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April 17, 1940.

Mr. Warren V. Woody,
Equitable Life Assurance Society,
120 S. LaSalle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Warren:

I was very happy to receive your personal and confidential letter of April 11th, and I agree with you most whole-heartedly that George Nettels really is a great guy. He is a man's man, and what a man!

I am writing Paul Endacott seconding emphatically your feeling and telling Paul that it will be a decided loss if George were not returned to the board. I don't mind telling the whole wide world what I think about it, and you know I sometimes do not keep still maybe when I should. But George is such a swell fellow, and Paul is such a fine man that I think I can say things to him in confidence that will be understood.

Thank you, Warren, for congratulating me on being lucky enough to stumble along until we hit Indiana. My, they were hot and we were just a country ball club! You don't have to tell me that I am a sucker - I know that, but why would a guy want to get rich and build a college? You know, the thing that makes the sheep-herder crazy is the sheep, and who would want to be a college president?

I want to reciprocate by asking you to remember the Allens to your splendid family. With all good wishes and sincerest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

HOME OFFICE NEW YORK, N.Y.

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WARREN V. WOODY, AGENCY MANAGER
ROOM 2136
120 S. LA SALLE STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

CHICAGO, ILL..

April 11, 1940

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Doc,

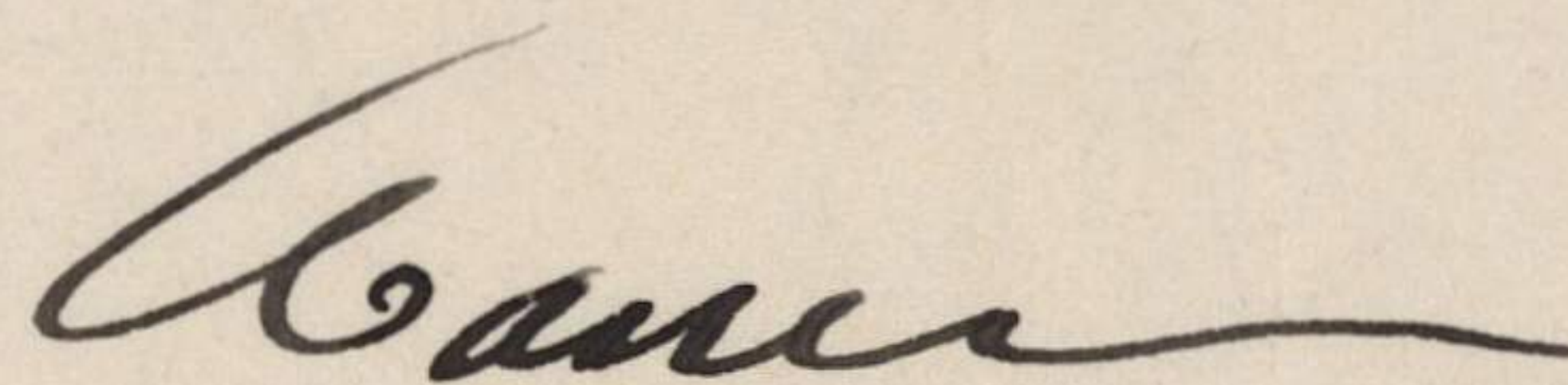
The fact that I didn't write you is no reason for you to think that I wasn't tremendously happy over the fine job you did with your basketball team this past year. I wanted to come to Kansas City for the finals but in view of the fact that I was leaving for a trip down south, it was impossible. However, we were very proud, Doc, of the old Alma Mater and our basketball team including the coach who is par excellent.

I am sending you a copy of a letter that I addressed to Fred Ellsworth. I should appreciate your keeping it personal and confidential. But I did tell the Chancellor that he could probably thank George Nettels for the present basketball team because some of the screw boos that we had there might have made it impossible for you to stay. Anyway, I am going to try to get George back on the Board because I think he made a great contribution to the College, and I wanted to carry you along on this. Naturally, as a coach you wouldn't want to be mixed up in any sort of expression of opinion, but I did want you to know how a great many of us feel.

My sincere congratulations again on the outstanding job you did with the limited material that was yours. I still think you were a sucker to be a basketball coach, you could have gotten rich in business, build yourself a college of your own and functioned as president, so on and so forth.

Remember me to your lovely wife, with kindest personal regards always, I am

Sincerely yours,



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

Enc.

April 11, 1940

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Fred,

I have your nice letter, and I assure you I enjoyed giving the luncheon. It is a pleasure to support the University, our fine Chancellor, and the great secretary of the Alumni Association.

I have the names of the Committee appointed by President Paul Endacott, and I am going to see that some of the men who have discussed it with me have an opportunity to express their opinion, but after all, Fred, I am sure that you will have no trouble in getting the Board to do anything that you think is good business.

I shall follow your suggestion and write George Nettels and find out if he will accept an appointment to the Athletic Board, and it is my opinion that he will because having known George for more than twenty years, I have always found him willing to give of himself to K. U., and it is my opinion from the present predicament of football at the University of Kansas, that his good judgment will contribute to getting you out of a bad spot. Let me say again, as I said at the luncheon, I know of no K. U. athlete who is better informed on football, few of them are as successful in business and none of them are more enthusiastic about K. U. than George Nettels. And I think it is a first class crime if he isn't retained on the Athletic Board. And as I said to the Chancellor, confidentially, I think that the University of Kansas can thank George Nettels for keeping the Board's feet on the ground in some trying times a couple of years ago. There is nothing at the University of Kansas that I desire except to see the University succeed, and I definitely feel that you better keep men like Nettels interested if you are every going to put athletics where they belong.

It was awfully nice to see you and I wish I could be down at Lawrence more often. We certainly enjoy the Alumni magazine and Doc Allen's basketball team has improved the alumni morale considerably among the men I meet.

Thanks and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

P. S. If I haven't made myself clear, I want George Nettels on the Athletic Board, ha-ha. W.V.W.

Mr. Fred Ellsworth, Secretary
Alumni Association
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

HABANA: HOTEL NACIONAL



HAVANA: NATIONAL HOTEL

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Republica de Cuba

Tarjeta Postal — Post Card



C. JORDI, OBISPO 526, HAVANA, CUBA MADE IN U.S.A.

Visited a Mission
School at Guina
today. Found basket
ball goal on the
playground, saw
Jai Alai played last
week. It is fast.

Real

Forest C. Allen
K.A.
Lawrence, Kansas
U.S.A.



The Wichita Chamber of Commerce

TO FOSTER THE TRADE AND WELFARE OF WICHITA

Wichita, Kansas

March 15, 1940

To the Central District
Health and Physical Education
Association Instructors:

The Wichita Chamber of Commerce joins enthusiastically with local health and physical education instructors in extending you personally a most cordial invitation to attend your coming convention. The dates are March 27-30 - the place is the Allis Hotel.

A convention should have two features. First, it should be instructive. Mr. Strong Hinman, Director of Health and Physical Education, Kansas City, Missouri; Mr. Willard Greim, President of the Central District; Mr. G. Ott Romney, Director of Recreation, Federal WPA; Dr. Seward C. Staley, University of Illinois; Dr. Harry Newburn, University of Iowa; Miss Elizabeth Halsey, University of Iowa, are a few of the personalities who will furnish the instructive and inspirational atmosphere.

Recreation is an important ingredient in a well planned, tailor-made convention. Banquets - breakfasts - luncheons - dances - games - shows --your program is studded with what it takes to shake off cares that settle on all of us when we get too much of the daily grind.

To grow professionally it is necessary to make contacts and to keep abreast of latest developments. You can get a better perspective of what is going on in your field by attending a well planned convention than you can get in weeks of summer school.

It's your convention--made to order. Everything has been done that can be done from this end--the rest is up to you. A warm welcome awaits you in Wichita.

Yours very truly,

R. D. Bounous, Manager
Conventions Department

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JOHN S. DAWSON
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WALTER G. THIELE
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HOMER HOCH
JUSTICES

E. E. CLARK, CLERK
S. E. ELSE, REPORTER

The Supreme Court of Kansas

Topeka

March 18, 1940.

Mr. Forrest C. Allen,
C/O Kansas University,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear "Phog":

Accept the congratulations of a Supreme Court justice who held his ear to the radio Saturday night for a long time and heard nothing except the announcement of the line-up. I did finally get the results over the radio at about 10:30.

Hazel was in bed and also had the radio turned on in her bedroom, so that one of us would be sure to catch the results. Great business, and many congratulations!

I do not see how it will be possible for me to be in Kansas City Friday night, which I understand is the evening you play, but I am making a desperate effort.

Cordially yours,

Hugo T. Wedell
Hugo T. Wedell.

P.S. D
Luck to you in K.C.

Call

WYANDOTTE HIGH SCHOOL

25TH AND MINNESOTA AVENUE

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

J. F. WELLEMAYER
PRINCIPAL

J. CLYDE HUME
VICE-PRINCIPAL

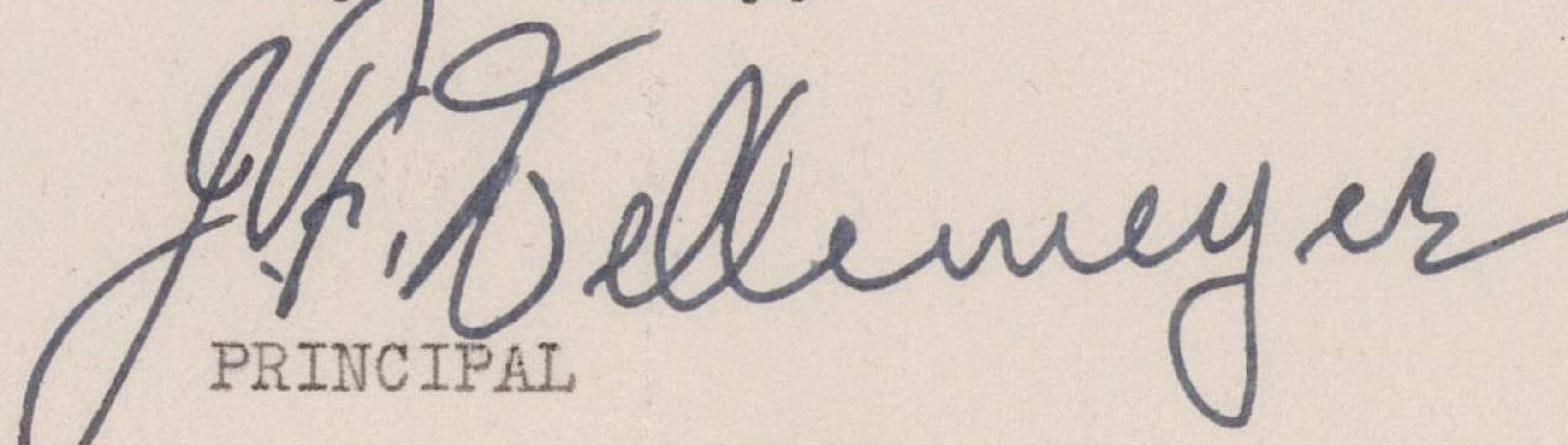
March 25, 1940

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

My dear Dr. Allen:

May I offer my sincere congratulations on the fine showing of your team? There was such a big crowd around you Saturday night that I didn't try to get through. In playing ability, I presume the University of Kansas has often had teams as good or superior to your present group. I had, however, never seen a team represent the university that displayed more of that will to win than the team of this year. They were beaten a half dozen times in that last ten minutes and simply wouldn't quit. I think that's a tribute to the university and perhaps most of all to your coaching. May I thank you very kindly for the tickets you sent us. I am glad our band could participate in the festivities of the evening and I hope they performed to your satisfaction. I hope to see you soon when we can sit down and talk over this fine achievement of your team.

Very cordially,


PRINCIPAL

JFW:FS

P. S. Of course, we're expecting you at our fine Kay Cees' banquet on Friday evening of this week. I realize you will be very busy. If you need to leave immediately after your address, we'll all understand. J. F. W.

Wathena, Kansas.
March 25, 1940.

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

In reply to your letter of March 14 accepting our invitation to speak at our athletic banquet on Tuesday evening April 2, I assure you that we are very happy in being able to secure you. The banquet is to be served in the dining room of the Methodist Church at 6:30 p. m., and is to be an all stag affair. The business men of the town, and fathers of the athletes constitute about 98% of those attending.

As yet we don't have our official programs printed, but I am enclosing a typewritten copy of the program as it will appear the night of the banquet. Should you arrive early on the evening of April 2, I'll be glad for you to be my guest in our home until the hour of the banquet.

Again I assure you that we are very happy in being able to secure you for our banquet. I am

Very truly yours,

F. H. Wilkinson

P. S. Congratulations on that victory over Southern Cal. It was a real ball game. Best wishes for Saturday night.

WATHENA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BANQUET

PROGRAM

Toastmaster-----Mr. K. C. Miller
Athletics and the School-----
Prin. H. J. Hageman
Musical Number (Instrumental) -----
A parent's version of athletics-----
Mr. R. F. Glick
Introduction of Athletes-----
R. W. Wilkinson
Musical Number (Vocal)-----
Address-----Dr. F. C. Allen

March 14, 1940.

Coach R. W. Wilkinson,
Wathena High School,
Wathena, Kansas.

Dear Coach Wilkinson:

Confirming our telephone conversation of this morning, I will be very happy to speak at your athletic banquet on the evening of April 2. I presume your banquet will be held in the high school. I shall be glad to hear from you regarding details.

Assuring you of my pleasure in accepting your kind invitation, and with best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

March 11, 1940.

Mr. R. W. Wilkinson,
Coach, Wathena High School,
Wathena, Kansas.

Dear Coach Wilkinson:

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to speak at your athletic banquet on either March 26, 27 or 28.

I assure you it would be a very great pleasure for me to speak to your group, but I find that it will be necessary for me to be in Kansas City all of that week. I am managing director of the N.C.A.A. basketball tournament being held in Kansas City on March 22, 23 and 30, and also chairman of the Basketball Rules Committee which is meeting there the 28th. There is much detailed work to be done, and I am very sorry that it is impossible for me to be with your group. I trust that at some time in the near future I may be invited to come to Wathena.

With best wishes to you and your athletic teams,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Wathena, Kansas.
March 5, 1940.

Dr. F. C. Allen,
Kansas University,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

It is an annual custom at our school to have an athletic banquet, and to secure an outside speaker for the occasion. We have the following dates, tentatively set, on which we may have this banquet, March 26, 27 or 28. We prefer to have it on Tuesday March 26, or Thursday March 28, but should you be able to come on ~~the~~ Wednesday the 27th and ~~not on the~~ 26th or 28th, that will be ok.

Will you please let me know at your earliest convenience whether or not you can accept any of these dates. Also the terms on which you can come.

Very truly yours,
R. W. Wilkinson
R. W. Wilkinson, coach
Wathena High School

March 26, 1940.

Mr. C. A. McEwen,
LeRoy Hotel,
147 No. Topoka Ave.,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Mr. McEwen:

Our party of four will be at your hotel
on Wednesday and Thursday nights. We find it necessary
to leave Wichita on Friday afternoon.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Raport,
Instructor in Physical Education.

March 20, 1940.

Mr. C. A. McEwen,
LeRoy Hotel,
147 No. Topoka Ave.,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Mr. McEwen:

Will you kindly reserve two double rooms with bath for our party of four? We will come in Wednesday evening, the 27th, and will also be there Thursday and Friday.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Raport,
Instructor in Physical Education.

Le Roy Hotel

DIAL 4-1334

147 NORTH TOPEKA AVENUE
WICHITA, KANSAS

March 14, '40

Mr James H Rapert:—

Dear Sir:—

Our prices

for a room single without bath
is 1.00, for 2 in room - 1.50

With bath single 1.50 for 2 2.00 ✓

Would be glad to have
you come in.

Yours truly

C. A. McEwen

Res.
Wed, Th. Fri.

Lawrence, Kansas
March 26, 1940

Oscar D. Wolf,
3290 Sixth Ave.,
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Oscar:

Thank you for your letter of congratulation
and good wishes for a victory next Saturday night.
The Basketball team and I greatly appreciate your
thoughtfulness in writing.

I trust that you are recovering from your
injuries.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Easter Sunday,
March 24, 1940.

Dear Forrest:--

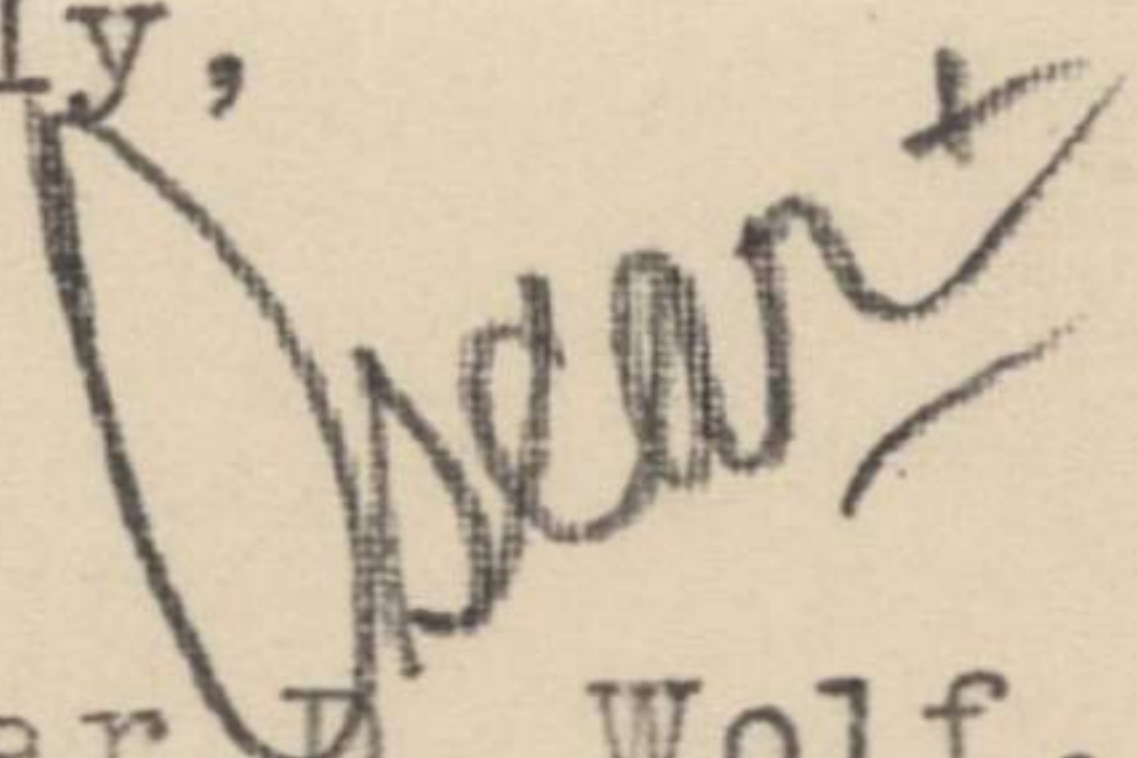
C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !

There is no need telling you that several thousand Jayhawkers out here rejoiced at your defeat of the strong U S C basketball team last night. Whether or not you win from Indiana next Saturday night (and of course we hope you do), your victory last night will long be remembered.

Thanks for your good wishes regarding my automobile accident which is now just about six months old. I am improving slowly but surely and while it has been a battle (like some of your basketball games) I feel that I will be able to get around again fairly well before a great while.

Kindest regards to you and Mrs. Allen.

Sincerely,


Oscar D. Wolf,
3290 Sixth Ave.,
San Diego, Calif.

Lawrence, Kans.
March 26, 1940

Mr. W. A. White,
THE EMPORIA GAZETTE,
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Mr. White:

It was very generous of you to take the time to write me. I don't see how you accomplish all of the things that you do.

The Allens have always had a high regard for the Whites, and the entire family join me in best wishes to you and Mrs. White.

Sincerely yours,

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament

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THE EMPORIA GAZETTE

W. A. WHITE, EDITOR AND OWNER
K. W. DAVIDSON, BUSINESS MANAGER

EMPORIA, KANSAS

March 23, 1940.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you for the ad. I was out of town when it came.

You were kind to remember me. I appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. White

Dr. Forest C. Allen,
% The University,
Lawrence, Kansas.

WAW/MY.

Lawrence, Kansas
March 26, 1940

Mr. Neal M. Wherry,
Principal,
Liberty Memorial High School,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Neal:

Thank you for your kind letter of the 25th. We are happy that the high school band could go to Kansas City to play for the basketball games last Friday night. They did a wonderful job, and I am very grateful to you and Mr. Hobbs for making it possible for us to have them.

Thank you also for sending me the folder from the Medart company. I had not seen one just like it.

Very sincerely yours,

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.

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LIBERTY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Lawrence, Kansas

Neal M. Wherry
Principal

March 25, 1940.

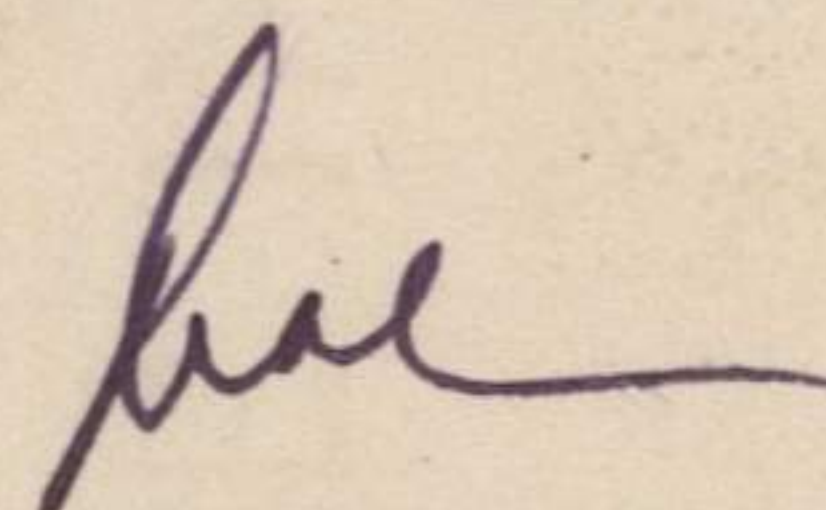
Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Phog:

Congratulations on the fine way you handled the boys in the tournament and on winning. We are very proud of the whole outfit.

It was a real treat to be able to have our band play Friday night, and we want you to know that we appreciate immensely your thoughtfulness in asking us. Every arrangement was carried out to our complete satisfaction.

Cordially yours,



Neal M. Wherry

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P. S. You may not have seen the enclosed folder. I am sending it as a matter of interest.

Lawrence, Kansas
March 28, 1940.

Mr. C. G. Wilson,
312 $\frac{1}{2}$ So. Ohio St.,
Sedalia, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Yes, indeed, I remember you very well, and I was delighted to hear from you. Thank you for your congratulations. I greatly appreciate your kind words.

I will be glad to examine your knee, but I would much rather wait until our Kansas City tournament and conventions are over. As soon as I have a little more free time - within the next week or two - I will write you, and will be happy to have you come over. You may be sure that I will give you the very best of attention.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.

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THOMAS I. PARKINSON, PRESIDENT

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312½ So. Ohio, SEDALIA, MISSOURI

MEMBER \$150,000 CORPS
CENTURY CLUB 1939-1940

SEDALIA, MISSOURI,
Mar. 25, 1940.

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

Dear Doctor:

Will have to take off the old hat to you. Beating the 1940 teams of Mo.; Okla.; Iba; and then So. Cal., all within a few weeks, is quite an achievement in my book! Congratulations, and more power to you against Indiana.

You probably don't remember, but about twenty years ago I rode part way over to Columbia with you on the M.K.&T. when you were going over to referee a game, at which time, I discussed with you a foot-ball knee injury I had suffered several years previously. You are the only one that ever convinced me you knew what my trouble was, and had you still been in Warrensburg at that time, I would have come to you for treatment.

The knee has always been a little weak but given me very little trouble in recent years. However, last August I twisted it playing golf and since that time it hasn't showed much improvement. Doesn't seem to me it has again lined up right inside. Have decided I want you to make an examination of this knee sometime soon. Have a hunch you can either correct or greatly improve it, at least, I want your advice on it. If you will set a definite time and place you can see me I'll drive out to Lawrence anytime during the next two weeks, and will wire you a day ahead so you'll know I am coming. I feel sure you will have too many other things on your mind but in case you are going to K. C. as early as Friday or Sat. morning and think you would have time to look this knee of mine over for a few minutes, just wire me collect and tell me where and when. Would like to run up for the game anyway, which is the only reason I mention this, but don't consider it if same would inconvenience you any. Shall appreciate hearing from you and hope to see you either this week or next, whenever it best suits you.

Very truly yours,

C. G. Wilson

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Lawrence, Kansas
March 29, 1940

Mr. A. E. Woestemeyer,
Mr. George Hedrick,

Lawrence, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

I am sure that I bespeak for the Kansas basketball team their appreciation of your fine invitation extended to them and to their coach. We, of course, will be very happy to accept on a date that will be agreeable to all concerned.

I am taking your letter to Kansas City with me this afternoon so that I may read it to the boys when they are assembled for dinner tonight.

It is very generous and thoughtful of you.

Cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.

4/1/40
THE NEWS

The Big Thumb

By GORDON MACKER

My gawsh!

The other day I suggested that because basketball is such a hot and cold proposition that finals in a tournament like the NCAA should be played on a two out of three game basis.

I said that the fact that Kansas beat USC in the final seconds of the game certainly didn't conclusively prove that Kansas had the better team.

Well, sir, everybody that reads this column must be from Kansas. The beefs are still coming in.

Here's a typical one, although the language is a little less violent than the average.

Dear Sir: Anent your paragraph titled "Kansas Better Than USC?"

The first thing which comes to my mind is the following question: "If USC had won the ball game by one (1) point, would you have felt called upon to write the paragraph? I believe you will be honest enough to admit that the answer would be "no."

If Colorado had won from USC the first night would you have been in favor of having the first round also played two out of three games? The answer is obviously "no."

Kansas, during the season, won 17 and lost five games. Their point average was 40 per game; that of their opponents 33 points per game. USC won 19 and lost two games; their point average was 48½, to their opponents' 36. A much more impressive record for USC than for KU. However, in the Big Six three teams were tied for the championship: Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas; Kansas winning the right to enter the playoffs at Kansas City.

USC won the Pacific Coast conference handily. They were distinctly superior to all other teams in the league. They went into the playoffs at Kansas City as the favorite; but they came out on the short end; so you think that it wasn't fair.

From 1922 to 1940 Kansas has won the championship of the Missouri Valley conference, later changed to the Big Six, 14 times—an impressive record in anybody's league. Dr. Forrest Allen, coach of KU, is one of the best, if not the best basketball coach in the country today. When he doesn't have better material than the other clubs he wins by outfoxing them. However, year in and year out, he doesn't lack for material.

The test of a true champion is being able to come through in the clutch. Kansas, trailing four points—3 minutes to go in the ball game—had what it took.

I realize that the layman who gets himself involved in a discussion with a newspaper usually comes out second best, unless, of course, he starts a newspaper of his own. Your paragraph would have been considerably more forceful had it been published prior to the playing of the games of Kansas City—I think it is in very poor taste.

RICHARD F. STRAWN.

Well, Richard, I'll bet you a case of suds or a gallon of milk or whatever your pleasure be that Indiana wouldn't have whipped USC 60 to 42 as they did your Kansans Saturday night.

There's one thing I'd like to clear up, though, with all you customers who accused me of being on the USC payroll.

I didn't shed a single tear when the Trojans lost the game. Those guys in the cardinal and gold have tied up too many titles in the last few months. It's sort of a relief to see USC losing something for a change.

But I'm far from being convinced that Doc Allen's boys are better than Sam Barry's.

Just as I'm not convinced that USC has a better team than Colorado. After all the Buffaloes won that New York invitational tournament impressively.

Probably every last one of you Kansas supporters are positive your team had an off night Saturday night or they wouldn't have lost to Indiana. At least not by 18 points.

All these things add up the same way—the sectional and national finals should be contested on a two out of three game basis.

If you still think I'm trying to woo USC then to thunder with you.

Anybody that's read Thumb for any period of time knows that he treats USC like he treats anybody else.

When USC has a kiss coming, Thumb is the all-American lover.

And when USC has a poke in the nose coming, Thumb is Joe Louis; USC, Johnny Paychek.

Mr Allen -

Friday

you can see by this article you
got some mighty good supporters
out here -

Ed W. Woodruff

K.A. '25