

October 25, 1939.

Mr. Dee Errickson,
Basketball Coach,
Washburn College,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Dee:

The day that I received a letter from Michigan State, I wrote Montana State to see if they would care to play here before Christmas. They stated that they were going to play in the tournament at Oklahoma City, and I thought that perhaps your tournament might be off. So I wanted to see what we might do with Montana State.

I have not heard from them as yet, but expect a reply in a short while.

Regarding Colorado State, I do not think they are very strong, but perhaps they would do. I have made no commitments so far, thinking that perhaps you would not go through with your tournament unless you could get an outstanding team. I will still stay with you if we can get the proper set up for a good tournament.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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WASHBURN

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ELMER W. HOLM,
Athletic Director

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TOPEKA, KANSAS

October 24, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

We were under the impression that you had the game with Michigan State definitely scheduled for December 28th, and held up writing Mr. Van Alstyne until we got the rest of the tournament set up and were planning on trying to get him to stay the whole three days.

However, from the tone of his letter to you, I believe he would have accepted the \$800.00 guarantee with the Oregon school. I am sorry there was a misunderstanding on this.

I have a letter from Colorado State wondering about the tournament and believe we could get them. What would be your reaction in getting Colorado State for the tournament? They will probably play under the same conditions as Michigan State or cheaper.

Let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Dee Erickson
Dee Erickson
Basketball Coach

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October 19, 1939.

Mr. Gene Kempor,
Sports Editor,
Topeka Daily Capital,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Gene:

The enclosed copy of a letter which I have received from Coach Van Alstyne, of Michigan State College, is self-explanatory. Not having heard from Washburn they chose the other trip.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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cc - Dee Erickson
Elmer Holm

MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE
EAST LANSING

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

October 14, 1939

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education and Recreation
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

Our athletic council held their monthly meeting yesterday and I presented my tentative basketball schedule to them showing two options on our Christmas trip one of which was to return by the southern route playing Colorado, Kansas, etc. and the other showing two games in Oregon which carried a \$800.00 guarantee. The council decided that they would play the Oregon games, inasmuch as we are only allowed eighteen games and to play additional numbers would require special faculty action. I believe that we could have gotten this action but we were a little hazy on what arrangements would be made for contests on December 29 and 30 following the game between Kansas and Michigan State. Neither Mr. Kemper of the Topeka Daily Capital nor Mr. Holm wrote me as you suggested they would and consequently it seems that all our work has been in vain relative to getting together.

I surely do appreciate your fine cooperation in helping you work out a trip and you can count on me going to the limit for you at any time that you might be taking a trip through this section.

Very truly yours,

Ben F. Van Alstyne
Ben F. Van Alstyne
Coach of Basketball

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December 26, 1939.

Mr. E. A. Thomas, Commissioner,
Kansas High School Activities Association,
National Reserve Building,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear E. A.:

I think your scheme as outlined in your letter of December 23rd is very fine, devoting the morning session to team demonstrations and the afternoon to an officials and rules clinic.

I think it might be a good idea to use at least half an hour in the afternoon to clear up some of the points that might have arisen in the coaches' minds after the morning session. I believe you can see my point. Many of these fellows will go away from the playing floor and say, "Yes, but what about so and so that happened this morning? What would you do in this or that case?" A blackboard discussion would clarify certain points that they might be hazy upon.

I believe your morning advertisement of 9:30 is about right. You will perhaps get started at 10, and then you can run along until about 12:30. The afternoon session starting at 2:30 will give ample time for the officials and rules clinic.

I quite agree with you that Paul Kutnink and Bill Monypenny will add the necessary ingredients to the different coaching angles that the Kansas coaches may want to have presented. I will be glad to cooperate with you on all demonstrations and discussions in which you feel I could be helpful.

We will be quartered at the Kansan Hotel and we expect to come up Thursday morning, so any time you desire a conference with me I will be glad to meet you with the view of definitely discussing and outlining the program more fully.

In opening the clinic if certain statements could be made that any question is apropos and all questions are invited, then I believe the coaches will ask more questions if they feel that this

is the true spirit of the meeting. I will hold back nothing and will answer every question and present every situation as if I were presenting it to my own team. With this sort of an attitude I believe the coaches will feel very much at home. At least, I hope so. You can count on my full cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

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COMMISSIONER



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TOPEKA

December 23, 1939

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

Dear Doctor Allen:

I received your letter in regard to the basketball clinic to be held Saturday,
December 29.

It was my thought to devote the morning session to team demonstrations and then use most of the afternoon for an officials and rules clinic. I don't know just what time Saturday morning we should start but since most of the high school coaches and officials will come in from out of town that morning I presume we cannot do a great deal before ten o'clock. I think, however, we'll advertise it for 9:30. It will not be necessary to close the morning session just at twelve o'clock, however, because the afternoon session can start as late as 2:30 and give us plenty of time.

I do not think we ought to use too many teams and coaches because they will take a lot of time and spread the information out pretty thinly. I have asked Paul Kutnink of Emporia State to participate and he has agreed. I thought that if we could get Bill Monypeny of Southwestern to use some of his boys and show a few things that they would like to emphasize it would not be necessary to invite others. This will give you more time for your demonstrations and discussions and we would like to have you serve as a general critic for the entire demonstration program.

Kutnink uses the razzle-dazzle basketball and their defense works all over the floor. Some of our high school coaches are trying to use this and I thought it might be well for him to have a little time to discuss the fundamental features of his system. I'll write to Bill Monypeny and ask him to have something ready. When the tournament opens we may have an opportunity to discuss a few of the features and outline the program more definitely.

I'll get out some publicity on the clinic and also send personal notices to officials and coaches. Anything you have in mind that you think will be beneficial that can be taken care of in the short time that we shall have will be very satisfactory with us. I realize that a full course in basketball cannot be given in a few hours and so I think it will be best if we pick out a few important features and dwell on them. If similar clinics are held in the future we can feature other items then.

E. R. STEVENS, PRESIDENT
INDEPENDENCE

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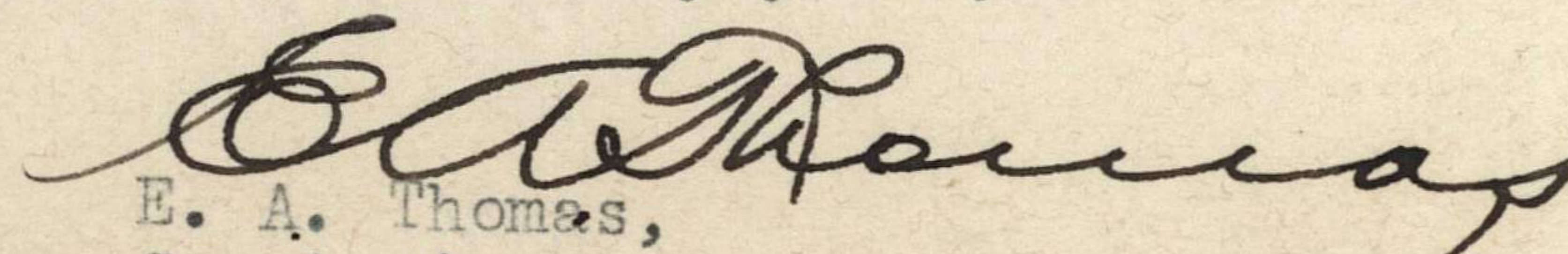
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MARYSVILLE

J. E. BOWERS
SENECA

HUGH W. SPEER
HAYS

With best wishes for the holiday season, I am

Very cordially yours,


E. A. Thomas,
Commissioner.

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December 27, 1939.

Mr. Gwinn Henry,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas.

Dear Gwinn:

I felt that since there has been so much criticism of this situation and apparant vagueness on the part of the authorities toward the thing, that it was up to me to make a statement. I want to have a personal conference with you.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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December 27, 1939.

Chancellor D. W. Malott,
University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Malott:

It is seldom necessary for a subordinate in the athletic department to write to members of his own Athletic Board concerning an athletic situation, but I have been blamed for scheduling twenty games apparently without permission, and further have been charged with scheduling games in the Washburn College Tournament in Topeka on December 28, 29 and 30, which were erroneously believed to be against the rules of the conference.

For these reasons and to clarify the situation I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I wrote to Mr. Gwinn Henry, our Director of Athletics at the University of Kansas, on October 6, 1939, asking that he submit our entire schedule, which I submitted to him, for action. In view of the fact that the University of Kansas basketball schedule for 1939-40, which is enclosed, was distributed to the individual members of the Athletic Board when they met on the evening of December 5th, prior to our Oklahoma A. & M. game, I took it for granted that action had been taken by the board because the schedule was prima facie evidence thereof.

My procedure with Director Henry has been always to submit every game to him prior to our scheduling it and then when this was agreed upon Mr. Henry signed the contracts as Director of Athletics. In no case has there been an exception.

In regard to the Washburn Tournament, Mr. Gene Kemper first interviewed Mr. Henry. Mr. Henry in turn discussed the matter with me. Since Mr. Kemper has never been accused of being ardently in love with me, I suggested to Mr. Henry that Mr. Kemper come to the front door and discuss the matter with me first. Mr. Henry wrote Mr. Kemper and Mr. Kemper took the matter up with me. I continued to discuss this with Mr. Henry and made the point that if Mr. Kemper promoted the tournament for the Topeka Capital that it would not conform to Big Six Conference rules, but that if Washburn College promoted the tournament under their own auspices and without Mr. Kemper's guidance, there was nothing in the rules to prevent it. I have a letter in my file from Mr. Kemper stating that he had withdrawn any interest from the tournament and would only support it as a newspaper man. Mr. Kemper made this statement to me orally a number of times, and I honestly believe that this is the truth. That is why I agreed to enter the tournament so there would be no conflict in the rule.

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Mr. Bus Hen, of the Daily Oklahoman, has long desired to promote a tournament in Oklahoma City under the auspices of the Daily Oklahoman, and he has often appealed to the Big Six conference for permission and has been refused. For this reason Oklahoma questioned the right of Kansas to enter the Washburn tournament.

On December 12, 1939, I wrote Professor Davis a letter setting forth certain precedents which had been previously established in basketball, which to my manner of thinking made it legitimate for the University of Kansas to enter the Washburn tournament on December 28, 29 and 30. In a certain paragraph on page two of Professor Davis's letter I refer to three years ago when the University of Missouri basketball team played two games with the University of Colorado at Denver, in the city auditorium and not in the university gymnasium at Boulder where they would have been legitimate under Big Six rules. I further refer to a case where the University of Nebraska played the University of California two games of basketball, as well as games against Stanford, in the city auditorium at San Francisco, and not at Berkeley or at Palo Alto where the games would have been legitimate according to the Big Six conference.

I hold in my hand at the present time a basketball schedule of the University of Nebraska for 1939-40 which was printed by the athletic association at the University of Nebraska, and which is similar to our basketball schedule, announcing that on December 30 the University of Nebraska will play the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, and not at Madison, which would have made this game legitimate. Mind you, no permission was asked by Nebraska for this exception and nothing has been done about it to date, similar to the activity of the faculty representatives in regard to the Washburn tournament.

There is one other explanation I wish to make. When the Big Six faculty representatives and the athletic directors met in Kansas City on December 8 and 9, 1939, we had a scheduled game with Central Missouri State Teachers College, at Warrensburg, Missouri, on the 8th which prevented my being in attendance on that date. I came in to Kansas City early the morning of the 9th, but had been told that Professor Davis left on the 8 o'clock train for Lawrence. I met some of the faculty representatives and they told me that I was to see Professor Davis. Of course, this was impossible because he had left. They stated that Professor Davis would explain the position of the conference. I talked to Director Henry, but he had rather a vague understanding of what the faculty members had done, so it was necessary for me to wait until Monday morning to get in touch with Professor Davis. The basketball coaches of the Big Six had their basketball rules interpretation on Sunday morning, and on Sunday afternoon as chairman of the Fifth District of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, it was my duty to interpret the rules in an open meeting to basketball coaches, officials and players there in Kansas City.

I got in touch with Professor Davis, and my letter of December 12th is the explanation that I made to him of my action. I do not recall that I called Professor Davis's attention to the letter that I had written to Mr. Quinn Henry on October 6th, because the whole matter seemed to me one that could have easily been taken care of if matters had been presented to the Athletic Board any time after October 6, 1939.

I think that I should quote you the rule that the faculty representatives based their action on. It is on page 14, section 3 of the Rules and Regulations Governing Athletics and all participation of the Missouri Valley I.A.A., published in 1937. "All intercollegiate contests shall be conducted within the city of one of the two schools involved and on grounds either owned by or under the immediate control of one or both of the colleges participating. All intercollegiate contests shall be conducted under college managements."

According to the precedents set forth in my letter to Professor Davis, George Edwards told me that the Missouri committee on athletics had ruled that when Missouri and Illinois and those teams played in the Washington University gymnasium and the St. Louis University gymnasium it was under the immediate control of those schools involved. What this rule obviously was striking at was professional promoters or outside individuals running athletics for university teams, and this has always been the interpretation placed on it until the interpretation in regard to Kansas participating in the Washburn tournament. Their contention was that if Kansas should meet Baker in a tournament it would not be under either Kansas' or Baker's management; neither was it true when Illinois met some of these Missouri Valley and Big Six schools. But the obvious way some of these schools have of doing things is to go ahead and do them, and then if anybody raises a question they make the interpretation for the faculty representatives. Our policy has been to put everything aboveboard and out in the open, and then be subjected to some unusual ruling of this nature.

Another point is in regard to the twenty games. At a meeting a year ago in Kansas City the faculty representatives voted that the basketball games should be cut from twenty to eighteen, but the unusual part of this was that neither the athletic directors of the Big Six nor the basketball coaches in general were informed of this ruling. You can see that in my letter to Director Henry on October 6th I make the statement that "the above mentioned games will have completed our twenty game limit." So there was entire innocence on our part, and further than that, there had been no notification by any one in authority here that we were limited to eighteen games.

I have been especially careful that no act of mine in any way should embarrass my superiors. In fact, I have constantly striven to cooperate to the nth degree in all matters of administration and I have been especially economical in the expenditure of funds, realizing that the Athletic Association had a terrific financial struggle during

my administration, and having had that experience I have been especially sympathetic with my superiors in the expenditure of money. For instance, last year basketball was allotted \$300 for freshman coach. I coached both the varsity and the freshmen, and expended but \$50.00 of the \$300 for 35¢ an hour student assistance. This year I have been using Ernst Uurlaub, a student who is pursuing his master's work here, and to date we have paid him \$45.00. I believe this is indication enough of my cooperation and loyalty to the cause.

Very cordially yours,

Varsity Basketball Coach,
Director of Physical Education and Recreation.

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Athletic Board --

Malott ✓
Davis ✓
Stockton ✓
Woodruff ✓
Smith, J.B. ✓
Henry ✓
Klooz ✓
Smith, Guy ✓
Nash ✓

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✓ Geo. Nettels, Pittsburg, Ks.
✓ Tom Veatch, Jr., 4706 Broadway, K. C. Mo.
✓ Hugo T. Wedell, State House, Topeka

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C. H. Mullen
Ed Hall

December 12, 1939.

Professor W. W. Davis,
Faculty Representative, Big Six Conference,
University of Kansas.

Dear Professor Davis:

I respectfully petition you to consider several precedents which have been established in basketball which would make it legitimate for the University of Kansas to enter the Washburn College tournament under Washburn's direct auspices on December 28, 29 and 30.

I refer you to a tournament of games played in December, 1934, at St. Louis, Missouri, between the University of Missouri, the University of Illinois, Washington University and St. Louis University. I have just talked over the telephone to Craig Ruby, of Kansas City, who was varsity basketball coach at the University of Illinois at that time, and it is his opinion that the first set of games were staged in the Washington field house with Washington playing Illinois and Missouri playing St. Louis University. Illinois won and St. Louis University won. The next night the games were staged in St. Louis University's gymnasium with the winners playing the winners and the losers playing the losers. Illinois defeated St. Louis University, and Missouri, it seems to me, defeated Washington University. This was a basketball tournament played between Missouri Valley Conference schools, a Big Six school and a Big Ten school.

On December 20, 1935, the University of Southern California, the University of Missouri, Kansas State College, and the University of Kansas played in a basketball tournament which was under the auspices of the University of Kansas. The first night the University of Kansas played and defeated Southern California in the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Kansas. Kansas State also defeated the University of Missouri the same night. On December 21, 1935, the same teams moved across the state line and played a series of games in Convention Hall in Kansas City, Missouri. It was agreed between the four teams that the winners would play the winners, and the losers would play the losers. Therefore, the University of Missouri played the University of Southern California, both teams having lost the previous night, and the University of Southern California won. The University of Kansas played Kansas State, and won the second contest.

It seems to me these are two perfectly parallel cases where Missouri Valley schools and Big Six schools met with outside university teams who were not members of either organization. The only difference is that there were two less teams in this tournament than the Washburn management contemplates.

These games in St. Louis were played in college halls under college management and no hall rental was paid. The games that were played in Kansas City had hall rental taken out of the gate receipts for both contests, but money was made on both games. In the Washburn College tournament which is contemplated, there will be no hall rental because the games are to be played in the Washburn field house on the Washburn campus and no rental is to be charged for the building.

May I call your attention to the fact that the Drake Relays which are under the auspices of Drake University are in a nature very similar to these basketball tournaments that have been played by these Big Six and Missouri Valley schools. Drake University, being a member of the Missouri Valley Conference, accepts entries from the Big Six and all other schools for their Relays. The entries are sent in to the Drake Relays management, which makes the drawings and determines what teams are to run against other teams. There are preliminaries and trials one day where the losers are eliminated and the winners are pitted against the winners. This seems to me a parallel case which is long established and which has never been questioned.

A noncompetitive meet or tournament, according to Webster, is practically the same - "a meeting for contests in athletic or special sports; any trial of skill in which several or many contend in a series of contests."

I assure you I had no notion of doing anything but what had already been done several times over. If I had had any notion at all that the conference would have questioned it I would have asked our director of athletics and our faculty representative to take the matter up. Having been present in St. Louis when the tournaments were played, and being with Coach Edwards after the game, I considered it perfectly regular. I am quite sure that Missouri did not ask any interpretation or permission to play these games in St. Louis, feeling they had a perfect right to do so. It was for that reason that I thought it was not necessary to ask permission from the conference on this similar set-up.

It is a well-known fact that Big Six teams in the last few years have played their university opponents in auditoria in other cities rather than in the cities in which the universities they were playing are located. I am not referring to Madison Square Garden or any places where professional promoters have long arranged schedules, but I am mentioning the fact that university teams who are members of the Big Six Conference have arranged games with university managements and then the games have not been played on the college field house or auditorium floor.

I am not asking that any exception be made to the regular rule. I am only asking that the regular rule be interpreted as precedent when past performances have taken place.

I will appreciate your kindly consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

December 22, 1939.

Mr. E. A. Thomas, Secretary,
High School Activities Association,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear E. A.:

I do not know just how elaborately you will plan your Saturday morning and afternoon program. I take it that the morning will be taken up with team demonstration showing the various types of offense and defense.

In the offense I thought of the set plays against a man to man defense, set plays against a zone defense, and the fast break offensive play. Then also show the offense against a team that goes down the floor and takes you under your own opponent's basket. There are certain fundamentals that we use in practice to train our boys for these altered situations. On the defensive side of the demonstration it is necessary to show how to set the zone defense. Then also it is necessary to show when to use a man to man defense and how to use your switching to keep from being screened.

All of these offensive and defensive plays have a lead up on individual offense and individual defense. It is not possible to teach mass defense or offense until individual offense and defense have been taught. This I always show if we have the time.

I am not afraid of hard work, or too much of it. I will give as much of the demonstration as you desire, but I think we should leave some time between each of these play situations for the coaches to ask questions. They may want to request that you set your team and demonstrate play situations for certain set-ups that they would like to have you meet for them. In other words, a certain coach will say, How do you meet this offense or this defense, or what do you do in certain play situations like this where there is either man to man or zone?

Then there is foot work, both from an offensive and a defensive standpoint. A coach could employ a full two hours on foot work. This is so intimately associated with individual offense and individual defense that this should be employed at the time that individual techniques and skills are given.

The fast break is not merely breaking down the floor, but the successful operation of the fast break is the result of careful individual training prior to the working with the fast break. It takes more skill on the part of the players to employ a fast break than it does the methodical slow break game.

Answering your question directly, I think it would be inadvisable to invite more than four other colleges to participate in the demonstration. You are better acquainted with the different colleges' style of play than I am, and you would know the ones that you desire to ask. My program is rather an elastic one so that you can build it as you see fit. Personally, I would like to have coaches, and I am speaking of high school coaches, interrogate me on different points that they desire to know. I find then that you are really getting at the root of things in answering questions that they really want to know.

After you have read my letter if you care to re-submit a program I will be happy to cooperate with you toward giving the high schools the very best stuff that we can possibly put out. You will understand, E. A., that any time that I have demonstrated or served at a coaching school I have put out the inside information. I withhold nothing from my coaching clinic, and I realize that while I am doing that I have coaches sitting on the sidelines who expect to benefit from such information by using that against me. But I have always held that when a man receives compensation he should put out everything that he has.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MEMBER OF NATIONAL FEDERATION OF ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS

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TOPEKA

December 19, 1939

E. A. THOMAS
COMMISSIONER



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

Dear Doctor Allen:

I notice by the morning papers that K. U. has been granted permission by the Big Six Conference to participate in the tournament here. I am sure this will insure the tournament of being a grand success.

I am sorry that there was a misunderstanding in regard to the clinic. I certainly would not want it to look as if we were butting into the picture but I did not know that you had any correspondence with Kemper or Errickson prior to our meeting in Lawrence.

I have just talked to Dee and he prefers that we run the clinic under the auspices of the state high school activities association. This merely means that we shall be responsible to you for the fee for your work in the clinic. I am happy to do this and I am sure the services to the high schools of the state will be well worth while. I'll appreciate it if you will outline a program for the Saturday morning session at which time we agreed there should be the team demonstrations.

With best wishes for the holiday season, I am

Very cordially yours,

E. A. Thomas,
Commissioner.

E. R. STEVENS, PRESIDENT
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December 4, 1939

E.A. THOMAS
COMMISSIONER



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

Dear Doc:-

I shall appreciate it if you can send me your suggested outline of the program for the basketball clinic to be held at the time of the tournament at Washburn as soon as possible, and if you have any other ideas in addition to those we discussed at your office recently I shall be glad to have you send them along.

This clinic program is in the process of development, as far as our association is concerned. Last year our high school coaches' association voted to get behind a clinic program in various sports and we have been working with them. Recently they have become associated with us through their advisory committee and we have received many offers from colleges to stage clinics. We have been considering the location of a number of these events this fall and, since K. U. put on one last year, our first thought was to co-operate with you in every way possible. You stated at our recent meeting that you had not planned one for this year. I understand that these have to be worked out on Saturdays in order for the high school coaches to attend and your early season schedule, I believe, does not include any Saturday games. I thought then that perhaps you would wish to co-operate with us in a clinic program at the time of the basketball tournament here.

I don't think we should demand too much in time and energy from the teams participating in the tournament, but perhaps some of the coaches can use their reserve players in the demonstrations. I believe you suggested demonstrations of the zone defense and how to penetrate that defense as suitable and desirable features of the program. No doubt there will be teams here with various types of offense and defense and it would be advisable to include the fast break, man-to-man defense, and various types of individual maneuvers. I'll be happy to receive your recommendations just as soon as convenient.

Since most of the high school coaches will no doubt be unable to attend more than one day, I thought perhaps it would be best to confine the demonstrations by the teams to Saturday morning and then hold a state-wide officials and rules meeting and clinic in the afternoon. If the college and university men feel that they would like to participate in both sessions we would certainly appreciate their help. As far as I am concerned, I do not wish to impose upon anyone but perhaps for the good of the game of basketball the coaches and players will not feel that it is an imposition. It will give the college coaches an opportunity to show their methods and systems to the high school coaches. Do you think it would be advisable to invite more than four of the college teams to participate in the demonstrations? I don't believe we'll have time for more and I'll appreciate it if you can outline something on that basis. I'm sorry I'll miss your opening game tomorrow night but I'll be on the road most of this week.

Cordially yours,

E. R. STEVENS, PRESIDENT
INDEPENDENCE

J. R. JONES, VICE-PRESIDENT
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JUSTICE

December 9, 1939.

Forrest C. Allen,
c/o K. U.
Lawrence, Kansas.

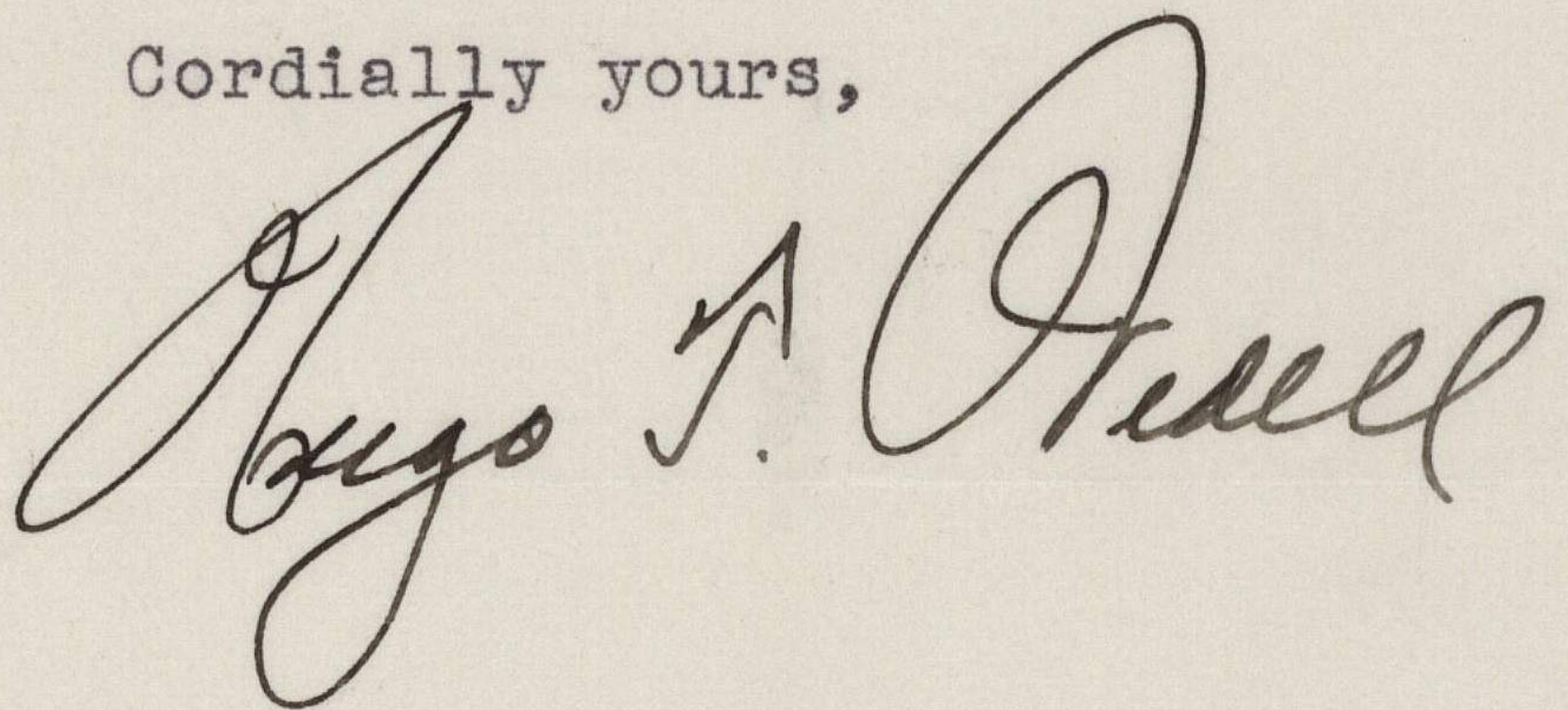
Dear "Pfog":

I appreciated receiving your basketball schedule and I am distributing the extra schedules to some of the athletic-minded people in the State House.

I am not fully advised from the newspaper account in this morning's papers, just why you should not be permitted to participate in the Washburn College Tournament on the dates of December 28, 29 and 30. I trust the matter will be arranged so that you can participate in the tournament on those dates.

Cordially yours,

W:H

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hugo T. Wedell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Hugo T. Wedell".

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

The Big Six faculty representatives at our recent meeting in Kansas City instructed me to acknowledge your letter to them regarding a twenty game basketball allowance.

Your letter would seem to indicate a belief that the Big Six printed Rules allow twenty basketball games and that the faculty representatives at the December, 1938 meeting, without consultation with the Directors, reduced the number of games to eighteen. You are definitely in error if such is your belief. It has only been by special action of the faculty representatives each year that twenty games have been allowed in the past. The following is taken from the minutes of the meeting of the faculty representatives as of December 3, 1938.

"Twenty Basketball and Baseball Games.

A motion was made by Shirky, seconded by Jones "that twenty basketball and baseball games be approved for the 1938-39 season, the additional two games in each case to be played during vacation time, and that it be understood that for the future there will be a return to the regular eighteen game schedule as provided by the Conference rules." Motion carried."

When Kansas University scheduled twenty games for this season, 1939-40, it was in direct violation of the printed Rules. No other Conference school scheduled more than eighteen games.

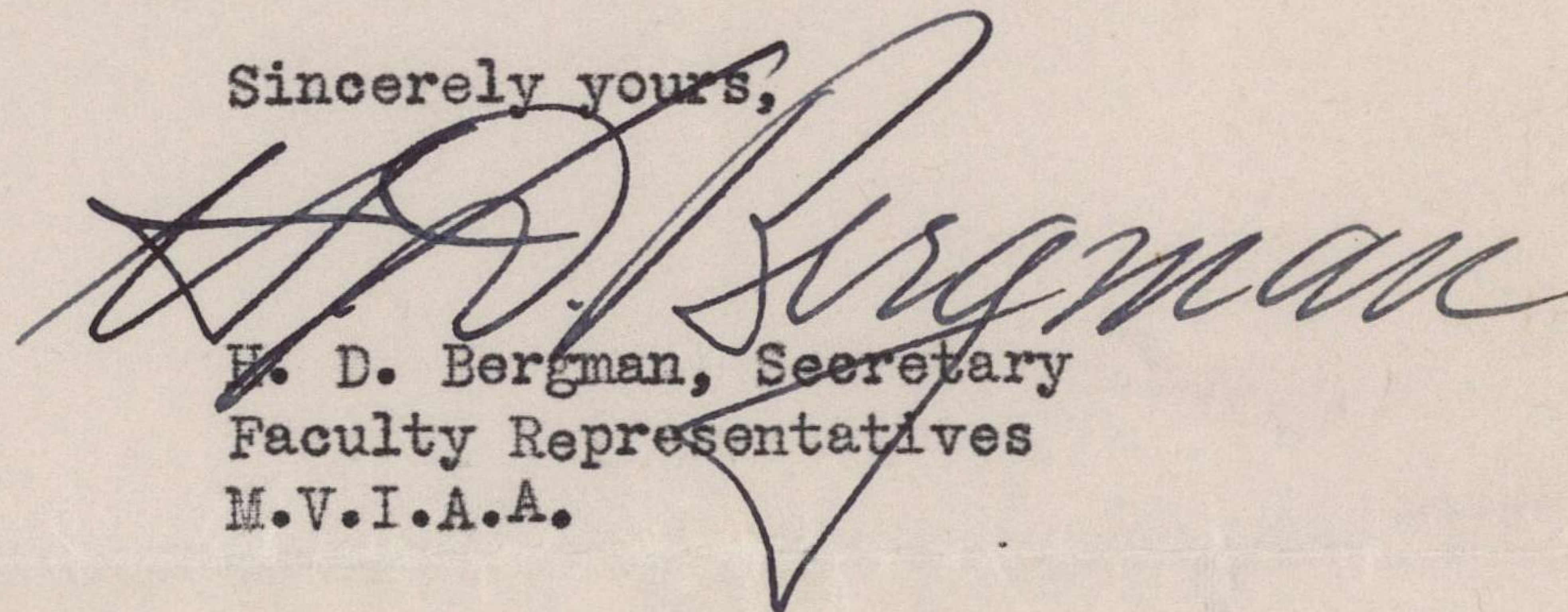
When it was reported that Kansas had already scheduled twenty games, Dr. Davis assumed the blame for what he said was his failure to advise the responsible members of the athletic staff that twenty games would not be allowed for 1939-40. In order to relieve Kansas of possible embarrassment in the situation, the faculty representatives then agreed to approve twenty games for this year.

It then came to us that Kansas was entered in a basketball tournament to be held in Topeka. This being against the Rules, it was suggested by the Directors that if Kansas dropped from the tournament, the eighteen rule limit would not be exceeded. However, in deference to Dr. Davis and to avoid any

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embarrassment to Kansas, in view of what appeared to be a misunderstanding of the rules, the faculty representatives approved twenty-basketball games for 1939-40, the two extra games to be played during vacation time.

Sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. D. Bergman". The signature is written over the typed name and title.

H. D. Bergman, Secretary
Faculty Representatives
M.V.I.A.A.

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