

NED IRISH
NINE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK CITY

May 25, 1940

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

Dear Phog,

I got your note and agree with you that Ed Kelleher has been misinformed or else he probably got the dimensions of his own court at Fordham confused with the Garden court. The Garden court is 82 feet between baskets, with two foot extensions on each end or 86 feet overall playing length.

Fordham has a 90 foot court, 2 foot extensions, but is the only court in New York City that is over 78 feet between baskets.

I quite agree with you that the four foot extension makes for a better game. The local college coaches as a body would also agree with you. However since only Fordham of the seven schools which play their major games on the Garden court have any room to put in the four foot extension on their own floors they decided that it would not be advisable to try and practice and play the majority of their games under one set of conditions and change radically for their major games. As it is all the teams which use the Garden as their home court play on courts which are long^{er} by from four to fifteen feet than their own courts.

Trust that this will not prove any handicap to either your team or Ed Kelleher's and that the contest will be a good one.

Sincerely yours,

Ned Irish

May 7, 1940.

Mr. Earl R. Yeomans,
Director of Athletics,
Temple University,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Yeomans:

The contract for our basketball game has been signed and turned over to our athletic office. Doubtless they will send it to you from that office at once.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to our game with you.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

May 4, 1940.

Mr. Earl R. Yeomans,
Director of Athletics,
Temple University,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Yeomans:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 25th together with contracts covering our basketball game to be played on December 30, 1940.

It has been necessary for me to confer with the members of our Athletic Board and with Mr. Gwinn Henry, our director of athletics, but I believe that within a few days I will be able to return the signed copies of the contract to you. As you know, it sometimes takes a few days to get these things through, but after my conference with Director Henry the early part of next week I feel that we can soon have the contracts on their way to you.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

COUNCIL ON ATHLETICS
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
PHILADELPHIA

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

April 25, 1940

Dr. Forrest Allen,
Basketball Coach,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas

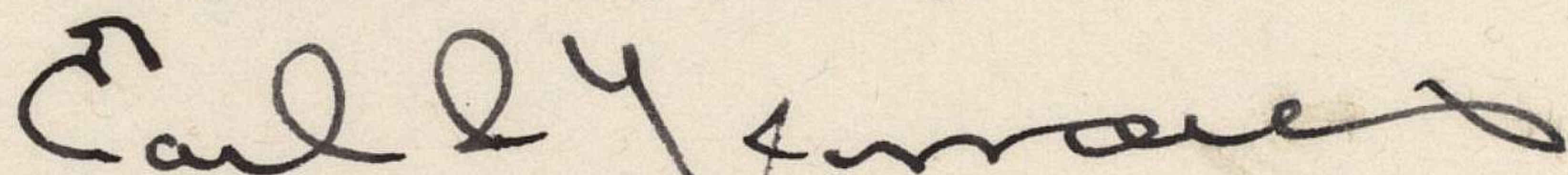
Dear Dr. Allen:

I am enclosing contracts covering
our basketball game to be played on Monday, December 30,
1940.

I am delighted that we will have the
opportunity of meeting your team and I am looking forward
with great pleasure to seeing you in Philadelphia. I will
appreciate your signing the enclosed contracts and returning
three copies to me, retaining one for your files.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Earl R. Yeomans
Director of Athletics.

Y:D
Encls-4

December 14, 1940

Mr. Daniel Crawford, Jr.
President and General Manager
Hotel Philadelphian
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Crawford:

We have made a change in our itinerary and we will not be able to accept the hospitality of your hotel during our stay in Philadelphia. We are going to stay in the suburbs and not in the city.

I assure you there is no objection to your hotel; only that we desire to stay out in the village rather than to go down town, so will you please cancel our reservations.

Assuring you if we do come to Philadelphia at any time and stay in town, we will be glad to stay with you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

cc: Bob Reed

October 18, 1940

Mr. Daniel Crawford, Jr.
President and General Manager
Hotel Philadelphian
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Crawford:

Your letter of October 2 received.

I have just received a letter from our hotel in New York saying they will take care of Mrs. Allen and my daughter when we arrive there. We expect to carry about fifteen men.

I am wondering if you are in a position to offer the same courtesy. I know that this is done in a good many places, but the only way a fellow can find out is to ask what the policy is.

You will please understand that we are not asking you to do this, we are only making inquiry.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

Hotel Philadelphian

DANIEL CRAWFORD, JR., PRES. & GEN'L. MGR.



NEAREST TO
CONVENTION HALL
FRANKLIN FIELD
UNIV. OF PENNSYLVANIA

CHESTNUT AT THIRTY-NINTH ST.

NEAR NEW MAIN STATIONS OF
PENNA. AND B. & O. RAILROADS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

October 2, 1940 EVERGREEN 9000

Mr. Forrest C. Allen, Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

We have just learned that your team is to play on Monday, December 30th in Philadelphia, and as this hotel has personally adapted its entire accommodations to the college man, we feel you will be interested in our rates.

As you no doubt know, this hotel is headquarters for practically every college team playing in Philadelphia. Over a generation of experience in catering to the college man and the various teams, has taught us to anticipate their needs, and our trained staff offer you services and appointments you will not find in any other hotel in this city.

We feel confident the following rates will be of interest to you:

Single room with bath - \$2.50 per day.

Double room with twin beds and bath - \$3.50 per day,
(\$1.75 per day each person).

Three or four men in a large room with bath, each with
separate bed - \$1.50 per day each person.

I believe there is a distinct advantage in our being located out of the central part of the city, away from disturbing noises. We are also the nearest hotel to Convention Hall where you play - within walking distance.

Also, we serve training table meals in a private room if you prefer, at reasonable prices. We would be glad to send you sample menus if you so desire.

Should any further information be required, I would be happy to hear from you.

Trusting we may have the pleasure of being host to you and your team this season, I remain

Very truly yours,
HOTEL PHILADELPHIAN

Daniel Crawford, Jr.
Daniel Crawford, Jr.,
Pres. & Gen'l. Mgr.

DC:m

November 29, 1940

Mr. Ned Irish
Nine Rockefeller Plaza
New York City, New York

Dear Ned:

I am writing for some information, please. What time would the Garden be available for practice for our game on December 28? I should also like to know the names of the other two teams that are to play in the garden on the same night that we play.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lw

November 27, 1940

Mr. J. J. Schafer
Manager
Hotel Lorraine
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Schafer:

I am sorry that I have not had an opportunity to write you sooner but previous to your writing us we made arrangements to stay at the Hotel Philadelphian with our basketball team.

The arrangements to stay at this place were made quite some time ago when we arranged our itinerary. However, we do thank you for writing us and we hope that at sometime in the future we may stay at your hotel.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg



J. J. SCHAFER, Manager

FRANK M. PERPER, PRESIDENT

HOTEL RITTENHOUSE
Philadelphia

HOTEL MARLYN
Philadelphia

HOTEL GLADSTONE
Philadelphia

HOTEL LINCOLN
Philadelphia

HOTEL KAUFMAN
Towanda, Pa.

PRIVATE OFFICE



HOTEL LORRAINE

BROAD STREET AT RIDGE AVENUE

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

November 25, 1940

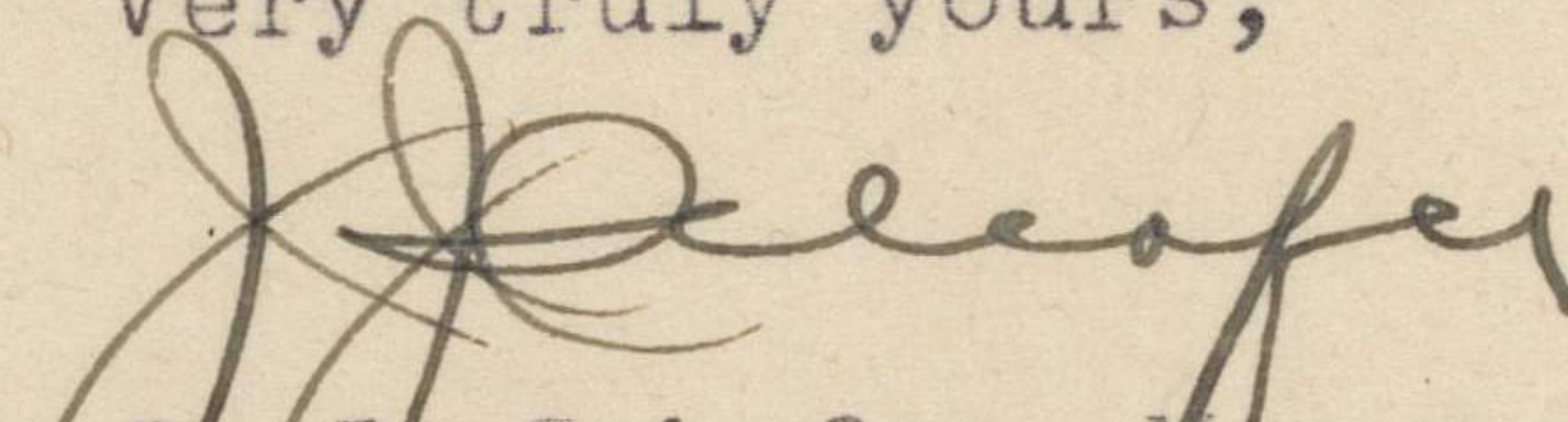
Mr. E. L. Falkenstien
U. of Kans. Phys. Education Corp.
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Mr. Falkenstien:

Since receiving your letter dated November 7th,
I have not heard from Dr. Forrest C. Allen, rela-
tive to the Basketball team coming to Hotel Lorraine.

If it is not too much trouble, will you contact him
again, and let me know what his intentions are? We
sincerely hope that you decide to come to Hotel Lor-
raine. Thanking you and with kindest personal regards,
I remain

Very truly yours,


J. J. Schafer, Mgr.
HOTEL LORRAINE

JJS:AS

October 5, 1940

Mr. Ned Irish
Basketball Manager
Madison Square Garden
New York, New York

Dear Ned:

Will you please tell me when the tickets will be printed for the Fordham-Kansas game, which is to be played on December 28, the price of the tickets and when they will go on sale? I should like to have the same information regarding the tickets for the game with Temple at Philadelphia on December 30.

Some of our friends in New York and around desire to see the games and made inquiry regarding tickets.

Thanking you for the information, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

December 16, 1940

Mr. F.M. Scheibley
Manager
Strath Haven Inn
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Attention: Mr. W.S. Shelly

Dear Mr. Shelly:

This will acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 14th instant, quoting your rates for our team during our stay in Philadelphia.

As you can see by our schedule, we play in Madison Square Garden on the 28th; therefore, we expect to arrive in Philadelphia on the 29th. Our exact itinerary has not yet been worked out, but as soon as this is taken care of I will inform you of the exact time of our arrival as well as the time of our departure for Chicago, where we play in Loyola on January 2.

We will be glad to stay with you. Mr. Robt. Reed of the Country Gentleman wrote me to the effect that you could make the hotel rate which you quote. This is acceptable to us. At most of the hotels we stay over the country this is the usual rate that they quote us.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

Strath Haven Inn

Swarthmore, Pa.



F. M. SCHEIBLEY MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATED HOTELS
THE HAMILTON NORRISTOWN, PA.
THE WHITTIER, 140 N. 15 ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA.

December 14, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

We have made reservations for your basket-ball team for Sunday Evening, December 22, 1940 respectively; also tentatively for Monday Night, December 23, 1940 for approximately 12 to 14 men.

We will appreciate it very much if you will let us know whether this is about correct; also as to what meals you would wish. We will give you a special rate of \$1.50 per man per night, European Plan, Two men to a room with twin beds. Most of the rooms will have private baths accomodations.

Ordinarily our rooms with private baths is \$2.50 per man. We will certainly be delighted to entertain your team and will look forward to your visit with pleasure.

We will appreciate an early reply. You may wire if you so desire at our expense. We remain,

Sincerely

STRATH HAVEN INN

F. M. SCHEIBLEY, MANAGER

Per *N. S. Shelly*

WS:lr

*By request of
Robt. Reed.*

December 13, 1940

Mr. Bob Reed
Country Gentleman
Independence Square
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Bob:

I have your two good letters of Thursday and Friday, and I am hastening a reply.

Bob, I will not forget your place on the bench. That is all set.

Now for the Strath Haven Inn at Swarthmore. You know I rather like that idea and even if we have double beds it should not matter. How long a ride is it from Swarthmore to Philadelphia? I am wondering if you would be good enough to inquire from Bill Stetson the price of a bus from the Strath Haven to Convention Hall in Philly.

I have not heard from the Manager of the Strath Haven, but doubtless he has been too busy. If you state that he has met the Hotel Philadelphian's prices, I am sure that will be done. The Strath Haven sounds like a swell hotel. Is it an old one? Is it a family hotel, or what is it, Bob?

It might be a fine thing to get the boys out there, and I want you to know that I greatly appreciate all the interest that you have shown in us. Also please thank Bill Stetson, the Swarthmore coach, for his kindness in offering us the use of their field, and so forth. Yes, I think we shall come right over after the Fordham game.

Our itinerary has not been definitely set, but we are working on it now. I would like for the boys to go to Washington, D.C. one day and at least take in the F.B.I. Building. The football players got a great wallop out of such an expedition and I am sure that some of the basketball players will enjoy some of the sights around Washington. A lot of these kids just do not have an opportunity to make such a trip often and I want them to get something from the trip.

Thank you so much for the information on the Post article. I am glad that you like it and I am sorry that you could not have arranged to do it, but this boy Turtle, who is a K.U. graduate, had a man on the Star come down to Lawrence right after we played U.S.C. and started working on the story. Personally I did not think that he would land this, but he did.

Mr. Reed

Page 2

Dec. 13, 1940

Every year two or three writers come down and take some pictures and shoot stuff and I never know where they try to sell their wares, but they are always shooting pictures so I did not expect much to come out of it.

Mrs. Allen and some of our daughters may accompany us on our trip east. They are counting their nickels but they have not made a decision yet. Please let me hear from you soon.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

COUNTRY GENTLEMAN

AMERICA'S FOREMOST RURAL MAGAZINE

BEN HIBBS

EDITOR

THE CURTIS PUBLISHING COMPANY

INDEPENDENCE SQUARE • PHILADELPHIA

Thursday

Dear Phog:-

I just returned from Chicago to find your letter on my desk. Also I just finished reading the article about you in the Post. Phog, I think it is a dandy, and there are a couple of excellent ~~xxx~~ photos with it -- one of you and Bob and an unnamed lad on the bench, and another of you pumping up a ball. I'm delighted to see you in the Post.

Phog, I'll check tonight with Strath Haven Inn at Swarthmore. If the manager wants to meet the Philadelphian's price, I'll get him to put it in writing and I'll mail it along to you. It's all right with me if you don't want to switch. For it would involve a bus trip to Convention Hall from Swarthmore. I won't make any promises -- I'll just ask for prices and let you know soon. I repeat that the Swarthmore College will let you have the field house and all their equipment. I judge you will come right over after the Fordham game.

Good luck, Phog, and I'll be thrilled to death to sit on your bench at the Temple game. Thanks! Will write you again tomorrow.

Best

Bob R

COUNTRY GENTLEMAN

AMERICA'S FOREMOST RURAL MAGAZINE

BEN HIBBS

EDITOR

THE CURTIS PUBLISHING COMPANY

INDEPENDENCE SQUARE · PHILADELPHIA

Friday

Dear Phog:-

I have found that the Strath Haven Inn can't beat the Philadelphian. The Inn is willing to meet the \$1.50 price, but they have double beds and I know you don't care for that. So I guess you had better let your arrangements stand. If you don't mind, I would like to have you meet Bill Stetson, the Swarthmore coach. He is going to bring his team in to watch you play. The Post article is in the December 28th Post, so you will be here in a blaze of glory. I repeat, it is a fine article.

The K.U. Club here, which unfortunately was inactive for the Villanova football game, is stirring about your game with Temple, and you will have an enthusiastic following in Convention Hall. I hope you don't forget that "bench" invitation. It will be the thrill of my lifetime.

If I can do anything at all, let me know. I'll look you up as soon as you get to town.

Best of luck, Phog.

Cordially,

Bob Red

COUNTRY GENTLEMAN

AMERICA'S FOREMOST RURAL MAGAZINE

BEN HIBBS

EDITOR

THE CURTIS PUBLISHING COMPANY
INDEPENDENCE SQUARE · PHILADELPHIA

Thursday

Dear Phog:-

This may just confuse the issue, but don't let it worry you. Anyway, the Strath Haven Inn people in Swarthmore have come to me and offered to put up you and your boys for \$1.50, two boys to a room in twin beds. I told you, I think, that Pennsylvania always sends their boys their before one of the big football games.

I note by the schedule that you have a Sunday lay-over between the Fordham game in the Garden and the Temple game here on Monday. Now I think Swarthmore is a nicer place to lay over than the city. There's lots of woods and trees and our weather ought to hold crisp and cool and clear. Then, too, if your kids want to warm up a bit the Swarthmore Field house is open to you on Sunday afternoon. Bill Stetson would be happy, I know, to scrimmage gently with your boys.

Besides, Phog, I'd love to have you and your kids out in Swarthmore over the Sunday -- you all can call our Christmas tree yours.

If you are definitely committed to the Philadelphian it's all OK with me Phog. If you decide you would like to come out to Swarthmore over the Sunday, just send me a wire collect and I'll clinch with the Inn and I'll have them send you a memo confirming it. I did tell you that the Inn is about eight miles from Convention Hall, which would take a bus to get you in for the game -- or a train goes right to a block or two from the Hall. Transportation wouldn't be a problem. I have enough cars to do the job if you wish.

If I don't hear from you, Phog, I'll assume you want to let the Philadelphians arrangement stand. Either way is all right. I'll be in there punching for K.U.

Congratulations on the Texas wins.

Until I see you, then -- good luck

Bob Raw

December 14, 1940

Mr. Bob Reed
12 Park Avenue
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Dear Bob:

I have just sent the following wire to you:

"Thanks a thousand. We'll stay with you
Swarthmore. Kindest regards."

You are a great salesman Bob; you have sold
me.

Mrs. Allen and my youngest daughter, who is a
sophomore in the University, and happens to be a Kappa,
will doubtless accompany me. My middle daughter, Jane,
a Pi Phi, who is an artist in Chicago, was also expecting
to accompany us, but we got a letter yesterday saying that
she is taking a position with an art company and will not
be able to go along.

You have been grand and please tell Bill Stetson
that it is swell of him to offer us the facilities of the
field house.

We hope the Allen's and the Reed's will certainly
have one good get-together

Sincerely yours,

FCA:lg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

December 19, 1940

Mr. Bob Reed
Country Gentleman
The Curtis Publishing Company
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Bob:

Gee, you are a swell guy. You are asking for a lot of grief when you ask the Allen generals into your home. The women folks are all of that, aren't they, Bob?

Bob, I think we will not get out of New York after our game. We will stay there over night and let them rest as much as possible on the 29th, then we will come in on the afternoon train. It may be a little earlier than the schedule we now have, but at any rate, we will get in sometime Sunday afternoon or evening. It would be nice if we could work out in the Field House sometime before dinner.

I took your gracious letter home and showed it to Mrs. Allen and she said, "I want Mrs. Reed's address. I won't make any promises because I know what an imposition it will be."

I will write you again real soon, but I am just telling you how gracious you are and Mrs. Reed will hear from Mrs. Allen in a very short while.

Hastily and appreciatively yours,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

December 19, 1940

Mr. Bob Reed
Country Gentleman
The Curtis Publishing Company
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Bob:

This is our set-up: We arrive in Philadelphia at 5:38 P.M., December 29, and will stay at the Strath Haven through the 29th and 30th. On the morning of December 31, at 8:35, we leave for Washington, D.C.

I wonder if it would be possible for us to work at Bill Stetson's Field House sometime in the early evening of the 29th. Since we are getting in at 5:38, I thought if it was possible we would like to go to the Field House and work out lightly before we eat. We can arrive there earlier, and if it would suit Bill Stetson, we will come over there in the afternoon.

We plan to stay at the Hotel Piccadilly in New York and can be reached there anytime after the 26th of December. I will thank you if we can hear from you at your early convenience.


We are leaving Lawrence on Monday, December 23, stopping at Ann Arbor and Buffalo over night, and we will arrive in New York City on the 26th, late in the afternoon. We will work out between halves of the Illinois-Manhattan game on the 26th.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

November 7th
1 9 4 0



Mr. J.J. Schafer, Mgr.
Hotel Lorraine
Broad & Fairmount Ave.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Schafer:

I have your letter of November 5th, and in reply wish to advise that Dr. Forrest C. Allen, our Basketball Coach, makes his arrangements for hotel, etc., when traveling with the basketball squad.

I am referring your letter to his desk so that, if he has not already made arrangements for hotel accommodations in Philadelphia, he may give it consideration.

Thanking you very kindly for the courtesies shown us while in Philadelphia, and with best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

E.L. Falkenstien, Sec'y
U. of Kans. Phys. Edu. Corp.

ELF: IW



J. J. SCHAFER, Manager

FRANK M. PERPER, PRESIDENT

HOTEL RITTENHOUSE
Philadelphia

HOTEL MARLYN
Philadelphia

HOTEL GLADSTONE
Philadelphia

HOTEL LINCOLN
Philadelphia

HOTEL KAUFMAN
Towanda, Pa.

PRIVATE OFFICE

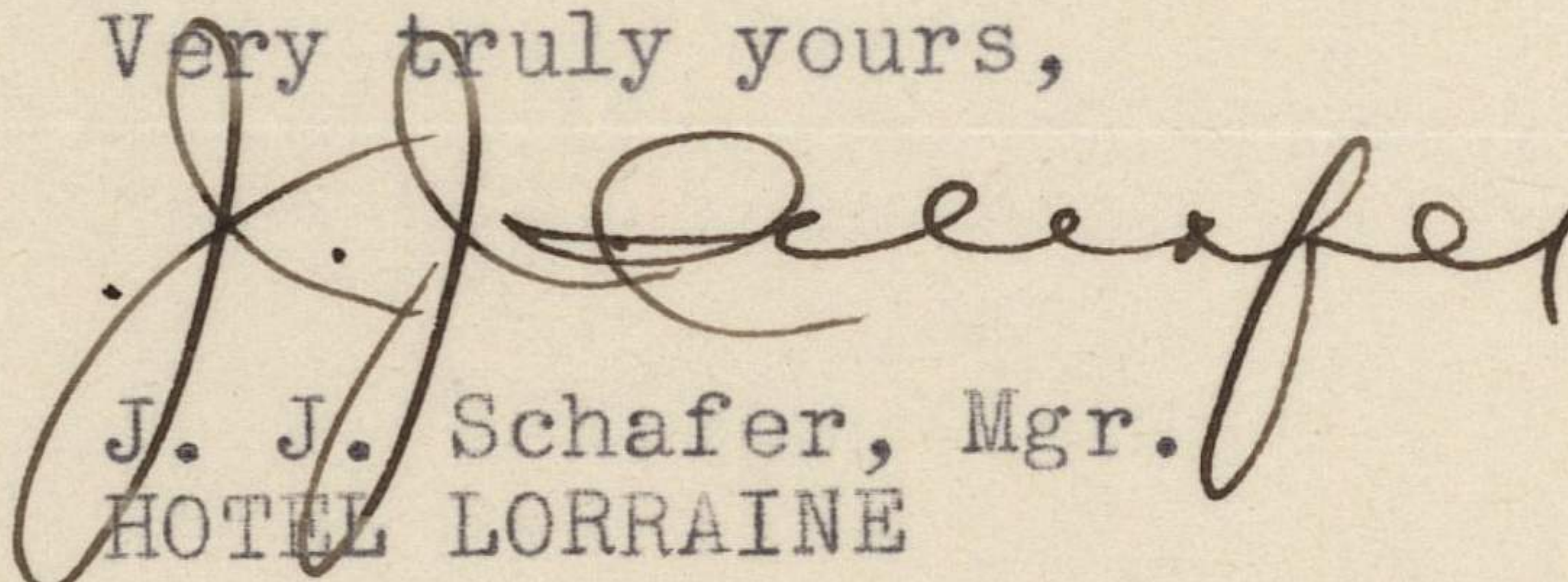
Mr. E. L. Falkenstien
Dept. of Intercollegiate Athletics
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Mr. Falkenstien:

I meant to take up with you when you were here last week-end, the matter of accommodations for your basketball team, which is scheduled to play Temple here on Monday, December 30th. I will gladly make them a rate of \$1.50 per man, two men to a room, each two rooms to have bath facilities between. We can also arrange to serve them any training table meals that they might require at a very nominal rate.

Thanking you to favor me with an expression relative to the above at your convenience, I remain

Very truly yours,



J. J. Schafer, Mgr.
HOTEL LORRAINE

JJS:AS
Enc.



HOTEL LORRAINE

BROAD STREET AT RIDGE AVENUE

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

November 5, 1940

Sports of the Times

Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

By JOHN KIERAN

When Irish Eyes Are Smiling

WHAT this observer doesn't know about current basketball society would fill a big basket, but Irish eyes are smiling, indicating that everything is well with what Bo McMillin, the football man, calls "the round ball game." Ned Irish is the fellow who puts on the college double-headers in Madison Square Garden and makes a good thing of it for all concerned. To line up his Winter programs he scurries around the country and checks up on teams of all shapes and sizes and previous conditions of servitude.

The "Ivy League" teams remain aloof from Madison Square Garden competition, but Mr. Irish holds no grudge and speaks amiably of those teams and coaches just the same. Since basketball had done so well as a Winter attraction at Madison Square Garden in New York, Mr. Irish was asked why it wasn't a similar attraction at the Boston Garden.

"Well, it's a funny thing," said Mr. Irish, "but New England isn't infested with high-class college basketball teams, though the game was invented in that area. New York, as a district, has some top-flight teams, which is one reason for the New York enthusiasm for the game."

With Some Exceptions

No good basketball teams in New England? It was the vague impression of this innocent bystander that Dartmouth often came along with some dashing teams at the court game and—

"Oh, wait a minute!" said Mr. Irish. "I don't mean they don't have some good teams in New England. I mean they aren't as thick in New England as they are around New York. Sure, Dartmouth usually has good basketball teams. I'd pick Dartmouth and Princeton as the logical contenders for the league title this year. Boston University has the makings of a good team this year. Then there's Rhode Island State, which is noted for its basketball teams. Their rooters call them the two-points-a-minute team. They really pour that ball through the basket. They're coached by Frank Keaney, who is a big fellow, and his son, who is even bigger, plays on the team. Warren Keaney—he's the son—grabs the ball off the enemy backboard and throws it all the way down the court, where one of his little friends is waiting to pop it in for a Rhode Island State score."

That was a handsome explanation and it seems safe for Mr. Irish to walk the streets of Providence, Boston and Hanover any day this Winter. No man's hand should be raised against him.

The Spread Formation

"For that matter," went on Mr. Irish placidly, "there are good teams now all over the country. It used to be that the South and Southwest weren't so hot—hadn't caught on to the game—but now they have some teams that can hold their own with anybody."

What startled this observer, possibly through being behind in his basketball studies, was that the great Dr. Phog Allen's Kansas team was beaten by Fordham in Madison Square Garden recently. It was thought in this corner that Phog Allen was something like the Rockne of the bas-

ketball court and his teams always were wonderful. Fordham hasn't been as strong on the basketball floor as it has been on the gridiron and the defeat of the Phog Allen outfit—well, it just came as a shock, that's all.

"You don't know the half of it," said Mr. Irish with a grin, "it was only the second game Fordham had won in Madison Square Garden and they've been playing there for seven years. They beat somebody the first year they played in the Garden and didn't beat anybody else in there until the Jayhawkers came in this Winter. Still, I think Fordham has a better team this year. In fact, most of the New York teams are better this year than they were last year."

Holding the Fort

If they weren't good, Mayor Fiorello La Guardia would get after them for smirching the fair name of New York City. Either that or he would run Mr. Irish out of town for scouring the country at large and bringing in the best teams he could find to beat up the local lads on the court.

"I'm in no danger so far," said Mr. Irish, "the New York teams have won five and lost four against outside competition. And we bring in only good teams to play here."

Doubtless Notre Dame was on the schedule. They go for the court game at Notre Dame and Elmer Layden, the Thin Man, usually drops in with the basketball team, just to watch the fun.

"I don't think Notre Dame is so hot this year," said Mr. Irish. "They've been spotty; good one night and bad another night."

Could it be that the Crowe crop finally had failed Coach George Keogan of Notre Dame? It was recalled that, for many years, the Crowe family had at least one representative on the Notre Dame basketball team, and no member of the family let down the Crowe tradition for efficiency on the floor.

"I haven't seen any Crowe listed in their lineup," said Mr. Irish. "Maybe that's the trouble. You know, George Keogan had a touch of heart trouble and went up to the Mayo Clinic for an examination. They told him he could go on coaching basketball if he promised not to get too excited."

In that case the doctors should have warned the team, behind the coach's back, not to play any close games.

Bisecting an Angle

"I wouldn't know about that," said Mr. Irish, "but I was wondering whether or not your mathematical friend at North Carolina, Professor Henderson, had warned you that the Tarheels were dropping in to play Fordham in the Garden and"—

Not a word, not a line from the Chapel Hill biographer of George Bernard Shaw and the pal of Dr. Albert Einstein in wandering on mathematical wings through Time and Space. Evidently he had plotted this as a surprise attack. It could be that Professor Henderson himself had worked up diagrams for efficient moves on the court against Fordham. If so, Fordham is in for it and may be disintegrated. Watch out, everybody!

February 26, 1941

Mr. Ned Irish
Director of Basketball
Madison Square Garden
New York City

Dear Ned:

I am acknowledging receipt of your request of February 11 and stating that our expenses exceeded the amount we were reimbursed.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

NED IRISH
NINE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK CITY

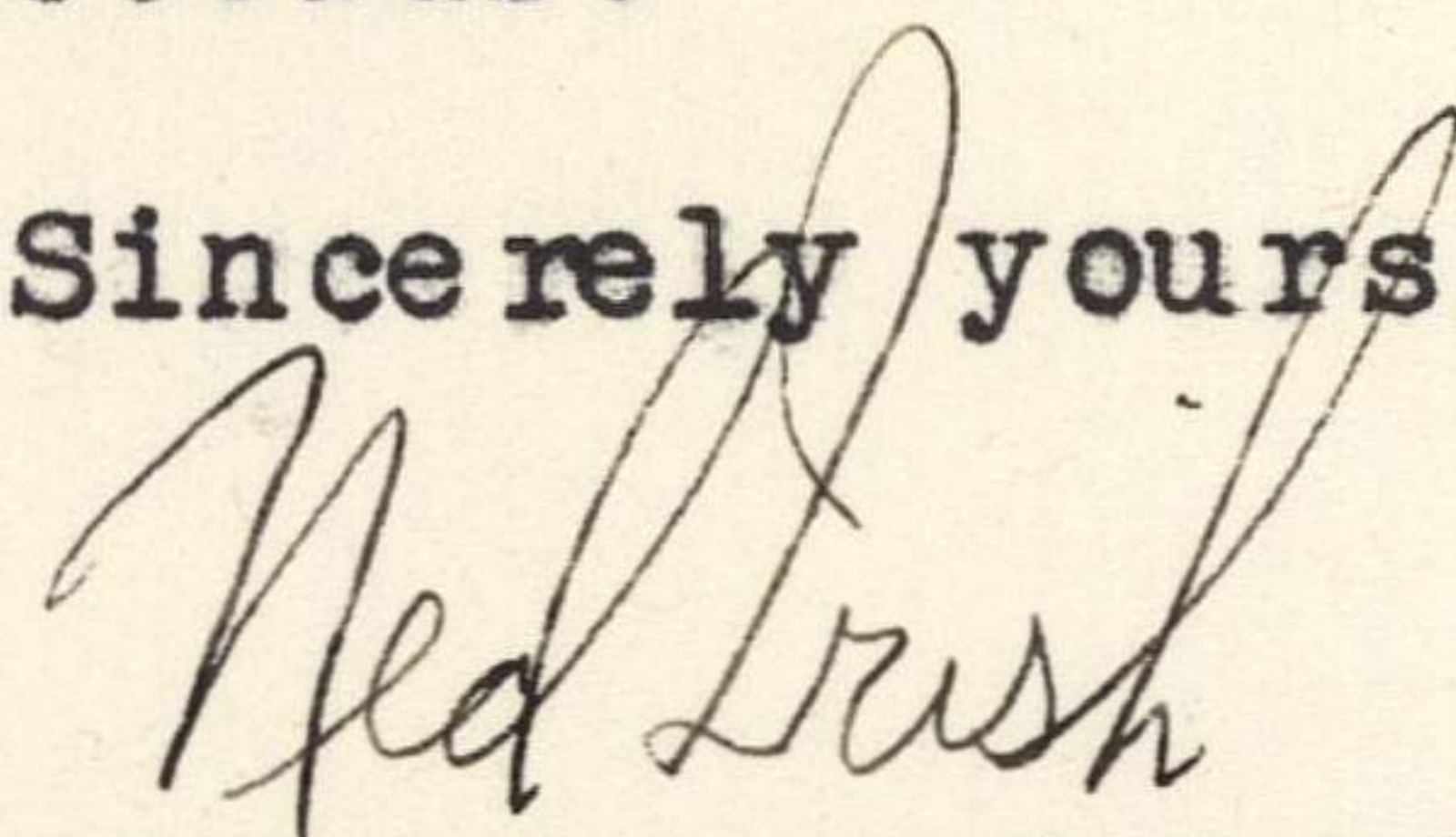
February 11th, 1941

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

Dear Phog:-

We have not as yet received a note from you certifying that your expenses exceeded the amount in which you were reimbursed. It is not necessary to itemize your accounts, a simple statement to that effect from you will suffice to complete my records.

Sincerely yours,



Director of Basketball
Madison Square Garden

NI:FP