

For all practical purposes many intercollegiate conferences could be divided into a "big pocketbook league" and a "small pocketbook league" The "big pocketbook league" members are generally the championship winners and the "small pocketbook league" members are the consolation winners.

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of ten a boy would attend college
in his own state unless lured

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**W. W. PARKER, PRESIDENT
CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI**

November
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1941

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Herewith enclosed are the clippings from
the Southeast Missourian covering your
speech here. I understand that it made
the front page of the Kansas City Star.

We greatly enjoyed your visit. We hope
you can come back sometime and bring
Mrs. Allen.

Most sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. W. Parker".

W. W. PARKER
President

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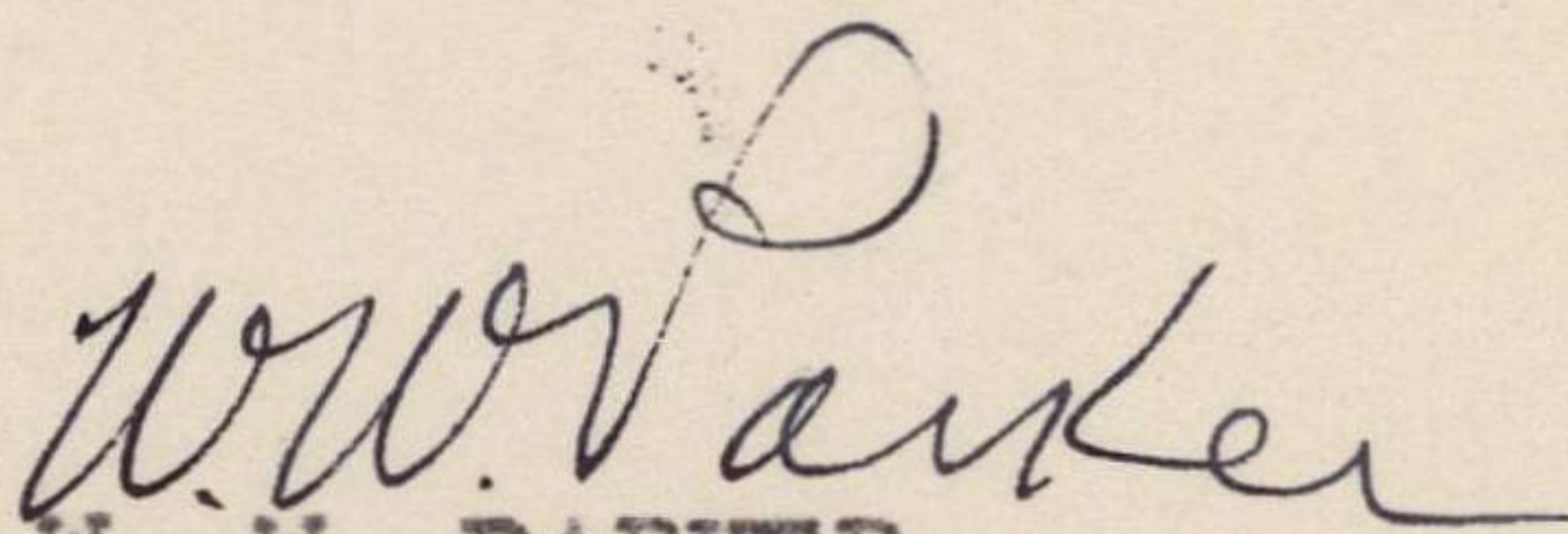
December
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1941

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

Dear Doc:

The Hirsch boys are named Bobby and Jimmy. Mrs. Parker requests that I pass this information on to you.

Very truly yours,

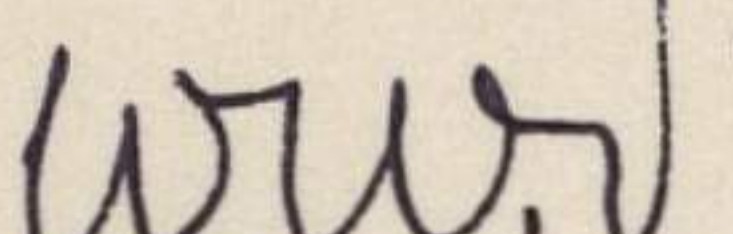

W. W. PARKER
President

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P.S. I have just received your letter accompanied by the manuscript of your recent address here. I thank you for it. Oscar Hirsch is the father's name. The above letter was dictated before receiving your special delivery letter.

I shall be glad indeed to receive an autographed copy of your "Better Basketball". I am a collector of such items. I know the Hirsch boys will be glad to have an autographed copy. The Hirsch radio station is KFVS, Cape Girardeau. He also owns a station in Cairo.

Most sincerely yours,


W. W. P.

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December 4, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Dept. of Physical Education
University of Kansas

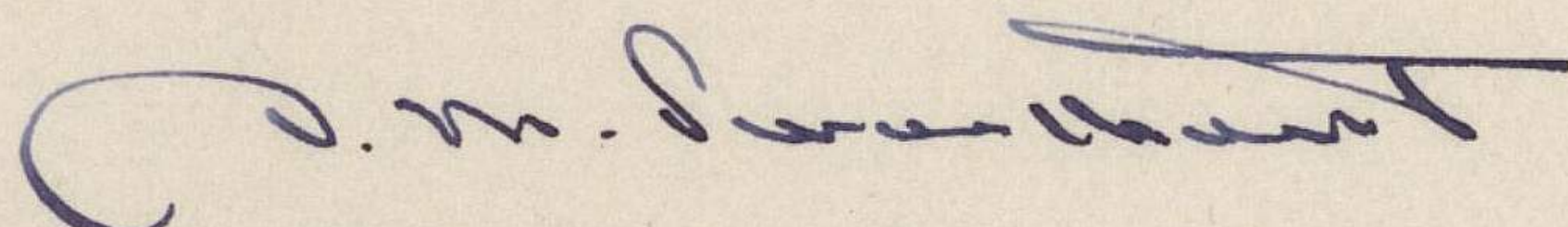
My dear "Phog":

Many thanks for your sending over the copy of your speech given at Cape Girardeau last Wednesday. I read it through with the greatest interest and want to congratulate you on having said something that has needed saying for a long time from all that I can gather.

The favorable reactions that this talk has caused over the country must be a real pleasure to you.

I am returning the talk, as I imagine you will want it for your files.

Sincerely yours,



D. M. Swarthout
Dean

DMS:af

Copies of speech
to

John Green

Chas. H. Savage

Lawrence Peterson

James Paul

December 4, 1941

Dr. Noble P. Sherwood
Snow Hall
Campus

Dear Dr. Sherwood,

I am sending you a copy of the speech that I gave at
Cape Girardeau, Mo. a week ago.

I thought that you might be interested in reading it.

Sincerely,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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December 1, 1941

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

Dear Coach Allen:

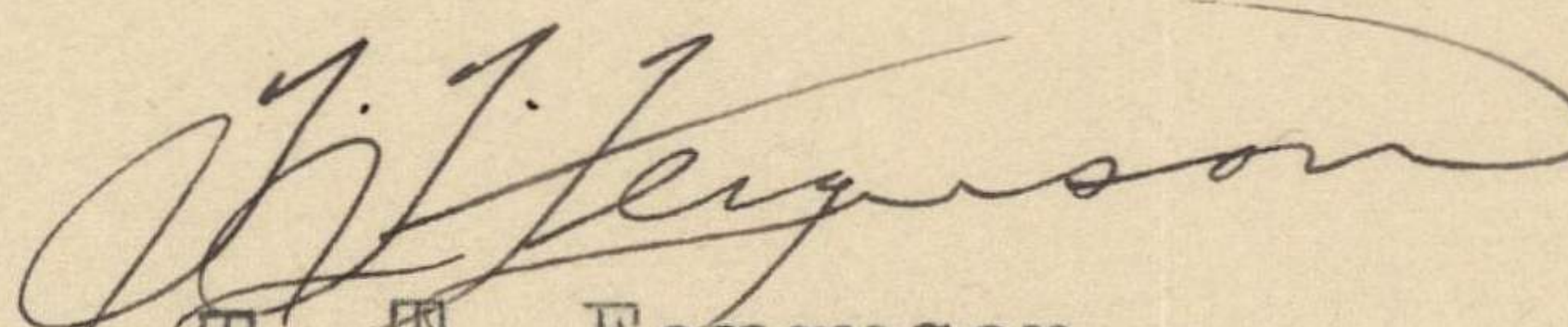
I returned to my office this morning for the first time since I saw you last week, and found your letter on my desk.

It was my intention to write you thanking you for making a personal appearance at our annual football dinner. Your talk was very much appreciated by everyone present. In fact, I heard several of our members remark that in their opinion, it was the finest and most inspirational talk ever made at one of our annual dinners.

I certainly will take advantage of your kind invitation if the opportunity ever presents itself. I will, no doubt, be in Kansas some time during the next year, as my parents still live in Eldorado. I will consider it a pleasure to visit you.

Thanking you again for your splendid talk, I remain

Sincerely yours,


T. T. Ferguson

December 3, 1941

Mr. Van Bruner
1500 New Hampshire
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Van,

I am sending you a copy of the speech which I gave a week ago at Cape Girardeau, Mo.

It has aroused quite a lot of comment and I thought that you might be interested in reading it.

Sincerely,

FCA/PG

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

December 2, 1941

Chancellor Deane W. Malott
Frank Strong Hall
Campus

Dear Chancellor Malott,

There has been a good deal written and said regarding the speech I made at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, last week. I am sending you a copy of the speech so that in your passing hours you may peruse it.

As head of the Department of Physical Education I feel that there is need for someone to tell the high school youngsters the truth regarding the durable things of college life.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

November 28, 1941.

President W. W. Parker,
Southeast Missouri State Teachers College,
Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Dear Friend Walter and Mrs. Parker:

I want you to know how sincerely I enjoyed the splendid hospitality of your unique and lovely home. Gee, I could have stayed there a week and visited, but of course you had work to do and all I had to do was loaf.

I am writing to Mr. Frederic W. Lang, of Forsyth, Georgia, today, asking him to mail you one of the Lang Arch Normalizers on thirty days' trial. I know that both of you will be delighted with it. I carry mine wherever I go and would not take anything for this wonderful device.

I also meant to give you a copy of the speech that I read the other evening. I had it in my possession and wanted to pass it on to you, but failed to do so. I am enclosing it herewith.

I am also autographing my text on basketball, called "Better Basketball", and sending it to you. If you will turn to the back and read "The Tales of Yesteryear" it will remind you of Ug Sermon and some of the other boys that you knew. The "Phantom in Cleated Shoes", of course, is Ug. Some of the other yarns are also interesting to read if and when you have nothing else to do.

Will you give me the names of Dr. Fitzgerald's grandchildren - that is, Marjorie's children? Also their father's name. I want to autograph a book for them and send it to them. What is their dad's radio station?

With deep appreciation and fond memories of the past and present, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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Enc.

P. S.

Say, by the way, W. W., that article - "To your Very Good Health, The Air Bath" - by Victor G. Heiser, M.D., is in the Better Homes and Gardens for October. I know you and Mrs. Parker will enjoy reading it.

F.C.A.

November 28, 1941.

Mr. Frederick W. Ware,
Sports Editor,
Omaha World-Herald,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Frederick:

Bob Busby ran your comment on the discussion of subsidized football that you obtained from the Chicago sport writer.

Frederick, I never have stated that all coaches are beagle hounds or bums. That was Brownie's interpretation that he put upon my statement. Every speech that I have ever made I have said that we have had wonderful gentlemen who have coached football and major sports, and wonderful gentlemen who are now coaching. But we do have the beagle hound variety, the fellow who beats the bushes and sniffles around for any athletic material that he can recruit. This type of coach misrepresents to the boy the pseudo-value of his athletics.

The boy is gullible and loves to play. And instead of the young athlete going to college to be inspired by his instructors and his fellow students he loses sight of that main goal, and naturally he thinks that if he can walk in the footsteps of this big time coach then he is in select company. If the boy has difficulty with his studies the coach many times selects or suggests easier courses.

Many boys finish their three years of intercollegiate athletic competition without getting past the sophomore standing - certainly not higher than junior standing. You know, Fred, a boy can take any course in the university and it counts toward his athletic eligibility. But there are sequences that a fellow must take if he graduates, and he must make at least a "C" average to graduate. Many of our so-called dumb or poor athletes play straight through on "D" grades. "C" grades only give grade points, and if he does not have enough "C" grades then he cannot advance to the next higher ranking class, as a junior, and so forth. Therefore, the big time athlete picks out soft courses because, after all, he is a big shot - he isn't thinking much about graduating. Now I am talking about the dumb big time athlete, and there are a lot of them, Fred. Their mental quotient has been blunted by the negative value afforded by intercollegiate athletics as the all-important thing, rather than the positive value of mind training and career seeking professional work that a boy is supposed to go to college for.

Many boys do go to college wholly to play basketball, football, or baseball, and so forth. But if they are the right sort and under the right influence of the coach who should encourage the boy to graduate, then this athlete will catch step with a great majority of college students who are here for a purpose and he will swing in stride and actually get the ambition to graduate even though he did not have it when he came to school.

My point is, Fred, that the coach owes this direction to his athletes. Joe McCarthy and Larry MacPhail do not owe that attitude to their men. But it does happen that we are an educational institution and we are taking the finest boys in the land with the greatest possibilities, and instead of inspiring them on to greater leadership which will carry over in the next thirty years, a lot of coaches say, "I am not paid to do that." No, they may not be paid to do that, but they are certainly not paid to make a boy duller, and thus lessen his opportunities.

I would like to sit down and talk with you one hour. I believe I could sell you on the idea that many coaches at the present time are in the same relative position in their profession as is the shyster lawyer in his. There is nothing wrong with the law, and the law is an honorable profession. But when a man distorts the true purpose of his calling and takes his material - the finest in the land in the way of American youth - then I say that it is time to call a halt to it and see just exactly what the coach is really teaching your boy - your boy, I say. Then you will get to straight thinking pretty fast.

This is not an evangelical attitude. It is an efficiency proposition - just as a teacher of engineering makes the engineering student more efficient or proficient. It is an everyday job that every coach who is handling the youth of the country should recognize. They should challenge the best in him by using the athletic halter to lead this young broncho into the tougher things of life with the philosophy and with the training that should enable him to cope with them.

I am sending you a carbon copy of the speech that I made at Cape Girardeau at the Southeast State Teachers College last Wednesday. In each and every one of these speeches I have talked only to the high school boy and warned him against this built up thing called "big time athletics". It is no good for my boy and it is no good for yours. And I am trying to be honest with the boys, that is all.

I am not one whit afraid of the coach who cusses me out or ostracizes me for my views. I would rather have as my friend a kid that is going to college and standing at the crossroad - I would rather have him as my friend when I endeavor to show him both roads.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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Enc.

December 1, 1941.

Mr. C. H. Thompson,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Friend Glad:

I read with a great deal of interest your comments on the super- czar stuff. I agree with you, Pip, that that is a sizeable job for almost any man, with the exception of the type of Kenesaw Mountain Landis - and a few of the fearless boys.

At the first opportunity that I have when I get to Kansas City I am going to drop by for a chat with you.

I am sending you a copy of the speech I made at Cape Girardeau for your perusal.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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December 1, 1941.

Mr. Henry J. Haskell,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Haskell:

I noted with interest your comment on the editorial page of the Star regarding the czar idea in intercollegiate football.

I am sending you a copy of the speech that I made at Cape Girardeau for your passing perusal. You will note that I have always stated that subsidized football is on the way out, the way it is being governed at present in the colleges.

With kindest personal regards to you and Mrs. Haskell, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

December 1, 1941.

Honorable Fred M. Harris,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Dear Senator Harris:

There has been a good deal written and said regarding the speech I made at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, last week. I am sending you a copy of the speech so that in your passing hours you may peruse it.

As head of the Department of Physical Education I feel that there is need for someone to tell the high school youngsters the truth regarding the durable things of college life.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

November 28, 1941.

Mr. Bob Busby,
Sports Editor,
Lawrence Journal-World,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Bob:

I enjoyed the short visit with you over the phone this afternoon. I am sending you a carbon copy of the speech that I made at Cape Girardeau Wednesday night, the 26th. You are privileged to use any part of this that you care to use at any time in any of your discussions or comments.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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November 23, 1941.

Mr. Dan Partner,
Sports Desk,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Dan:

I am sending you, confidentially, a copy of my speech that I am to make Wednesday, the 26th, at Cape Girardeau when the Lions Club entertains the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College and Central High School teams at their annual football banquet.

I believe I have met the issue fearlessly and above-board. This is a reply to my long-time friend, Major Griffith, who says that "football at the present is enjoying sound health and is becoming more of an amateur sport all the time."

Very sincerely yours,

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Encl.

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

December 2, 1941

Professor Guy Smith
Frank Strong Hall
Campus

Dear Guy,

As I promised you during our golf match the other day, I am sending you a copy of the speech that I made at the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College at Cape Girardeau, Mo. last Wednesday.

Sincerely,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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December 5, 1941.

Mr. F. C. Allen
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen:

I appreciated your letter of
December 2nd, and have read with great
interest, the talk that you made at
Cape Girardeau, and I think ~~it would be~~ *it was*
very fine and good reading for anyone
to get the information that you gave in
this talk.

I appreciate your sending it to
me very much. Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

T. G. Fitch

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DEPARTMENT OF BACTERIOLOGY
LAWRENCE

December 6, 1941

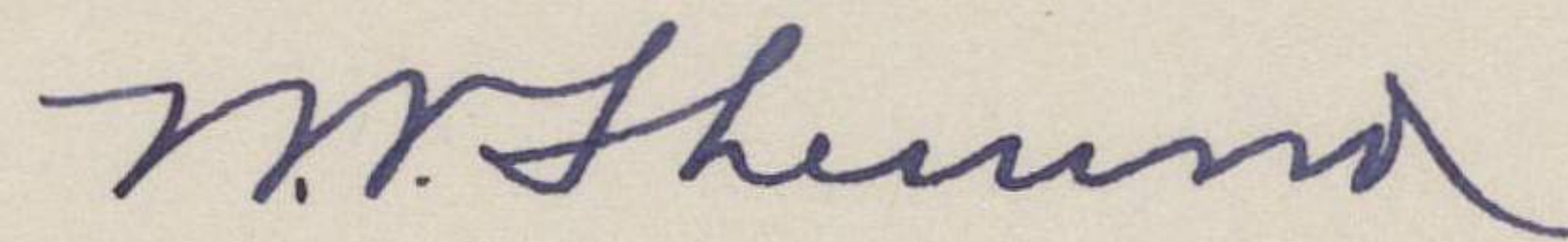
Dr. F. C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
and Recreation
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I want to thank you for the copy of your speech given at Cape Girardeau. I have read it with a great deal of interest and think that it is a very fine presentation of the subject. May you have all kinds of success in your efforts to clean up athletics.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,



N. P. Sherwood
Head of the Department

NPS:lb

December 9, 1941

Dr. H.H. King
Head of the Dept. of Chemistry
Kansas State College
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Dr. King,

Mike Ahern and I had a little chat Saturday regarding the speech that I made at Cape Girardeau, Mo. I am sending him a copy of the speech and I am sending you one so that you may see what I have to say.

When you see so many fellows making eccentric statements and many of these same statements coming to pass, I feel perhaps that I have as much right to express my opinion and then expect my predictions to come to pass as have other eccentrics.

It was good to see you if only for a short while. I always enjoy my conferences and visitations with you.

Sincerely,

FCA/PG

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

December 9, 1941

Mr. M. F. Ahern
Director of Athletics
Kansas State College
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Mike,

It was great to see you Saturday at the Muehlbach, but the time was too short for a visit.

I am sending you a copy of the speech that I gave at Cape Girardeau, Mo. since we discussed it in our short conference. I want you to see just what I said. I have always said that subsidized football would not last ten years. I have never said that football would be out unless some radical changes were made.

With all good wishes I am

Sincerely,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

December 11, 1941

Mr. W. F. Fox, Jr.
Indianapolis News
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Fox,

Bob Busby, in his sports column in the Daily Journal-World as of December 9, quoted you on what you thought my stand was on college football.

I coached football at the University of Kansas back in 1920 and having coached the game in an intercollegiate way for over 10 years and having officiated in college games for more than than number of years and having served as Athletic Director for 18 years, I feel that I have some background to base my conclusions upon.

You understand that I am not criticizing anything that you have said. These remarks to you are preliminary to my mailing to you a copy of the speech which I made at Cape Girardeau, Mo. I believe that my remarks are prima facia evidence that I am not against football. I want to assure you that I am not against football any more than I am against basketball, but there are many things which would bear looking into in the so-called "amateur" game.

I made the remark that subsidized football was in trouble.

With all good wishes I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

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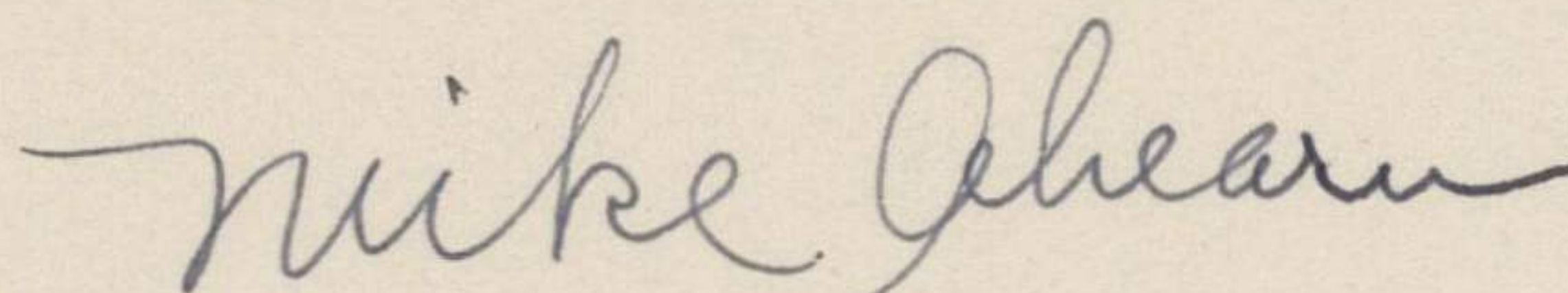
Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doctor Allen:

Thank you very much for sending me the manuscript of the speech you delivered at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on the evening of November 26, 1941. I have not yet had time to give the subject matter the attention it deserves, but I promise you I am going to give it my careful study, and I feel certain I will find much that will be of intense interest for those who administrate an athletic program.

I also enjoyed having a visit with you that was all too short, and I hope that at some future date we will have more time to talk over athletic problems.

Sincerely yours,



M. F. Ahearn
Director

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December 17, 1941.

Mr. Arch Ward,
Sports Editor,
The Chicago Tribune,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Arch:

My brother, Hubert Allen, who lives in Chicago, mailed me your "In the Wake of the News" column a week or so ago. I have been carrying it in my pocket hoping to read it, and only last night got a chance to do so.

I am sending you a copy of an address I made at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on November 26th. It seems to voice identically the same thing that you wrote in your column that Hubert sent me.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH
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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.