

January 3, 1945.

Mr. Jim Mordy,  
University Daily Kansan,  
Campus.

Dear Jim:

I am sending you a copy of the basketball signals that we are giving to our timer and scorer, thinking that perhaps you might want it for your paper.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH  
Enc.



December 15, 1944.

Mr. George Edwards,  
Basketball Coach,  
University of Missouri,  
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear George:

Will you please send, at your earliest convenience, the following information for the printed programs to Mr. Joe Jacobson, Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri: names and playing numbers of your team, height and position, as well as information on the coaching personnel?

We will be happy to see you next week.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



December 5, 1944.

Mr. George Edwards,  
Varsity Basketball Coach,  
University of Missouri,  
Columbia, Mo.

Dear George:

Suppose we use the glass backboards for our games the 22nd and 23rd. We might have a crowd large enough to justify it, and certainly if we put the other boards up it would look as if we had not taken their convenience into consideration.

I am writing the Hall to this effect.

Even though you have lost Pippin you will still be stronger than we are. We lost to Washburn last night in a rather hectic game, so I am not sure just how we will look in conference competition. I believe we are going to have a fine crowd. Even though our team is not up to par, the type of competition and the schools will draw the crowd, I am sure.

If there is anything further that I can do to stimulate the fine competition of our schools, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

November 28, 1944

Dr. F. C. Allen,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Whether glass or wooden backstops are installed for our games in the Municipal Auditorium makes no difference to me. My observation has been that players compile about the same percentage of success against either type. In case, though, that the attraction forces sale of seats at the end of the court I am sure that glass backstops add to spectator enjoyment. These comments are made simply with the idea of submitting all factors as far as I know them. You may disagree with the reaction of players, and if you do then by all means see that wooden backstops are erected.

At the time we discussed the game arrangement I thought we might be able to give Colorado a real battle, but now I fear it will be too lopsided. You see, I had Pippin at that time and he was going great guns. However, he became 18 years old late in October and has been drafted. We won't have much without him, but maybe we will learn enough by meeting strong teams to be a little better in conference play.

Yours truly,

*George R. Edwards*

George R. Edwards,  
Coach of Basketball.



November 20, 1944.

Mr. George Edwards,  
Basketball Coach,  
University of Missouri,  
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear George:

Frosty has written asking which backboards we would use - glass or wood. Do you have any preference?

I am enclosing a carbon copy of my letter to Frosty, which is self-explanatory.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.



October 26, 1944.

Mr. George Edwards,  
Basketball Coach,  
University of Missouri,  
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear George:

I just got a note from Lewandowski saying he would play on the 23rd of December. I have also written Frosty Cox who had agreed to play on the 23rd, asking him if he would switch to the 22nd.

I would rather you not spring the publicity until we have the whole thing set. I will let you know when we are going to break the story so you can break it there at the same time, and Reaves can break it in Kansas City. We will agree upon a date.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



October 11, 1944.

Mr. George Edwards,  
University of Missouri,  
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear George:

I am sending you a carbon copy of a letter that I have written to Bruce Drake. Since Bruce will not be in on our 22nd and 23rd games I am hoping that he will take the initiative in working out the 15th and 16th. I will be glad to help him in every way possible.

I received a letter from Frosty Cox stating, "I was in hopes that it would be possible for us to accept the dates of December 22nd and 23rd to play in Kansas City. I checked with Captain Roberts, commanding V-12 officer, and he informs me that we will have to stay within the forty-eight hour rule. Since our last game was to be played on Saturday and we could return by Sunday morning, I thought they would be more lenient with this rule but it seems that it is a 'hot potato' and the only safe way for the commanding officer is to stay within it. I am wondering if it would be possible for us to play in Kansas City on any one date, say December 22nd, or December 23rd. If we could do this it means that we can satisfy the Navy requirement but realize this presents management problems. If such a thing would work out, I would appreciate your letting me know at your earliest convenience as we have a conference basketball schedule meeting coming up October 16th."

I have written Frosty asking which date he would prefer, the 22nd or 23rd, but I thought Colorado would be a stronger drawing card on the 23rd. Then if we can get somebody to fill in on the 22nd, Missouri, Kansas State and Kansas can go ahead with their plans and use Colorado and one other team to fill in for the fourth member. If you have any suggestions at any time please feel very free to pass them on as I am trying to arrange things so everybody will be happy.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



September 30, 1944.

Mr. George Edwards,  
Basketball Coach,  
University of Missouri,  
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear George:

Thanks for your two good letters. I appreciate your remarks and assure you that any time Missouri plays in Kansas City, so far as Kansas is concerned, we want to be on the bill. You are very unselfish to offer to do the things that you do, but I would not hear to that.

I am writing Frosty Cox today and enclosing a copy of my letter herewith, asking if he would like to go in on the games on December 22 and 23 with Missouri, Kansas State and Kansas. If he does we will consider that our foursome is all made up and begin to plug the publicity.

What I am also trying to do, George, is to arrange some games for the 15 and 16. You remember Bruce and the Pre-Flighters want to play on the 16th, and Bruce is not interested in the 15th. So it may be that we cannot arrange the 15th and 16th deals, but I am planning on Missouri being with us as well as Kansas State on the 22nd and 23rd.

Regarding the discussed difficulties with Frosty, the only difficulty I ever had with Frosty was when he scoured the State of Kansas for his Colorado basketball team. He did not do it one year, but repeatedly. I never object to retail proselyting, but when it comes to wholesale I think that is rather out of place, especially when one state goes into the other in a consistent and strenuous manner.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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September 26, 1944

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Dr. F. C. Allen,  
Director of Physical Education,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Your letter of the 20th found me in St. Louis attending to business and publicity details of the game with Arkansas. Sorry for the delay in this reply.

In my letter to Shelton on August 12 I invited him for either the week-ends of the 16th or 23rd with preference on the latter because we thought it would draw better; that teams would be in condition to play more smoothly; and I might encounter some difficulty in getting off the extra day from school. In his answer of August 21 he said he couldn't come on the 23rd because of earlier plans, and added: "We believe that Dec. 15 and 16 will be too early to draw much". I assumed from this exchange of letters that he couldn't come on the preferred dates and didn't care to come earlier. Such was my report to you. Your more recent letter infers that he might reconsider in regard to the 15th and 16th.

You might be interested in why I expressed doubt about our obtaining permission for the early dates. We do have a regulation limiting days missed from classes for any team during a semester. This has often been violated when attractive games could not otherwise be scheduled, but each time special requests have come asking coaches to live up to the rule. When I made the remark to Ev our schedule at the time already asked for one day over the limit and the 15th date would extend it another. I always hesitate about and try to avoid asking the Committee to set aside its regulations.

Developments later forced me to drop consideration of a game at Lansing, Mich., for this reason, and instead I arranged for an exchange with Westminster for Dec. 15 and 18 since such games would entail no absences from classes. I dislike to cancel these games unless something more attractive can be arranged.

Therefore, by cancelling or shifting the Westminster dates it is possible for us to participate in a four way arrangement on the 15th and 16th due to dropping the trip to Michigan State. But I still prefer the week later for the games in Kansas City if a fourth team can be found.



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Your proposal for a four team set-up on the 15th and 16th consisting of Oklahoma, Iowa Pre-Flight, Kansas and Missouri is very attractive. The ability of Pre-Flight to participate is doubtful, as you know. It is with Bruce that I am more concerned, though, because he stated several times and very emphatically that he never would consider entering a contest with a Big Six team in an exhibition game. I really don't believe he will change from that stand.

As I see the possibilities, then, they are:

1. Oklahoma, Pre-Flight, Kansas, and some other non-conference team could take the dates of the 15th and 16th with Oklahoma and Kansas exchanging opponents but not meeting each other.

Again, I am sure that is the only way Bruce will come. That will leave us out, but don't fear any hurt feelings of Missouri. You see I am volunteering to withdraw simply in order to let Bruce live up to his desire to meet only non-conference teams, and I can assure you no resentment will be felt by me. Also, if any Missouri followers complain I'll make proper explanations.

I should like to point out that you still will have the problem of finding a fourth team,- the difficulty which handicaps the plans for the 22nd and 23rd.

2. If Bruce will reconsider, and Pre-Flight is available, so that you could use Missouri on the 15th I'll try to change our Westminster dates. This can be done all right, but I don't care to discuss it with Kimbrell until something is definite about Oklahoma and Pre-Flight.

Have you thought about Kansas State being sore about elimination from the K.C. games and the substitution of Oklahoma ?

3. Continue trying to find a fourth team for our series on the 22nd and 23rd.

Could Pre-Flight be obtained ? Unless they already have those dates taken it would be as easy for them to join us with K. State as to join you and Oklahoma.

I side with you in questioning the choice of Washburn, but would favor them over dropping the games. Other suggestions,- probably no better,- are Rockhurst, Warrensburg, Wichita, Olathe Naval Base, Pittsburgh, Maryville, Emporia Teachers. These are none of as great drawing power as Iowa Pre-Flight or Oklahoma A & M, but would be better than no program at all. Rockhurst certainly would bring lots of people.



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From private expressions made to me many times I wish to avoid the embarrassment of asking to enter a series with Oklahoma A & M. It is easy for me to predict the Committee vote.

In conclusion, I want to thank you for your frank discussion of these proposals. It is so easy to do business when each knows what the other is thinking. I take it that if you make the arrangements for the 15th and 16th in which Missouri does not participate that all plans for the 22nd and 23rd are off.

As soon as you reach decisions I would like to know where we stand for if we are unable to play in K.C. I would like to make other arrangements before all teams close their schedules.

Yours truly,

*George*  
George R. Edwards,



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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

September 26, 1944

Dr. F. C. Allen,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Since dropping a long letter to you in the mail box at noon today I am in receipt of a letter from Frosty Cox. He says that Colorado is resuming varsity basketball this winter and enquires if there is any chance of breaking into some Kansas City games. I guess that Shelton passed the word along to him.

Seems like I've heard of some personal friction between you and Frosty. If that is true he and his team may not be welcomed by you in such a series and I wouldn't attempt to be a peacemaker. From my own point of view, though, Colorado would make a swell fourth team for the 22nd and 23rd games. I have taken the liberty to tell him that there was an opening when I last heard from you, and to wait a few days before sewing up the dates until either you or I can get him word.

If, for any reason, you are willing to bring in Colorado but wish me to handle the correspondence I shall be glad to do so. However, if you prefer not to I will refuse him,- if you want me to do so,- in a manner that will hurt no one.

Yours truly,

*Geo. R. Edwards*

George R. Edwards



September 26, 1944.

Mr. Forrest B. Cox,  
Basketball Coach,  
University of Colorado,  
Boulder, Colo.

Dear Frosty:

Your letter of the 18th was delivered while I was in St. Louis dealing with preliminary details for our game with Arkansas last Saturday. It was misplaced by the stenographer and has just been handed to me.

Glad to know that Colorado will again be back on the basketball map this season, and hope you are fit enough to do your usual good job of coaching.

Kansas State, Kansas and Missouri have some tentative plans to play in Kansas City, December 22 and 23, in a series of two double headers with a fourth team to be selected. We thought Shelton would be interested but find he can't come.

The three Big Six schools have delegated Dr. Allen to act as chairman of arrangements, and I do not have definite information at this time as to what moves he has made to obtain a fourth team. With this letter I am mailing him a note telling him that you may be available.

I should know in a week or so whether or not another team has been chosen and just what plans have been devised. You can expect to hear from me or Dr. Allen in less than two weeks as to a possible spot for Colorado in this series. In the meantime, I would like to know if you definitely are available for these dates, and if you will hold them open until about October 7.

Yours truly,

George R. Edwards,  
Coach of Basketball.

copy to Dr. Allen



September 27, 1944.

Mr. George Edwards, Basketball Coach,  
University of Missouri,  
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear George:

Once I heard of a Dutchman. He was not named Hoff, but his name was Kloppf. He was to serve on the jury. He got so so excited and mixed up, and he said, "Good-by, wifey, good-by. I got to leave my home in the country and go to Kansas City and serve on the jury. I know I am going to run over the car and kill somebody."

It is queer, when these Dutch have things explained to them sometimes fairly clearly that they cannot get it. I went in to talk to Ralph Baker, and Hoff dropped in. I was going down to see Mr. Hoff later and explain to him, but I wanted the dates held.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.



September 20, 1944.

Mr. George Edwards,  
Basketball Coach,  
University of Missouri,  
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear George:

I am writing you a letter in utter frankness so that there will be no misunderstanding. Everett Shelton wrote saying that you thought the 15th and 16th of December were too early. I think Shelton could play on the 15th and 16th, but he is playing Michigan on the 23rd as he desires to keep his game with the Big Ten. However, he is very anxious to play in Kansas City at some time and hopes that he can arrange it.

He stated in his letter that you thought the 15th and 16th were too early to draw a good crowd. I do not know what arrangements he has made for these dates, if any, since he wrote because I have not communicated with him, but he cannot play the 22nd and 23rd.

Bruce Drake is going to play the Iowa Seahawks in Kansas City on the 15th or 16th. He wanted us to play the Oklahoma Aggies. Although our Chancellor has objected to our playing the Aggies, I wrote Mr. Hank Iba on the contingency that the Chancellor might reconsider his previous stand. Hank is playing in Philadelphia at that time. Bruce wanted us to play some team when they play the Seahawks. Anyhow, for the 22nd and 23rd we have tentatively agreed on Missouri, Kansas State and Kansas, but George, we have no one for the fourth competitor. Washburn University wants to play, but frankly I do not believe they will draw sufficiently to include them. What do you think?

The reason I wrote you so definitely about this thing was that I believe Ev Shelton would play either the 15th or 16th, and I would not want to agree with Bruce Drake that Wyoming come in and make the foursome with the Iowa Seahawks, Oklahoma and Kansas. It might appear that we were trying to shut Missouri out of the picture on the 15th and 16th. How do you feel on the 15th or 16th for Kansas and Missouri to make the foursome with Oklahoma and Iowa Pre-Flight?

It might be that if you are agreeable, if the Pre-Flight School could get away, that Oklahoma play the Seahawks on one night and Kansas and Missouri could play the second game of a double-header, and then the next night it could be arranged to have Missouri play either Oklahoma or the Pre-Flight School, and Kansas play the other team.



Of course, that would cut out the possibility of our 22nd and 23rd arrangement with Missouri, Kansas State and Kansas. Mike Ahearn has written saying that Kansas State would be very happy to play in the Auditorium with Missouri and Kansas.

I have endeavored to write you fully and comprehensively on this tentative arrangement. Won't you write me at your earliest convenience telling me what you really want? I have absolutely done nothing with anyone, with the exception of a tentative arrangement in Kansas City with Bruce Drake and the Pre-Flight coach toward playing on the 15th and 16th.

Very cordially yours,

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Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



September 4, 1944.

Mr. George R. Edwards,  
Basketball Coach,  
University of Missouri,  
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear George:

Thank you very much for making the change which permits us to be at home during our examination period. I know that you have sent a carbon copy to Reaves so it will not be necessary for me to write him except at the time when we send in our schedule.

I have asked the auditorium people to hold these dates for us. I agree with you that we should try to find another team. No, I have not heard whether Kansas State can come in with us or not. I would be glad to have any suggestions regarding the other team. Ev Shelton wants to come some other date.

I would like to have your recommendation, and want you to feel that anyone that you would nominate would be highly agreeable to me. I will write you again in a few days.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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August 28, 1944

Dr. F. C. Allen,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Your notes regarding the shift of sites for our basketball games were awaiting me upon my return from a vacation. Hope this delay in answering has not alarmed you.

We are willing to make the changes to meet the conflict with your examination periods. According, I have entered the dates and places as follows:

Fri. Jan. 5 - K.U. at Columbia  
Sat. Feb. 24 - Missouri at Lawrence

Attached is a copy of the notification that I have mailed to Reaves so that his schedule will be corrected.

A letter from Ev Shelton tells me that he has notified you that he cannot take part in the double header plan in K.C. on December 22nd and 23rd. It is my opinion that we should close those dates with the Auditorium and try to find another team. How do you feel about it ?

Also, have you heard whether or not K. State can come in with us ?

I am leaving with you decisions in regard to this series, but would like to know as soon as possible if we are to depend upon these Kansas City dates.

Yours truly,

*George E.*  
George R. Edwards.



August 28, 1944

Mr. R. E. Peters,  
342 South Chelsea,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Reaves:

Awaiting my return from a vacation was a letter from Dr. Allen stating that he had overlooked a conflict between semester examinations and the date with Missouri at Columbia on February 24. He requested that we keep the same dates for our games and exchange the sites.

I have written to Dr. Allen accepting the change. Thus, the basketball dates for Kansas and Missouri should be corrected on your list to read:

Fri. Jan. 5 - K.U. at Columbia  
Sat. Feb. 24 - Missouri at Lawrence

Yours truly,

George R. Edwards.

copy to Dr. Allen



August 28, 1944.

Mr. George Edwards,  
Basketball Coach,  
University of Missouri,  
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear George:

I wrote you quite some time ago regarding the difficulty that we found ourselves in, in scheduling a game at Columbia, Missouri, during our examination week here. It is impossible for us to leave Lawrence on that date. Therefore, I would appreciate any kindly cooperation that you might show us.

I will appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



August 15, 1944

Mr. George R. Edwards  
1311 Indiana Ave.  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Edwards:

I sent you a letter to Columbia, in regard to the following matter which is in more detail. If it is possible, could you have the letter forwarded on to you?

I found out that our final examination schedule will come during the week of February 19 to 24 therefore we will be unable to play away from home that week. Would it be possible to change the schedule having K.U. play in Columbia January 5, and Missouri play in Lawrence February 24?

I'm on my way to Boone, Iowa to attend the Iowa Coaching School and will be back in Lawrence next Monday.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

August 12m 1944.

Dr. F. C. Allen,  
Director of Physical Education,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Dr. Allen:

A special delivery air mail letter was just sent to Ev. Shelton at Wyoming telling him about the possible arrangements for games in the Auditorium. He was urged to join us in double headers in the Auditorium with the dates of December 22 and 23 preferred.

I have requested him to wire a reply to me in Kansas City by next Wednesday if possible. For fear, this being normal vacation time, that Ev may be delayed a few days in reading my letter I have told him to send his decision to you if he can't answer by Wednesday. You see I will be hopping around a good deal between the 17th and September 1 and will be rather hard to find during that period, and I am leaving matters in your hands until I am back in Columbia.

After thinking over this proposal I find myself much in favor of the December 22nd and 23rd dates partly because they fall in vacation, and partly because I think better crowds will be attracted. The strictness with which our committee views the missing of classes makes it necessary that I confer with Mr. Shirkey before I could be certain of December 15 and 16 in the event that Wyoming wants the earlier dates. In other words, I am inclined to close with the hall for the 23rd and 24th and hunt for another team if Shelton can't come at that time.

Should Shelton send me word before I leave here I'll notify you immediately, and also will tell Peters and Mr. Hoff or Baker at the Auditorium. In case Shelton writes to you and accepts will you attend to the notifications, please ?

Yours truly,

*George R. Edwards.*  
George R. Edwards.



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December 19th.

1944

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

Dear Doc:

It doesn't look too good for a High School game on Friday night at this time; most teams have their quota of games allowed, or they have a game scheduled that they can't move. Will keep trying. Talked to Clyde Baker a few minutes ago about arrangements, High School tickets, etc. Sent the wires out to the coaches yesterday. Paul says they must have the gloss prints, the others won't do.

Officials are so busy around here at this time. Markey came up with a bad attack of Sinus last night so I called Roy Brown at 1:00 a.m. and he will be there, as the bearer of this note would indicate. I remember that he was satisfactory with you when he worked at the Aud. here last year, even though you thought he lacked experience. I feel sure that he will be ok. tonight.

If you think of any details that we have not discussed about the games this week end send the word along by Roy.

Sincerely yours,

*R. E. Peters*

R. E. Peters

*T.S. Where will you stay while here?*

*Robert E. Lee*



December 6, 1944.

Mr. Reaves Peters,  
342 So. Chelsea,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Reaves:

I have written Tom Dorney and am getting his reactions on his desire as to how he wants his crowd handled at the Northeast - Ward game. I do thank you for calling my attention to this matter.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



November 15th

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To Basketball Coaches  
Big Six Conference:

Gentlemen:

Capt. Ted O'Sullivan has been sent home on leave and he thinks he will be here from now on; he expects to get out of the service before January 1st.

Many officials have already been assigned but there are a few conference games, and most of the non-conference games, ~~are~~ to be assigned. If you would like to have Ted on your list won't you let me know at once. Please let me know just where you want to put him in relation to the men you selected here on August 12th.

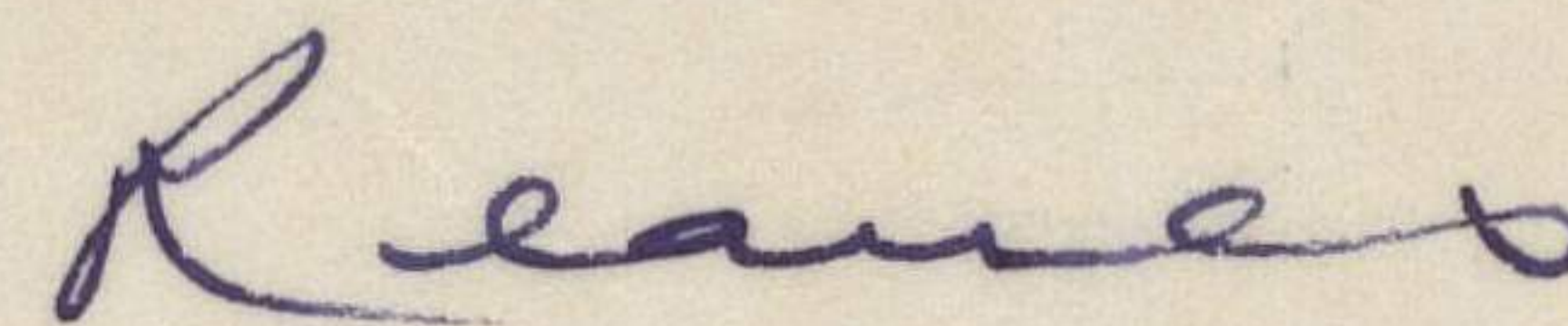
I have the non-conference games from a few of the schools but need all of them as soon as possible. Feel free to suggest officials for these games if you care to but with the exception of near-by service teams all officials are to be assigned from this office; this is in accordance with instructions given me by the Directors some time ago.

We will hold our annual clinic for basketball officials here in Kansas City on December 3rd. Any suggestions you may care to make will certainly be appreciated. I wish it were possible to meet with you before the season opens, but that will be impossible. If you have some definite criticisms to make of the officiating you received last year we would be glad to get it.

Each one of you have definite ideas of how a basketball game should be worked; if we could only get a composite picture of this it would be of immense value to all officials. Since this can't be done, the next best thing is to have expressions from each of you and then interpret them in terms of what the book says.

Best of luck to all of you thruout the season

Sincerely yours,



R. E. Peters



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RANDOLPH, KANSAS

Nov. 28, 1944

Dr. F. C. Allen  
Department of Athletics  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you for your letter of the 27th offering me  
the game at Lawrence December 8th.

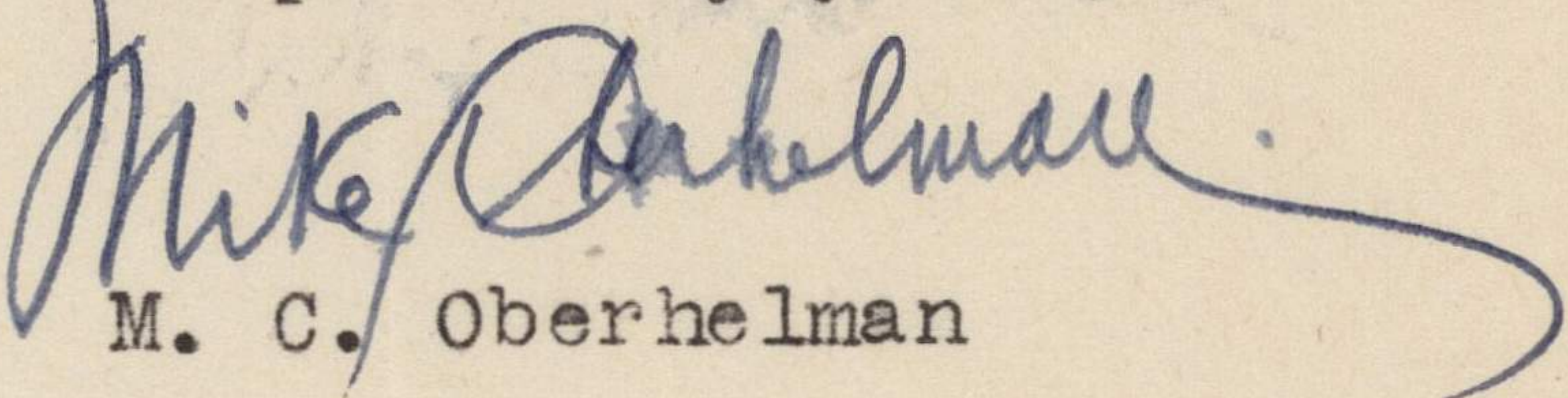
I regret very much that I cannot accept this date since  
I am booked for a game that night which just last Saturday  
I positively assured the men that I would be on hand  
for.

May I take this opportunity of assuring you that I  
am very grateful to you for your kindness in my behalf  
and sincerely trust that I am worthy of same. I have  
always enjoyed very much working for you and your many  
fine teams.

Will be seeing you at Washburn Monday, Dec. 4.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

  
M. C. Oberhelman



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

Dear Doc:

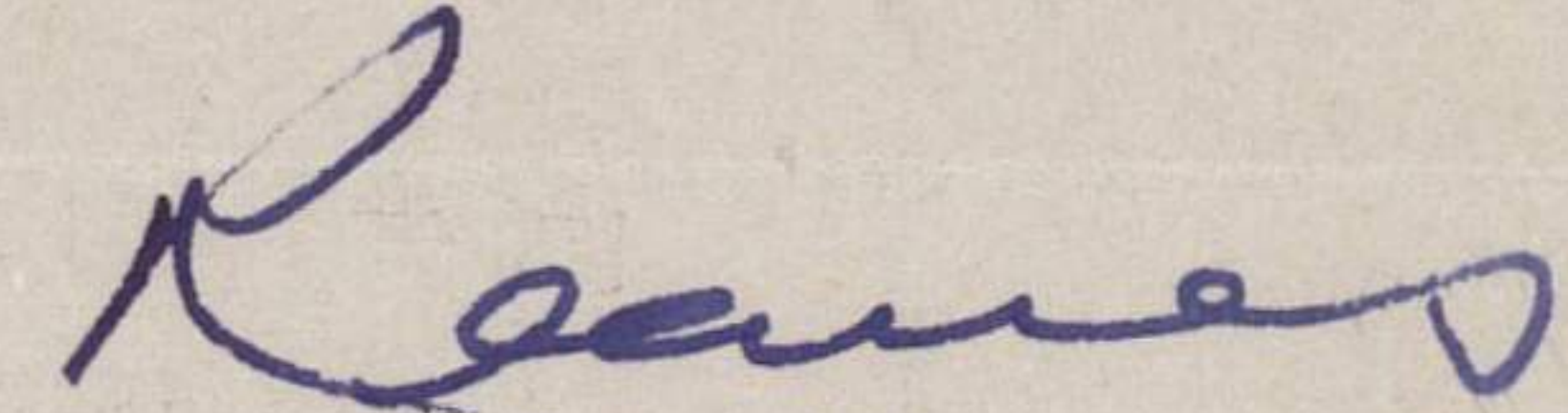
While talking to you last Friday about Oberhelman I forgot to mention the fact to you that he had been assigned to a number of your games at Lawrence. You will remember he was the number 1 official of most of the coaches when your games at Lawrence was mentioned.

I don't believe it would be good psychology for him to work in either of your two games with Kansas State but I see no reason why he should not work in any other game where Kansas plays if both coaches want him.

I have made a thorough investigation of all that happened at Manhattan in the Kansas-Kansas State game and all actions and callings that were made by Mike Oberhelman were above criticism by anyone that wanted to be fair about it. He is an excellent official and a gentleman all the way as you know; we must at all times do everything possible to protect men of that caliber. I realize that outside criticism and influence does play a part but we must see to it that they don't play too important a part. Here is a splendid opportunity to prove that to all that may be interested.

I am looking forward with interest to the two double-headers to be played here the nights of December 22-23.

Sincerely yours,



R. E. Peters

P.S. May I have your thought on this right away.



November 20th

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To Basketball Coaches:

Very little has been done to work out a set of signals that basketball officials can give to the coaches and spectators that they may know what is going on out on the floor.

I am collecting all the data available from all parts of the country and hope to come up with something worth while. I know you will want to cooperate with me in getting this information to the public before your season begins. I believe it will be of interest to the spectators as well as informational.

We don't want a complicated system that will be difficult to give and even more difficult to remember. Keep in mind that at various times when an official needs to give a signal he will have the ball in one hand.

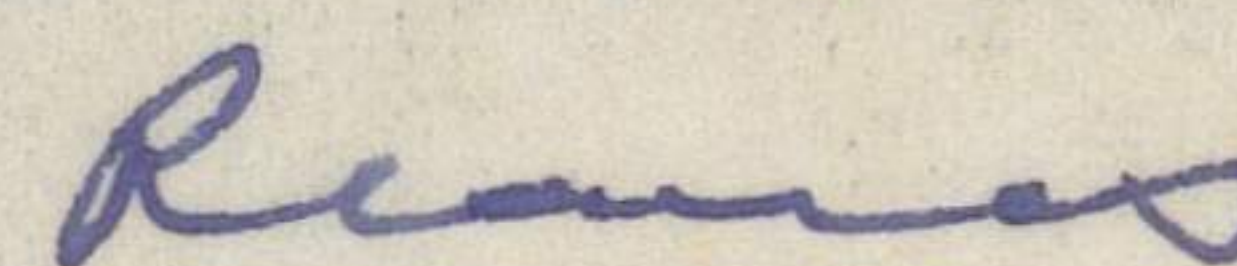
Will you sit down and do some tall thinking and come up with some ideas that you can shoot on to me right away. Our clinic will be held here on December 3rd, and I will want all information in and assembled before that date. I don't know of anyone more interested in this than you coaches, nor do I know anyone that should be better able to figure out some good signals- you are always figuring out the angles in your play.

As you know commercial promoters are busy in all our cities trying to get college teams to come in and play that they the promoters may wax fat off the take. I like the idea of this sort of competition but feel that the colleges should get all the gravy. I don't know of anyone thing that will cause conference Heads to insist that all competition go back to the Campus any quicker than schools playing for promoters.

I don't know whether or not you have been approached by anyone here for games but if you are beware of the promoter. It is not as rosy as he may think, and he may not be as reliable as you may think. There is some concern among the followers of good basketball that real damage to our following here may be jepordized by such individuals making a flop of such ventures- a flop to themselves, the colleges, or both.

Give me your ideas right away.

Sincerely yours,



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