

To All Big Six Schools

November 13, 1942.

Sports Publicity Director,  
University of Missouri,  
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly send us two copies of your basketball team roster for the 1942-43 season, one for our own use and one for our game announcer? We shall appreciate receiving these at your early convenience.

Thanking you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



October 22, 1942.

**VARSIY BASKETBALL MEN:**

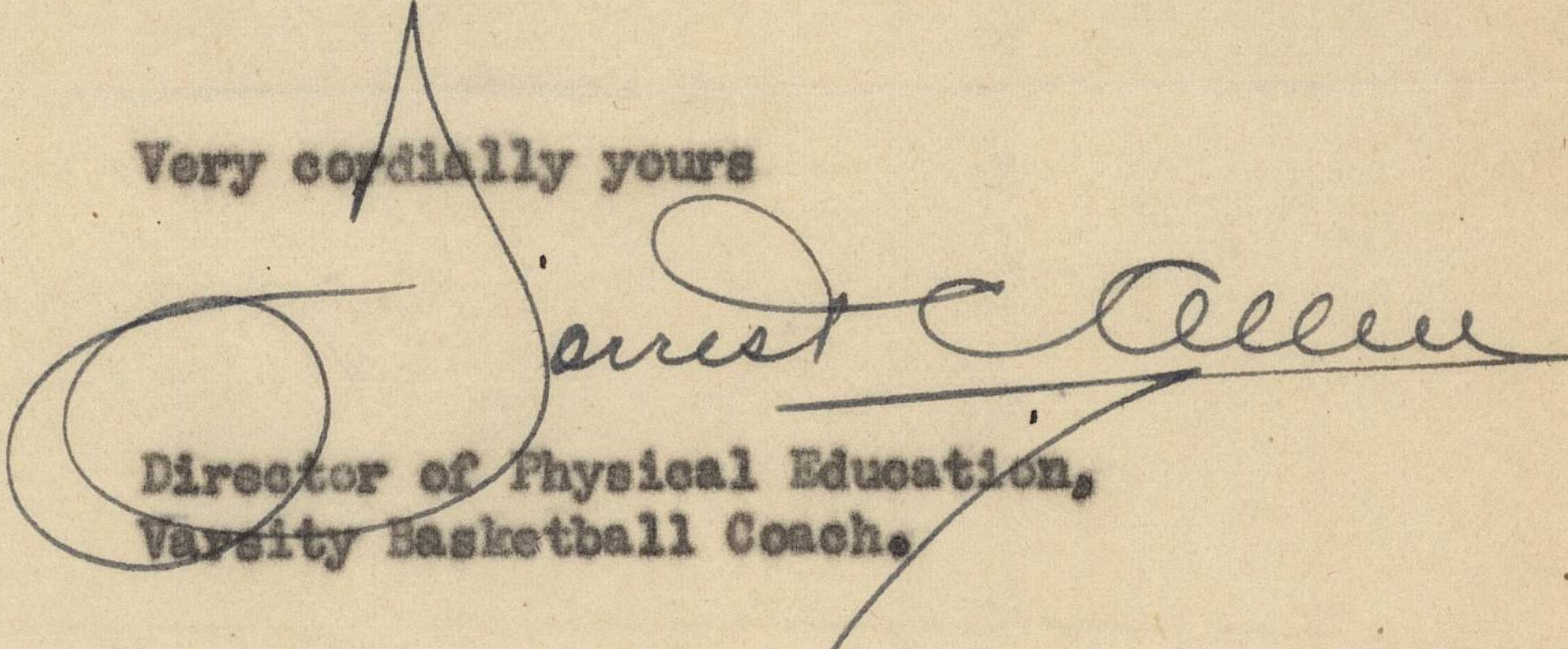
I notice a general lassitude on the part of some of the men who are listed in varsity basketball. Some of you are not showing up, and others are using an excuse that you are studying.

The excuse for study goes not when you have coke dates or when you are an intramural athlete or a mezzanine hurdler, but you are supposed to report for varsity basketball ahead of all of these. If a man fools his time away doing other things and then uses the excuse that he has been studying, it will not go with me. Some of you think that you should report for varsity basketball only when you have nothing especially to do but to work out.

I changed my basketball practice from Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to Monday and Wednesday nights so that you could participate in intramural touch football.

The men who are not out for football on the basketball list, if they do not report regularly Monday and Wednesday nights, will be cut off the list and will not be accepted when the regular practice begins on November 2. We will then practice four or more times per week. Only those men will be taken on the varsity squad who are out for football. If you fellows who are not out for football do not report now, definitely consider yourselves not of the varsity basketball squad of 1942-43.

Very cordially yours

  
Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Oct. 7, 1942

Mr. Gwinn Henry, Athletic Director  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Gwinn:

Perhaps this letter is somewhat premature. However, I wish to acquaint you with some pertinent facts relative to the facilities we can provide for your basketball squad on March 4th.

First, the PAXTON is the largest and newest hotel in Omaha. It is located two blocks from the heart of the city, therefore, affording a more quiet atmosphere which is conducive to perfect rest. All rooms have private bath and outside exposure.

We are glad to provide twin bedded rooms, to be occupied by two persons, at special rates of \$3. per day. Of course, these would be located high in the building. Single rooms are from \$2.75 daily. A two room suite, with twin beds, will be reserved on a complimentary basis for the Coach and you.

If you will submit menus in duplicate we shall quote prices on meals. Being experienced in handling athletic groups I know that regular menus are generally not accepted by coaches.

Incidentally, my actual experience in the athletic field covers many years. I maintain a membership in the American Football Coaches Association. In view of my affiliation with educational institutions, I can appreciate the problem of expense entailed in the completion of arrangements for contests away from home.

It is my sincere hope that we shall be granted an opportunity to be listed as your headquarters when you play Creighton.

May I hear from you?

Sincerely,

Pat Miller

CC: DR. ALLEN



November 5, 1942.

Mr. Russell Wiley,  
Director, University Bands.

Dear Mr. Wiley:

We are certainly counting on the Cowboy Band  
for the basketball games. We are playing the Fort  
Leavenworth Reception Center team here on December 1st.  
Will that be too early to get the Cowboy Band in action?

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS  
LAWRENCE  
October 29, 1942

DEPARTMENT OF BAND

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Director of Physical Education  
Varsity Basketball Coach  
Department of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Campus

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you for your good letter of October 27 regarding the Cowboy Band. I am happy to know you enjoyed it; and it probably goes without saying that we are, personally, getting a great deal of kick out of the organization.

I am considering the possibility of using the Cowboy Band at the basketball games for the following reasons: First, it is small and will be easy to seat in the limited space available for the band. Second, it is made up of top players from the larger band; consequently, it possesses a great deal of snap and quality.

What do you think of the idea?

Thanks again, and with best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,

  
Director of Bands

Russell L. Wiley  
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July 13, 1942.

Mr. James H. Nixon,  
Municipal Auditorium,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Jimmy:

Earl Falkenstien will be back in the office the 15th of July. I have just now heard from Henry Iba, and he states that he will have a voucher drawn for \$10.50 which he will send to you at the Auditorium. When Earl returns we will see if we can't have our check forthcoming for you so that this charge will be paid as promptly as possible.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Double-header games in Kansas City - Jan. 29 & 30

Correspondence:

Harry Welsh

C. E. McBride

Larry Snyder

Tony Hinkle

Henry Iba

Jack Gardner



August 26, 1942.

Mr. Harry Welsh,  
John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co.,  
922 Walnut Street,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Harry:

I am sending you a copy of a letter written to me on August 14th by George Edwards. I am also sending you a carbon copy of my reply to him. I believe that I have made it perfectly clear to him that there would have been no reopening of the situation had it not been for your initiative.

There are some things that I just can't figure out.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.



August 25, 1942.

Mr. George Edwards,  
c/o Dr. F. A. Hunter,  
1311 Indiana Ave.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear George:

My secretary has been on vacation and I am now replying to your letter of August 14th.

I think you should know that it was the initiative of Harry Welsh, your University of Missouri alumnus, who brought this thing about. Harry wrote me and said that he would like for me to come and have luncheon with him in Kansas City. I accepted and we talked extensively of the double-header proposition. When I left I promised him no favorable response, but I did promise him an open mind as far as was possible on account of his conscientious and determined effort toward having the game.

After considering the matter for several days I called Harry and told him that if he wanted to be the intermediary he might go forward. The matter was settled previously, as I wrote you, and it was only upon his insistence that the matter was reconsidered. Of course you could imagine that I was rather shocked to learn that you had agreed to the date after knowing that you had already scheduled with the Pre-Flight School on another date. However, I told Harry I would leave that wholly in his hands and whatever he did would be up to him. You can see why I did not elect to transmit the invitation to you because the matter was closed in my mind until Harry Welsh interceded.

Thank you for your offer to be of service in these games. Doubtless there will be things for which we will call upon you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI  
COLUMBIA

Kansas City, Mo.  
August 14, 1942

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

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

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plans for 29th and 30th in Kansas City.  
Larry Snyder.

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those involved are ready to accept and to execute the  
responsibilities made possible by your kind invitation.  
As host school I presume that you will draw up the  
necessary contracts. Missouri authorities are ready  
to sign according to assurance given me by Spurling  
earlier in the week.

I regret very much the near mix-up which  
arose in regard to Pre-Flight, and am very happy that  
both Hickey and Snyder cooperated so beautifully.

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other plans; and I hope your games will bring you lots  
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Yours truly,

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



August 26, 1942.

Mr. Dorman H. O'Leary,  
Vice President, Stern Brothers & Co.,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Dorman:

I know you are tired of reading this tripe, but after everything was all settled and Missouri had agreed, through the interpolations of Harry Welsh, it was discovered that George Edwards had without saying anything to Harry Welsh changed the date of his game with Pre-Flight School from January 30 to February 12.

Of course, McBride had already run it in the paper and I told Harry, and Harry agreed with me, that unless Missouri straightened out the situation and came in with the Iowa team there would be nothing doing.

This letter is from George Edwards after he thinks Larry Snyder and Eddie Hickey did a wonderful job in arranging it so George could play as he originally agreed upon. This closes the incident, but I did want you to know the whole story so when you talk to Hatch you would know that somebody is a screwball. It is not necessary for me to mention any names.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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STERN BROTHERS & COMPANY

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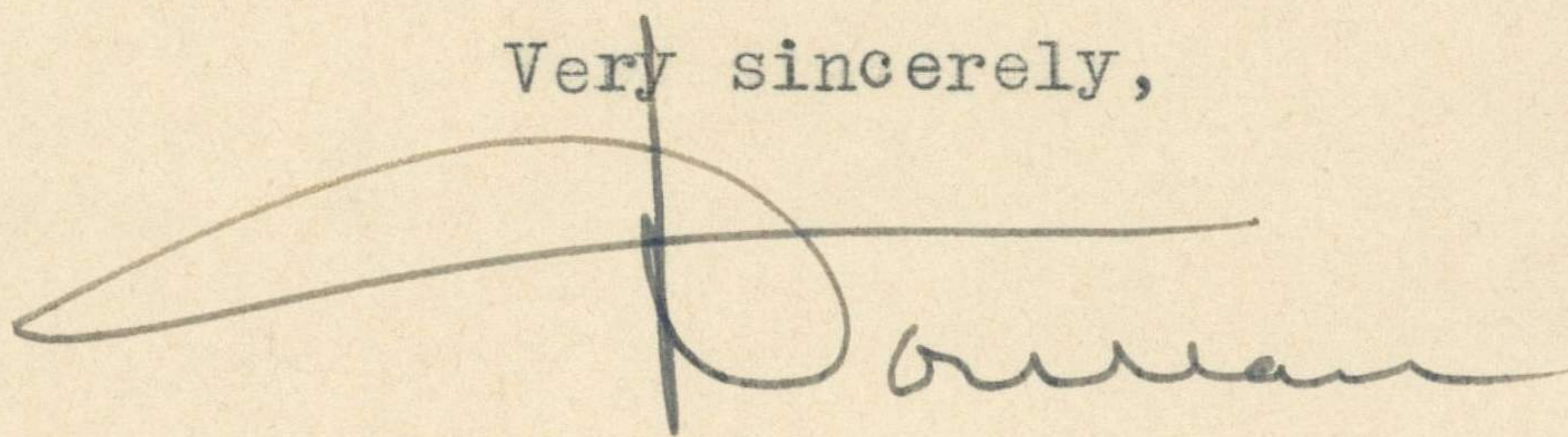
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Dear Phog:

Thank you very much for your letter of the eighth, together with copies of the correspondence.

I am glad this matter is arranged and think it was a very happy solution for Hatch Welch to work it out with you. Certainly, George Edwards is an old woman if I ever saw one.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dorman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D" that loops back under the rest of the name.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
University of Kansas.  
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DHO:AE



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Yours truly,

(Signed)

George R. Edwards



August 7, 1942.

Mr. Henry P. Iga,  
Director of Athletics,  
Oklahoma A. & M. College,  
Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Dear Henry:

Complications were such that it was impossible without injuring some feelings pretty badly to not have Missouri play on January 29 and 30 with Iowa Pre-Flight School and Great Lakes and Kansas.

You know my original desire was to have you in our double-headers with us, Great Lakes, and Pre-Flight School, but Tony Hinkle blocked this when he scheduled with Missouri at Columbia on January 29. I had written him asking him to go along with us in these two games with you and with us, but he failed us.

I regret it is impossible to have you. As I told you, I certainly would have enjoyed a foursome with Oklahoma Aggies as one of the principal actors.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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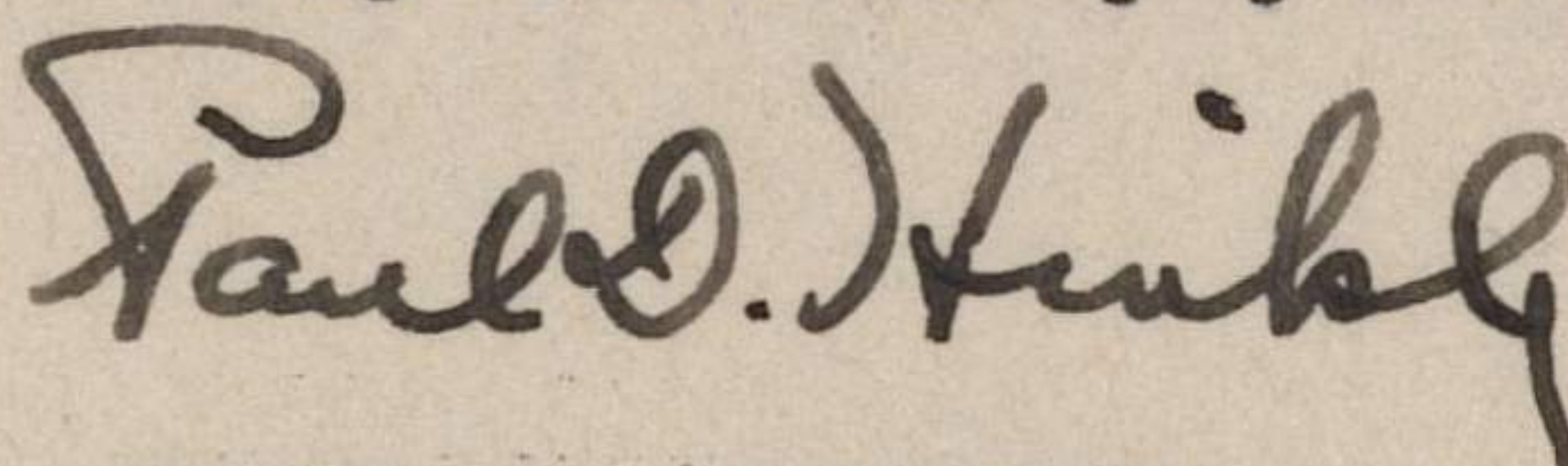
August 13, 1942

Dear "Phog":

Received your letter of August 7 concerning the double-header in Kansas City. Phog, you work the matter out and we will be glad to cooperate with you.

Anything you decide will be agreeable to us.

Very cordially yours,



PAUL D. HINKLE  
Lieutenant, USNR  
Athletic Office

Mr. Forrest C. Allen  
Director of Physical Education  
Varsity Basketball Coach  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas



August 10, 1942.

Mr. Harry Welsh, Jr.,  
John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co.,  
922 Walnut Street,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Harry:

Here's something that I certainly can't figure out. George Edwards told me that Virgil Spurling wanted to know if it was satisfactory, and George said "Yes". Certainly George knew that he had made different arrangements regarding the dates that you and I agreed upon, and which you discussed with Virgil Spurling and Sam Shirkey. Did they tell you of these changes that George Edwards tells me about and of which I wrote Clyde McBride?

If Virgil did tell you, then was it not incumbent upon you to so inform me? Had I been informed I certainly would not have made the announcement Sunday as I did. I would have gone back to our original agreement with Oklahoma Aggies and the people with whom I dealt.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Encl.



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Mr. Harry H. Welsh, Jr.,  
John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co.,  
922 Walnut Street,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Harry:

I, too, am happy that we were able to come to a decision that seems to have universal approval. I assure you that I will be very happy to consistently cooperate with you for our mutual benefit. I am glad that you and Dorman O'Leary are enthusiastic about the double-header plans for next year. You remember that I told you it would be necessary for you and Dorman both to use your good offices with the Big Six Conference faculty representatives in influencing their decision to permit such situations as this.

I see no reason why Big Six teams should not be able to play each other in the auditorium. They play service teams and the reason they permit that is from the patriotic standpoint. The service teams need money. While they need competition, their greatest need is money, and the Big Six Conference permits it. Certainly the Big Six teams need money. All their treasuries will be in bad shape. However, before the year is over the Big Six Conference will, I believe, permit their own teams to play each other in cities in which their schools are not located.

If you and Dorman can have a huddle with C. E. McBride I am sure that you could restore the Kansas-Missouri indoor track meet in Kansas City, and while you are doing that it would be an easy matter to permit basketball teams to play in cities wherein the universities are not located. An expectant and a watchful policy will do this job if you and Dorman can start the ball rolling. We have two alumni members in Kansas City and if you and Dorman could meet with your representative committees at a luncheon some time I am sure that you could get the job well on the way. The reason that I am mentioning this is that there will be a faculty meeting of the Big Six in Kansas City in early September and another in December. It is so much easier to get the job done when the faculty meeting is in Kansas City than when they meet at Lincoln or elsewhere in May. The faculty are always more accessible and susceptible to you in Kansas City during the winter meeting. I believe you get my point.

I am sure that we will have a very fine crowd because I propose to make this a great patriotic gathering as well as fine athletic contests. With us in the war up to our necks and our playing the service teams it lends itself to a fine patriotic endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



*John Hancock*  
Mutual  
*Life Insurance Company*

HOME OFFICE  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

August 8, 1942

GUY W. COX, President

HARRY H. WELSH, Jr., General Agent  
HENRY L. MAHLEY  
Suite 814 Commerce Trust Building  
922 Walnut Street  
Telephone Harrison 0735 KANSAS CITY, MO.

Dr. Forest C. Allen, Director  
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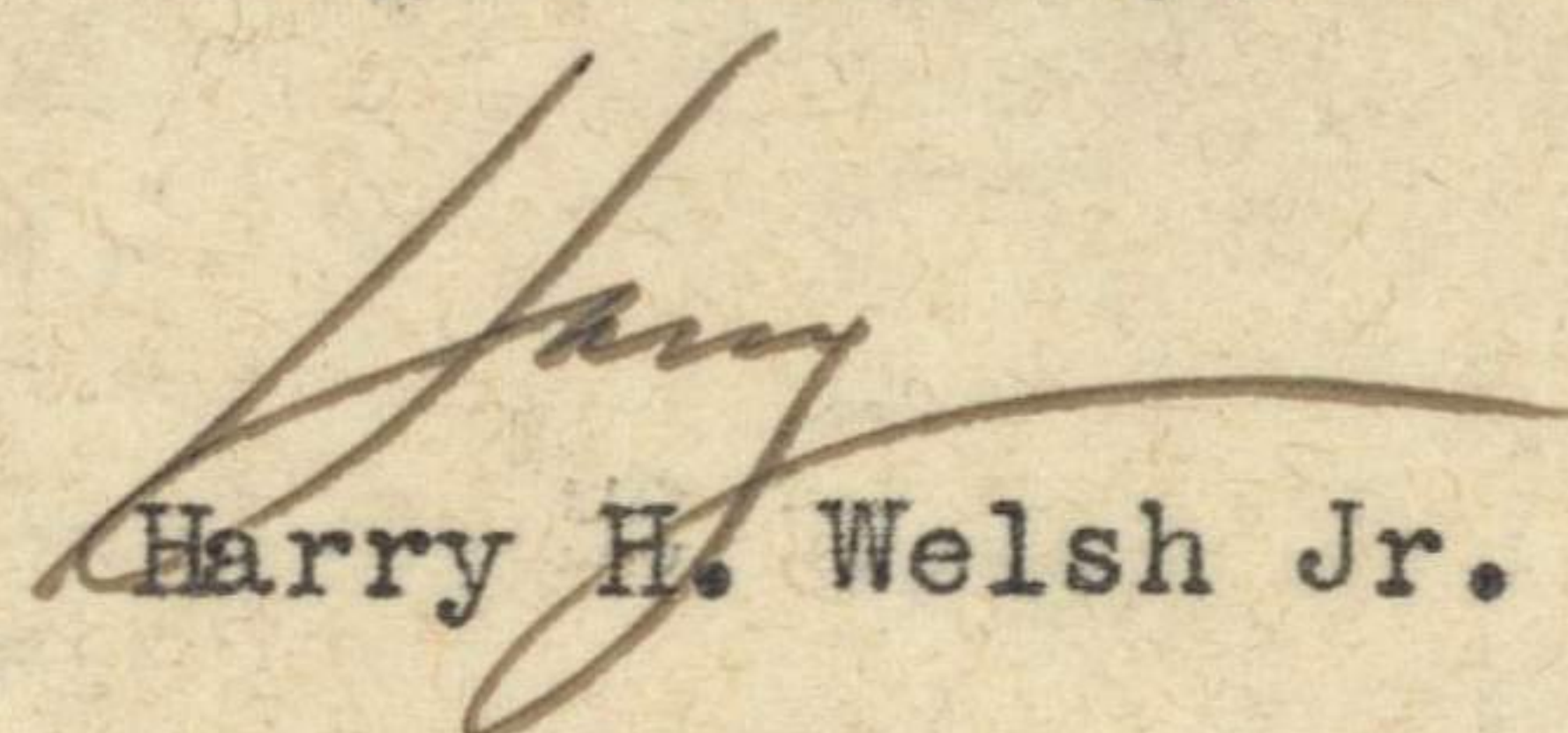
Dear Dr. Allen:

Thanks very much for your letter of August 7. Of course, I am very happy as to the out-come of your decision, and I assure you I appreciate it more than you think; and my only hope now is that Missouri will have a team near, or equal to yours, so that we will really have two big nights of basketball.

I talked to Dorman O'Leary in regard to some double headers in the Auditorium next year. He was very much in favor of it and I assure you that we will do our best to promote these basketball attractions.

You have been very fine and fair in this dealing Dr. Allen, and I assure you I shall not forget it. I only hope that our newly formed friendship will carry on, and I am looking forward for another nice visit with you.

Very sincerely,

  
Harry H. Welsh Jr.

HH:HP



August 10, 1942.

Mr. C. E. McBride,  
Sports Editor,  
The Kansas City Star,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mac:

George Edwards just called me from Kansas City and we had quite a lengthy conversation. As I understand it from him, Larry Snyder of the Pre-Flight School at Iowa City, asked George for a release of January 30 at Columbia so that they might play Creighton at Omaha on that date. George Edwards tells me that when I informed him in my previous letter that there was no possibility of Missouri playing in our double-header that he agreed to this change.

I told George that I could not understand why he (George) did not inform Virgil Spurling of this arrangement, and Virgil in turn inform Harry Welsh, and Harry Welsh inform me prior to our announcement of the arrangement which you made in your Sunday morning's sport page of the Star. Until George just called me I had no inkling of such a thing, although George tells me that he did tell Virgil Spurling and the Missouri group, but I failed to receive any information.

George Edwards suggested that we could possibly fill in with Jack Gardner's Pre-Flight School in the absence of the Iowa City Pre-Flight school. I told him that in my opinion that would be impossible because Jack Gardner is playing a great number of games in the Municipal Auditorium and they will be like a Naismith League team, so to speak. They will have appeared so many times in Kansas City that the drawing power will be nil. I told George that in my opinion unless they could re-establish the schedule as it was announced in the Star that the double-header arrangement as we understood it would not be satisfactory. I suggested to George that he see you, Mac, and ask you to wire Bernie Bierman, the athletic director at Iowa City, and ask for a re-establishment of the original dates with the original team. If this cannot be done, I am in favor of going back to our original agreement and playing Henry Iba and some other service team, if possible.

It seems to me, Mac, that if Missouri knew this and did not so inform us that we were not properly and wholly advised of the pre-arrangement, and Missouri accepted something that they could not normally and rightfully accept on account of their own act of changing the date. I have acted in entire good faith, but I cannot understand why Missouri did not advise us through Harry Welsh. It puts them in a very embarrassing position.

It seems to me the Pre-Flight School at Iowa City would make more money by coming to Kansas City and playing both Missouri and Kansas than they



would by coming to Kansas City and playing Kansas and then go back to Omaha. I believe you could present this to Colonel Bierman in such a way that he would want his team in Kansas City for two days with Great Lakes.

I had planned to make this a great patriotic affair. We have our crack band and I had planned to come to Kansas City and talk to you and Roy Roberts and have two nights of great patriotic demonstration between halves of our games. My mind was working along this line, that we should have the representatives and high officers of the Navy, the Army and the Marines, and put on a demonstration that the public of Kansas City would not soon forget. The military was to receive the greatest attention and the athletic events were for the purpose, in my mind, of drawing the crowd.

I am sending you a copy of the letters that I wrote to Larry Snyder and Tony Hinkle last Friday, but did not mail until Saturday so there would be no possibility of the announcement coming from any other source until it came from the rightful source - your paper.

I will call you Wednesday morning after you have had time to think this thing over.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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cc - Harry Welsh.



August 10, 1942.

Mr. Jack Gardner, Lieutenant, USNR,  
Athletic Office,  
Fairfax Airport,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Jack:

I am enclosing carbon copy of a letter I have just written to Mr. C. E. McBride, which is self-explanatory.

If you haven't closed with anybody on January 29th hold it open, if you will, because things may not turn out as we expected, and we would be glad to have you on our card.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
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