

The weight of a 170 pound man is multiplied many times in the momentum he gains in coming down hill, and it is easy by a stretch of the imagination to think of a 170 pound man striking a man of 140 pounds under these conditions.

No money has ever been spent on this field. The topography is as it was when the land was purchased in 1923.

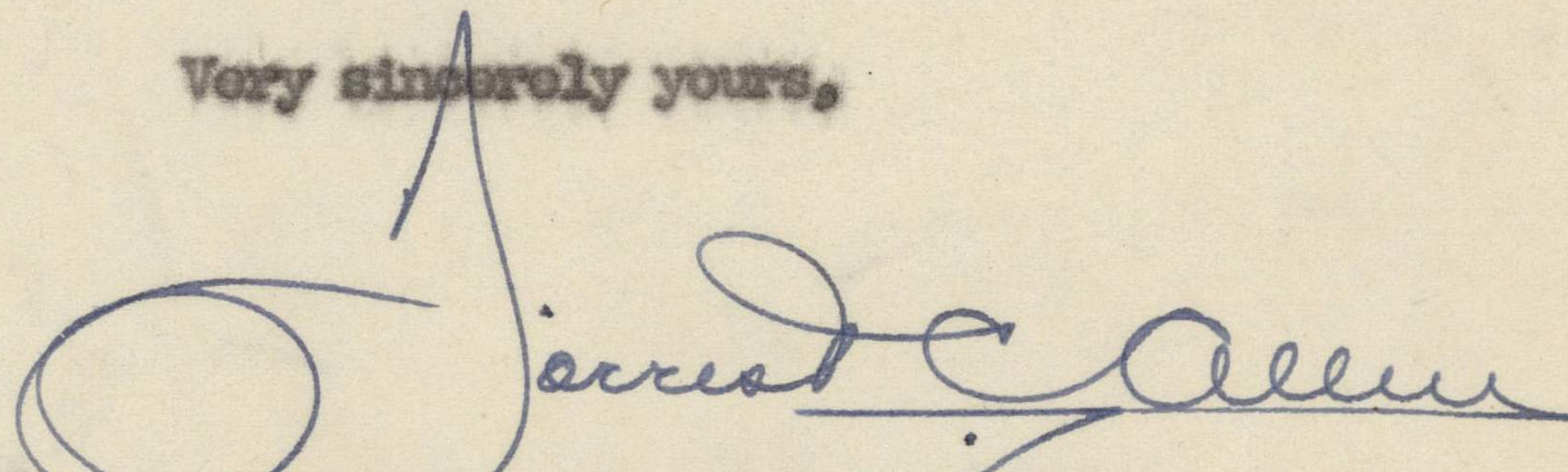
The four women's tennis courts south of the gymnasium and the women's hockey field, which was graded about ten years ago at a great expense - a near financial calamity - are the only outdoor sports on Mt. Oread where the students can have any physical recreation. I daresay there is not another campus in America that presents the same situation.

Every one of the tennis courts north of the hill were graded and paid for by the Athletic Association. The Department of Physical Education has never spent any money for their building. The lots on Illinois and 11th Street were purchased by the writer for the Athletic Association (University of Kansas Physical Education Corporation) primarily to prevent encroachments by outside parties upon University domain, and secondly to provide tennis courts and play facilities for the student body of the University. It was much cheaper to buy a city lot and build a tennis court off the campus of the University than it was to drain, grade and build a tennis court on the rugged campus of Mt. Oread. Four city lots were purchased under this line of reasoning, and they are now used by the students as tennis courts. The Department of Physical Education has partially maintained them, and this year is forced to maintain them and keep them in shape, as the Athletic Association has withdrawn financial support.

Now, referring again to the intramural field. The entire surface water drainage from the south slope of Mt. Oread is emptied on to the intramural field by a sewer constructed by the Department of Buildings and Grounds and the county. This crosses the road between the south boundary of the old University campus to the present acquired land which is temporarily used by the intramurals. There is an uneven, jagged ditch which has been partially filled in with rock by the Department of Buildings and Grounds to prevent the land washing away on this newly acquired field. By putting a storm sewer there much valuable land and playing space could be reclaimed for the students.

I would appreciate your thoughtful consideration toward developing durable and permanent playing space for the University students who vitally need this facility for their bodily vigor and their recreation.

Very sincerely yours,


Director of Physical Education.