

Many of the students of the University, both men and women, who do not avail themselves of locker room space for exercise, come to take shower baths here. We encourage our faculty to use this privilege, and provide available locker space. On account of the long hours of use, it is almost impossible to set up the proper patrol necessary to insure against theft. To make things safe for the people who use the gymnasium, it is almost necessary that we provide the proper monitor or police patrol to rid ourselves of the obnoxious element. When these itinerant people find that the student body is absorbed in an intramural game on the top floor of the gymnasium, these fellows work together by signals in cleaning out the basement room of certain lockers in which the owner failed to make safe before leaving.

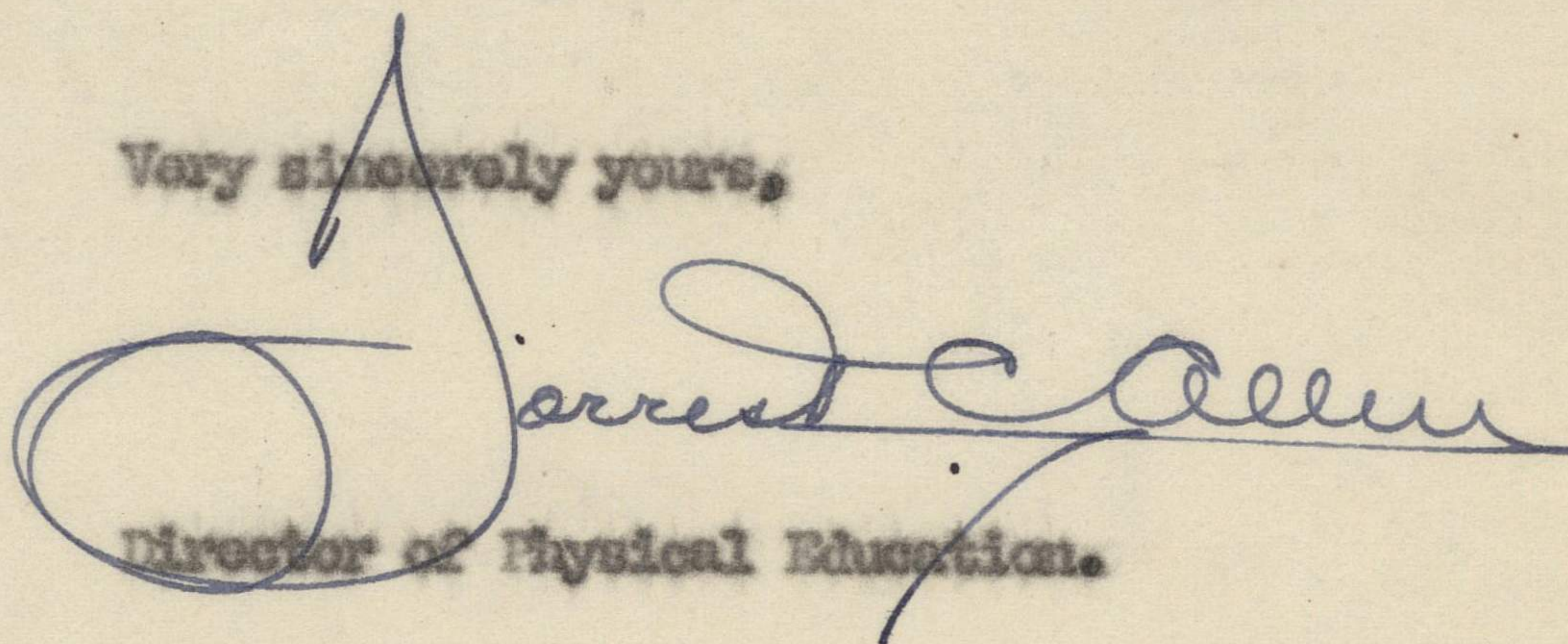
I have in mind the putting in of a heavy floor ceiling for the gymnasium. This floor ceiling would be above and supported by the heavy iron beams in the ceiling of the gymnasium. There is ample space from the top of the beams to the roof of the gymnasium to provide adequate space for class rooms. This building needs repairing very badly to lessen the fire hazard, and the University electrician recognizes this hazard. By putting in a floor at the top of these beams it would provide for proper electric lighting fixtures, and it would give much additional space, which is badly needed by our department.

The space from the floor to this proposed ceiling would be high enough not to interfere in any way with basketball games or other games that require elevated ceilings. Dormer windows could be cut in the gymnasium roof along the south side of the building to admit sunlight for these rooms in most pleasing fashion, and steps could be built from the running track to the floor above to make these rooms very accessible.

We have now on our Physical Education faculty one teacher with a Ph.D. degree, and by next fall we expect to have Mr. Elbel with his Ph. D. degree. We have been doing some research this year, and we are confidently expecting to do more as our facilities become available. This improvement, which I have just mentioned, would give us more space for recitation class and research rooms. This, of course, when the funds are available. This improvement would provide a large amount of additional space, and at the same time would enhance the looks of the building.

I would respectfully ask your consideration of our problems here in Robinson Gymnasium.

Very sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Allen". The signature is written over the typed name and title.

Director of Physical Education.