

I talked to a great number of people after the game who came up on the floor to talk to me. They were Oklahoma rooters. I made it a special point to ask them if they saw the play and everyone did and agreed, as did Bruce Drake, Harold Keith and a lot of other fellows in the room agreed that it was impossible for either official to miss this play. It came at a time where it definitely clinched the ball game for Oklahoma. This was not a matter of judgment, but a matter of fact, the seeing of this play by everyone. It was not even close.

Since the Commissioner of the Big Six does not furnish cards for the coaches to write their ratings upon I am using this letter to rate the officiating of that game with the Commissioner.

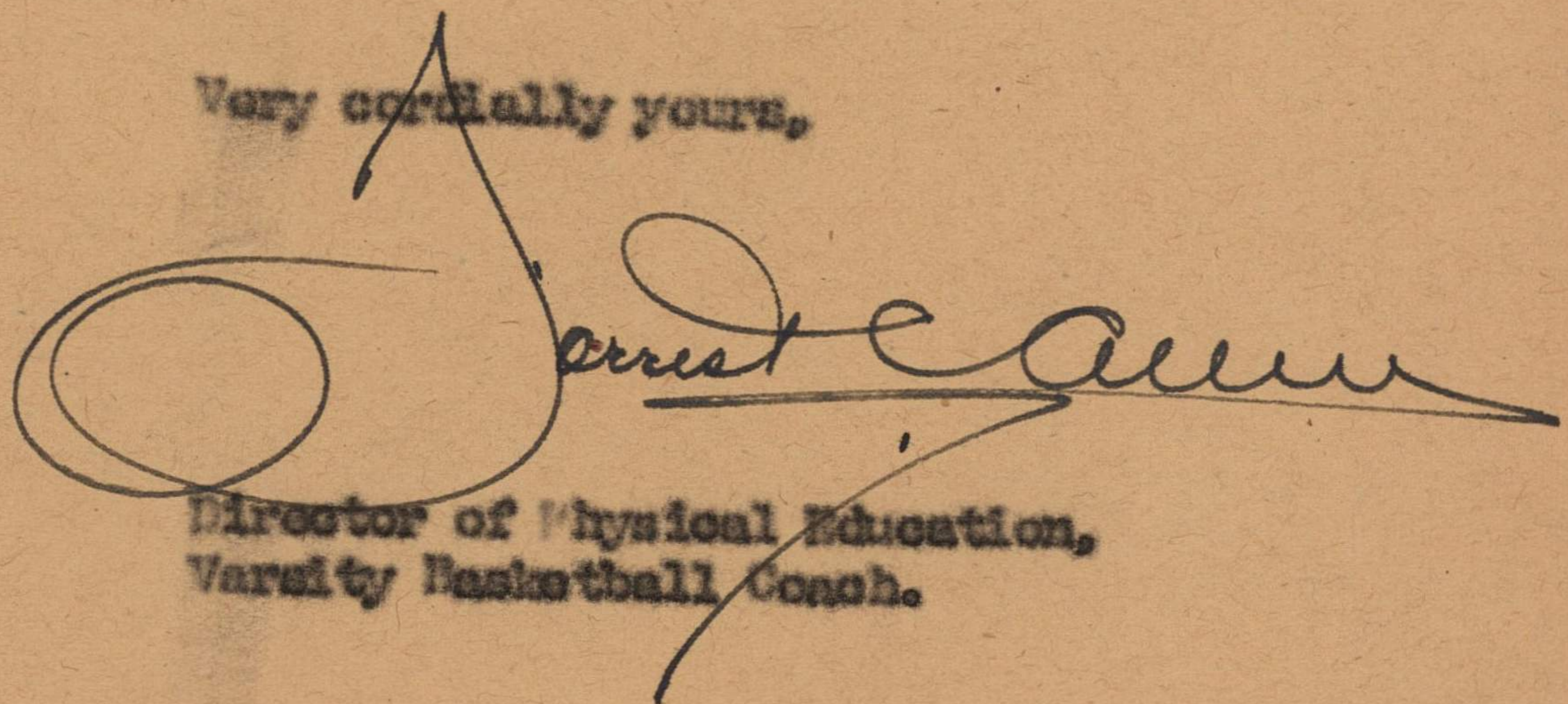
There is one thing that I think I should mention. Don Barrington definitely feels that John Lance has it in for him. He complained after one of the earlier games played here with Oklahoma. I told him I was sure that was an error. Then Don Barrington told me that Lance had contacted him in regard to Barrington attending Pittsburg Teachers College and that when Barrington told Lance, after his trip to Pittsburg that he made in an oil truck and after Lance had called on Barrington in Kansas City, Kansas, that he preferred the University of Kansas, then Lance made some very uncomplimentary and unprofessional remarks about the University's athletic department and how they would fail to keep their word even though they gave it regarding promises for work.

I said, "Don, will you sign a statement to that effect?" He said, "I certainly will."

I think it is highly unfortunate that a coach will express himself in that manner regarding a state school. It makes a very perplexing, difficult problem for all of us.

I am writing this without rancor, but submitting it to the Commissioner for his evaluation.

Very cordially yours,



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