. Clair as Chairman. The complete list, as Badger gives it to me, is as follows:

James St. Clair, 6th District, Chairman
 Oswald Tower, Andover Academy, Editor
 Forrest C. Allen, 5th District (1)
 Sumner A. Dole, 1st District
 Curtis Parker, 3rd District (2)
 Harold G. Olsen, 4th District (3)
 Forrest Cox, 7th District
 H. Jamison Swarts, 2nd District (4)
 Clarence S. Edmundson, 8th District

(Note: Numerals in parentheses indicate length of term to be served)

I am assuming since they have designated Jim St. Clair, as Chairman of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Rules Committee, that he should succeed Salmon on our General Tournament Committee in addition to serving as Chairman of the selection committee in District 6. Salmon never has done any work and while we may leave his name on the committee list for the rest of the year, he certainly is out and St. Clair in. As far as the General Committee goes we cannot help but gain by that exchange.

There must be some mistake about your comment with respect to bulletin #1. So far as I know we have never sent out any information where the General Committee is listed except that it contained your name. Enclosed is a copy of the General and selection committees.

I trust I have answered the questions you raised in your letter of January 31. I hope everything is going along in a fine way out there at Kansas City. I note Mr. Liston is kicking up his heels.

Kindest regards.

Very sincerely yours,

H. G. Olsen
 H. G. Olsen
 Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball
 Tournament Committee

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SECOND ANNUAL N.C.A.A. BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

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GENERAL COMMITTEE

H. H. Salmon, Jr., 40 Wall Street, New York, N. Y.
John Bunn, Stanford University, Stanford University, California
Dr. Forrest C. Allen, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
B. T. Grover, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio
H. G. Olsen, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio - Chairman N.C.A.A.
Basketball Tournament

SELECTION COMMITTEES

District #1 (comprising Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts,
Rhode Island, Connecticut)

Sumner Dole, Connecticut State College, Storrs, Conn. (Chairman)
Sabin C. Abell, Graduate Mgr., University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.
Wesley Fesler, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

District #2 (comprising New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware,
West Virginia)

C. E. Bilheimer, Athletic Director, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pa.
(Chairman)
Lewis P. Andreas, Basketball Coach, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.
Howard G. Cann, Basketball Coach, New York University, New York, N.Y.
Clarence Overend, Athletic Director, Carnegie Institute of Technology,
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Earl R. Yeomans, Athletic Director, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.

District #3 (comprising Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina,
South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana,
Georgia, Alabama, Florida)

Curtis Parker, Centenary College, Shreveport, La. (Chairman)
Roy Mundorff, Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.
James Weaver, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.

District #4 (comprising Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin,
Minnesota)

Kenneth L. Wilson, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. (Chairman)
W. S. Chandler, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Paul D. Hinkle, Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana
George E. Keogan, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

District #5 (comprising Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas,
Nebraska, Iowa, Oklahoma)

Dr. H. H. King, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas (Chairman)
Clyde E. McBride, Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Mo.
E. O. Williams, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa
George R. Edwards, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.
Dr. Forrest C. Allen, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

District #6 (comprising Texas, Arizona, Arkansas)

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

GEORGE W. RIGHTMIRE, *President*

COLUMBUS

February 7, 1940

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
L. W. ST. JOHN, *Director*

Mr. James W. St. Clair
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas

Dear Jim:

I am in receipt of a letter from Phil Badger of the New York University, in which he gives me the appointments which have been made to the National Collegiate Basketball Rules Committee, and I note with pleasure you have been designated as chairman of the National Collegiate group.

In your letter to Badger, a copy of which he enclosed, I note you ask what your duties would be in connection with the tournament. As you know, "June" Salmon has been on the General Committee of the tournament due to the fact he was chairman of the National Rules Committee, rather, due to the fact he was chairman of the N.C.A.A. section of the Rules Committee. Since you have succeeded him in this position I am, of course, assuming that you would also succeed him in a position on the General Committee of the tournament, in addition to serving as chairman of the selection committee of your district.

This is logical because the N.C.A.A. Executive Committee, in their discussion at the meeting in New York last Spring or Summer, indicated they were putting this tournament "baby" in the laps of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Rules Committee for general supervision by them. At the same time they designated me again as the chairman of the Tournament Committee. So I hope you will do anything you can to promote the best interests of the tournament and to feel that you, as a member of the General Committee, are expected very definitely to have a voice in the general conduct policies of the tournament. If you have any suggestions regarding the conduct of the tournament, I hope you will get them on to me just as soon as possible.

Last year, as you recall, the tournament lost considerable money. We are trying in every possible way to keep expenses down this year and at the same time we are trying to run the tournament in such a way that the revenue will not only take care of this year's affair but, we hope, wipe out the deficit of last year. I think there is a good possibility of our doing this if we can have a few district play-offs which will bring in some money in addition to the revenue which comes in from the Eastern and Western play-offs and the final game at Kansas City.

Very sincerely yours,

H. G. O.

H. G. Olsen
Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball
Tournament Committee

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Lawrence, Kansas.
June 3, 1940

Mr. H. G. Olsen,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Ole:

It looks as if the political situation may necessitate another change in the management of the auditorium in Kansas City. For that reason I received a tip that it might be well to sign up for some dates next year, so last Saturday, among my other connections, I made a trip to the Municipal Auditorium and signed a contract with Mr. Eugene C. Zachman, the manager and director, for dates of the week of March 16 to 22, and from March 23 to 30, 1941.

The auditorium is to receive \$1.00, payment of which is hereby acknowledged by the lessor, plus twenty per cent of all gate receipts after deduction of federal and state taxes.

Ole, I am wondering if you are in a position to state when the tournament will be and whether the set up will be the same as it was last year with the eastern, western and later the final play-off. You know, there was some discussion of having eight teams meet one week in the final tournament - say Wednesday and Thursday of one week, resting Friday, and playing Saturday night for the finals. This would not entail any more time away from school than by playing the western and eastern, and then having the finals the next week for the championship.

The contract that I have with the hall will protect us if you should make such a determination. There is a paragraph in the contract at the bottom, which states: "The lessee agrees to set the permanent dates for the tournament (which are to be a part of this contract) as speedily as possible and in any event before October 1, 1940. The lessee further agrees that in the event an opportunity to rent the Arena for any of the dates reserved arises before that time, he will set permanent dates on 10 days' written notice from the lessor."

I had this put off as late as October, 1940, so that we would then be in a definite position to know exactly what we wanted to do.

There is another item, Ole, that I think I should mention that is very important. I have talked to a good many coaches that were in the tournament, or who did not get in, and most of them state that there has never been a definite statement of policy from the N.C.A.A. Tournament Committee concerning what the teams are to get, if anything. Of course, the district chairmen had been advised of certain things, and so have the members of the committee, but much of the advice that they received was erroneous; namely, that this fund would be earmarked for basketball. We found this to be incorrect. Further, there was only a guarantee of expenses for the eastern, western, and final play-off, and nothing for the districts. Yet if the district tournament made any money the N.C.A.A. was to receive it. And then you know in our first year we guaranteed expenses for fifteen men, then cut it to twelve, and then raised it again to fifteen.

I appreciate these difficulties that we get into, but there is a danger that unless we set these things out and have them in printed form and send them to each member, marked personal, of the National Basketball Coaches Association so they could be fully informed, then there would be no excuse for fellows like Rupp, of Kentucky, pleading ignorance as to the real set-up. I only mention Rupp, but I can also mention Frosty Cox, Sam Barry, and many of the other boys saying, "We never received any information of what we are to get or anything of the kind." Henry Iba was the most outspoken one of all. For two years he has been stating that he will stick by the N.C.A.A. tournaments if the N.C.A.A. Tournament Committee will come out with a definite statement as to their policy and intentions, together with their possible distribution of the earnings.

I do not believe that we can afford to ignore these things longer, and after our meeting, if we do have one in Minneapolis, I believe we should have a definite statement to present to the coaches early next fall so that when our tournaments come up they will have been advised, and it will not be possible for them to state they knew nothing of the set-up. If we leave all this detail to the chairmen of the districts or other members of the Tournament Committee then there is still a possibility that the various coaches who are members of the N.C.A.A. will not be fully appraised of all the situations.

Would it not be well to have these points ready to submit to the N.C.A.A. governing board and get their o.k. or their rejection upon these moot points so that we in turn could be protected to

the extent of saying that this is what they approved and this is what they rejected. If you want to get into the tournament play-off under these conditions, well and good. If not, you have been so advised.

I trust that I have brought before you these important points and that you will augment these with any others that come to you. Won't you please write me your convictions, and also, in what manner you expect to handle the play-offs next year?

I have not been advised whether I am to be on the Tournament Committee next year. But I have gone ahead with these details to protect the committee.

Very cordially yours,

Chairman, 5th District N.C.A.A.

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