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Lawrence, Kansas
November 30, 1938

Dr. F. C. Allen
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

The Executive Committee joins with the Lawrence lodge of The Witan in thanking you for the use of the footballs in connection with our Annual Fall Camp. We appreciate your assistance in making this year's camp the largest and most successful in Witan history,

Yours very truly,

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December 8, 1938.

Waterbury Chemical Company, Inc.,
404 South 4th Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sirs:

As Basketball Coach here at the University of Kansas I have consistently used Waterbury's Compound for the boys on the team. At present there is a slight epidemic of flu going around, and the boys are taking the compound which is an excellent remedy in building up their vitality.

Last year you were kind enough to send me a generous supply of the compound, and I should greatly appreciate receiving another sample supply.

I have many occasions to recommend the use of Waterbury's Compound, and am most enthusiastic in my praise of it. Quite often coaches come to me and ask what they can do for their boys who seem to need some sort of a tonic. I tell them that Waterbury's Compound is excellent, and that I use it for my boys on the basketball team.

I have worked with many of the outstanding football coaches in the summer coaching schools - Howard Jones, Wade Wallace, Pop Warner, and others, - and at all times I have been most happy to recommend your compound as a wonderful aid in building reserve.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

December 13, 1938.

Dean R. J. Walters,
College of Liberal Arts,
University of Denver,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear R. J.:

Gee, I was sorry that I missed you and the Mrs. when you were in Stillwater last Friday. I apparently missed you only a few moments. It would have been a great treat to have seen you both. I brought your letter home and read it to Bess and the rest of the family.

I had my son Bobby with me at Stillwater. He is a sophomore, playing on the team. He is a pre-medic and is doing fine academic work and playing a good game of ball.

I got a laugh out of the way you thought we were going to give dear old Oklahoma A. and M. a good trimming. We are not nearly as strong this year as we have been and I imagine that we will get several lickings. It just doesn't seem to our friends that we should get licked. But we will improve and later in the year I think we will make a good showing.

We are leaving Thursday of this week to play the University of Texas at Austin on Friday and Saturday, the 16th and 17th, and the following Monday and Tuesday we play Southern Methodist at Dallas. When we get all these games under our belt and when we play Carleton College here on January 2 I think we will be in pretty good shape to tackle the toughest of the conference members when we play the University of Oklahoma at Norman on January 7th.

Now we have licked a lot of these fellows a good many years and I imagine it is about our turn to take some lickings. Pray for us, won't you?

Yes, indeed, I know John J. O. Moore very well. I met his wife once. They seem to be wonderful people. As I remember, I think they both came into the Methodist Church about a month ago. I think he is a dandy fellow and he has a lot of ability, but I

don't believe he will stay here very long. He seems to have the ability to build things rather rapidly.

With every good wish to you, and assuring you that my wife is sick because she did not have an opportunity to visit with you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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3 P: Jan 17/9

Dear Phog -

Just learned you were
to put on a party here
tonight. Sorry can't stay
for the trimming for
Dear old O.R. & M.

Oliv & I are on way to
Teachera College at Edmond
where I speak tonight and
work tomorrow or would
certainly stay over for the
fun.

Do you know our friend
John J. O'More & wife Clytie
at H. U. His in the Y.M.C.A.
Regards to the family -
R. J. & Oliv & Walter

R. J. WALTERS

Dean,
College of Liberal Arts
University of Denver

DENVER, COLORADO

R.R. Hickson

Pho. 982

426 So. Taylor

January 6, 1939.

Mr. R. Harvey Wason,
The Liberty Chronicle,
Liberty, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Wason:

I beg your pardon for the long delay in replying to your letter of December 20. It arrived on my desk just after our return from the Texas trip, and in the rush of things here I have neglected answering sooner.

I have checked with Mr. Falkenstien, financial secretary to Mr. Gwinn Henry, Director of Athletics at the University of Kansas, in regard to press tickets for the Kansas-Missouri game on January 18. I find that their policy has been to refer such requests back to the school of the other state. In your case, your request should go to the University of Missouri officials, and if they approve it we shall be glad to issue the tickets.

The Kansas Legislators have chosen this game as the one they wish to attend in a body, and for that reason our seating space may be somewhat limited. However, if the Missouri officials approve your request, and the Athletic Office here is notified, I believe Mr. Falkenstien will be able to issue the tickets.

Regretting my inability to give you more definite information, and with appreciation of your interest in this game, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Liberty Mo.
Dec. 20th, 1938.

Univ. of Kansas,
Director of Athletics,
Lawrence Kansas,
Gentlemen:

Att. Dr. Forrest S. Allen.

I would like to see the basketball game between Missouri and Kansas, January 18th, and am wondering if you would honor a press letter to this game for a couple of seats.

I write a sports column for the Liberty Chronicle a weekly newspaper published each Thursday in Liberty Mo. and will write up this game the week before as quite a few usually attend your games from here, what time is the game and what would be of especial interest.

Wishing you the best of coming seasons greeting.

Yours very truly,
R. Harvey Wason.

January 6, 1939.

Dean R. J. Walters,
University of Denver,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Dean Walters:

It was good to hear from you again. Mrs. Allen is out visiting Milton and his family at Russell, Kansas, this week. I am writing her and sending your letter along to her for her perusal.

Milton has a ten months old baby girl, called Judith, and of course that is the attraction, or the main one, at least, that called Mrs. Allen out for a short visit. Milton married a lovely girl, Isabel Perry, who was beauty queen here at the University several years ago. In addition to beauty, she has exceptional common sense, which is the thing that makes me very proud of her. Mit is with the Stanolind Oil Company, a Standard subsidiary.

Bobby, our youngest son, is playing on the varsity this year. He is a sophomore and a pre-medic. He is a fine student, and in time will be a good athlete.

Give the Allen's love to the Walters, and rest assured that it will be a great delight for us to spend some time with our fine friends, the Walters.

Wishing you and yours the best yet for 1939, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

January 19, 1939.

Professor Russell Wiley,
University Band,
University of Kansas.

Dear Professor Wiley:

First, I want to thank you for your contribution in the form of the wonderful short concert between halves of the basketball game last night. Your playing was brilliant, dramatic and climactic.

It is needless for me to repeat that your band would be a credit to any university in the United States.

I was sorry that I did not get to hear it, as I was laboriously working for the bodies and minds of our athletes who had a big assignment in the following twenty minutes. I was told that the arrangement of your popular number, "Stardust", met with a thrilling ovation. Mrs. Allen said that your baton twirler, Edde Cordes, displayed unusual ability. She was enthralled by his masterful artistry in measuring the distance from the floor to the high vault of the ceiling of the auditorium with his baton, which he recaptured in its descent with the easy grace of a professional "old head". Mrs. Allen said it left the great crowd breathless.

It was the concensus of opinion that the show staged by your band between halves outdid all expectations and deserved to stand along as an entertainment without being sandwiched in between the halves of a basketball game.

You and your organization certainly did a large part in displaying the talent of our young men and women to the visiting body of legislators and their families who went away feeling that their trip was both a profitable and enjoyable one.

Again I want to thank you for your generous and artistic contribution.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

January 16, 1939.

Coach Aldor H. Wepfer,
Minocqua High School,
Minocqua, Wisconsin.

Dear Coach Wepfer:

Answering your kind letter of the 12th instant, may I kindly call attention to the terminology which you have used. "Blocking is personal contact which impedes the progress of an opponent who has not the ball."

"Blocking is a personal foul and therefore there is no such play as a 'legal block'. Legally shutting off the approach of an opponent should be called 'screening'."

I am sure that you meant to seek information on the percentage of teams throughout the country who use a system of screening.

I believe practically all the teams in the big conferences use wither a moving screen or a set screen. This applies also to most of the larger conferences regarding the individual members, all of which use a fast break at times with a slowing up at times, and an indulgence in a set play.

Purdue comes the closest of the Big Ten teams to a rapid fast break. I would suggest that you write H. G. Olsen, the basketball coach at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, and he will be able to give you the information on the Big Ten. For our Big Six Conference, including the Universities of Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas, as well as Kansas State College and Iowa State College, all of the Big Six teams use a fast break at times, coupled with set screen plays. For the Missouri Valley Conference, which includes Oklahoma. A. and M. College, Drake University, Tulsa University, Creighton University, Grinnell College, Washburn College, Washington University and St. Louis University, the same is true regarding the fast break, coupled with the set plays.

The difficulty with high school teams is that the youngsters are generally immature and the changing condition in schools precludes most of the high school teams using the set plays. Only the larger schools use the set plays. The others use a free moving of the ball around and the teams rotating until they get a favorable shot at the basket.

Trusting this gives you the information desired, I am
Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Minocqua High School
Minocqua, Wisconsin
January 12, 1939

Dr. Forrest Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

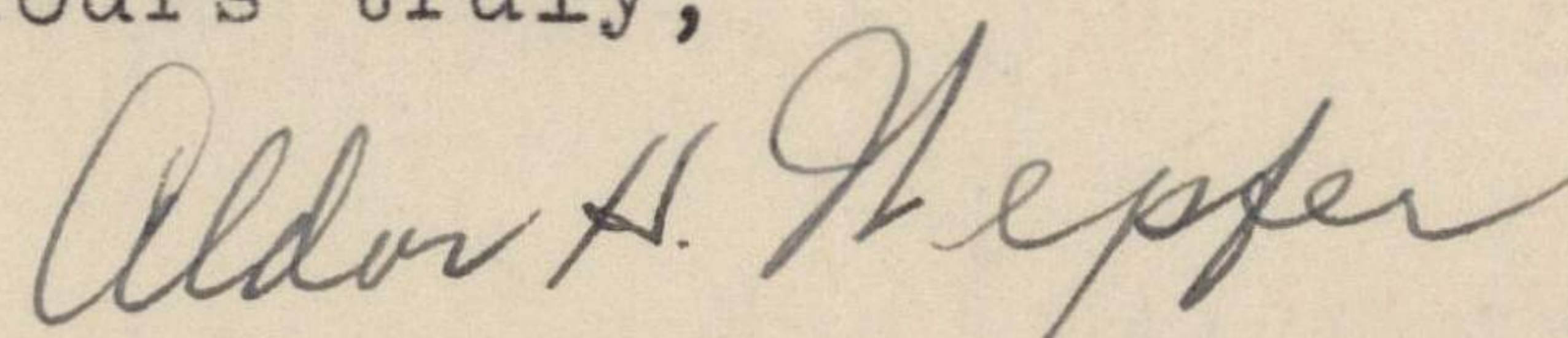
I would like to get information on rough percentage of teams throughout the country who use a blocking system in basketball. This includes the big ten.

There are many arguments to whether or not the big ten teams use a fast break at all times or if they vary and mix in a slow break with set blocks.

Would you enlighten the subject for me.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



Coach of the High School

HAW:GAY

January 11, 1939.

Miss Joanna Wagstaff,
1730 Indiana Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Joanna:

Last night when you came up to speak to us in the excitement of things I failed to congratulate you on this very meritorious award that you have received. So I want to write you and congratulate you most sincerely. You are a real champion!

Not many boys of nine, let alone a girl of nine, could achieve anything like this splendid achievement of yours. You certainly deserve very special commendation. I am not only congratulating you, but your whole family, because it takes a whole family's team work to accomplish something like this.

With lots of good luck and very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

RUSSELL L. WILEY
Director

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

University of Kansas Bands

January 24, 1939

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

My dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you for your very kind letter of January 19 regarding the performance of our band. It certainly was nice of you to take time out from your busy schedule and write me.

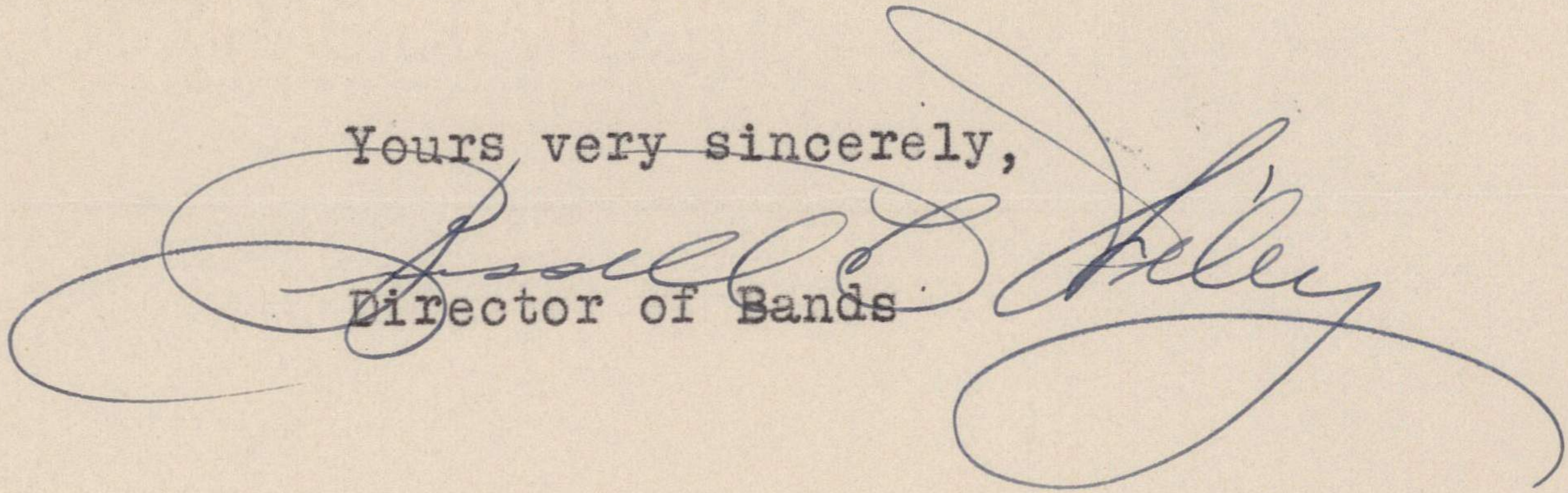
I am passing your kind remarks on to the band boys and they too greatly appreciate your sentiments.

We are delighted always to do our bit in carrying on the school spirit and please believe me, we are at your service at all times when you need us.

Your ball clubs have been a sparkling influence for K. U. for many years and you have my very best wishes for your continued fine service to the university for many many years to come.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,


Director of Bands

RLW:KP

February 27, 1939.

Mr. Russell L. Wiley,
Director of the Band,
University of Kansas.

Dear Mr. Wiley:

I want to thank you and the members of the University Band for contributing something very definitely to the morale of the student body, which in turn was reflected in the fighting spirit of the team last Saturday night. We appreciate very much the fact that you were there at 7 o'clock. The Band and the pep organizations had a lot to do with the victory.

Incidentally, I also want to thank you for entertaining the crowd so royally in between halves. Everybody said it was a great show.

I heard from some source quite some time ago that you made a statement that none of the members of the athletic department, with the exception of Ad Lindsey who contributed \$2.00 to the fund, contributed to the band when it went to Washington, D. C. I don't know how it was reported, but I just wanted you to know that Dick Martin, of the Kansan staff, came in and solicited me and I gave Dick \$2.00 for the Band fund. I wouldn't mention this, only I wanted you to know that I was very happy to support the band in this activity. This is for your personal information, and I wouldn't care to have it go any further. I don't know how the contributions were listed.

It is always a pleasure for me to support your splendid organization in any way I can.

Again thanking you, and with best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

February 27, 1933.

Miss Dorothy J. Willcuts,
1145 Louisiana Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Miss Willcuts:

I want to thank you as president of the Jay Janes not only for your loyal support of our game Saturday night, but for your fine deportment during the whole season and for the fine demonstrations and exhibitions that the Jay Janes put on. I have heard no end of compliments on the fine appearance and splendid attitude of your group in support of University athletic activities.

I am speaking only for the athletic groups, but I do know that your support of all other University activities is one hundred per cent.

I would appreciate it greatly if you would extend to your organization my heartfelt thanks.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

From the Desk of



Neal M. Wherry

February 22, 1939

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

Dear "Phog":

We want you to know that we appreciated immensely the opportunity to have the band play at the game and also to have the invitation to provide the stunt for between halves.

Sincerely yours,

Neal M. Wherry

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February 21, 1939.

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

Dear Neal:

I want you to know how much we appreciate your kindly cooperation and patience in helping us through our dilemma.

I have written Mrs. Dart and Mr. Hobbs, telling them how very much we appreciate the sterling exhibitions of their respective groups, and I want you to know that we do appreciate your cooperation.

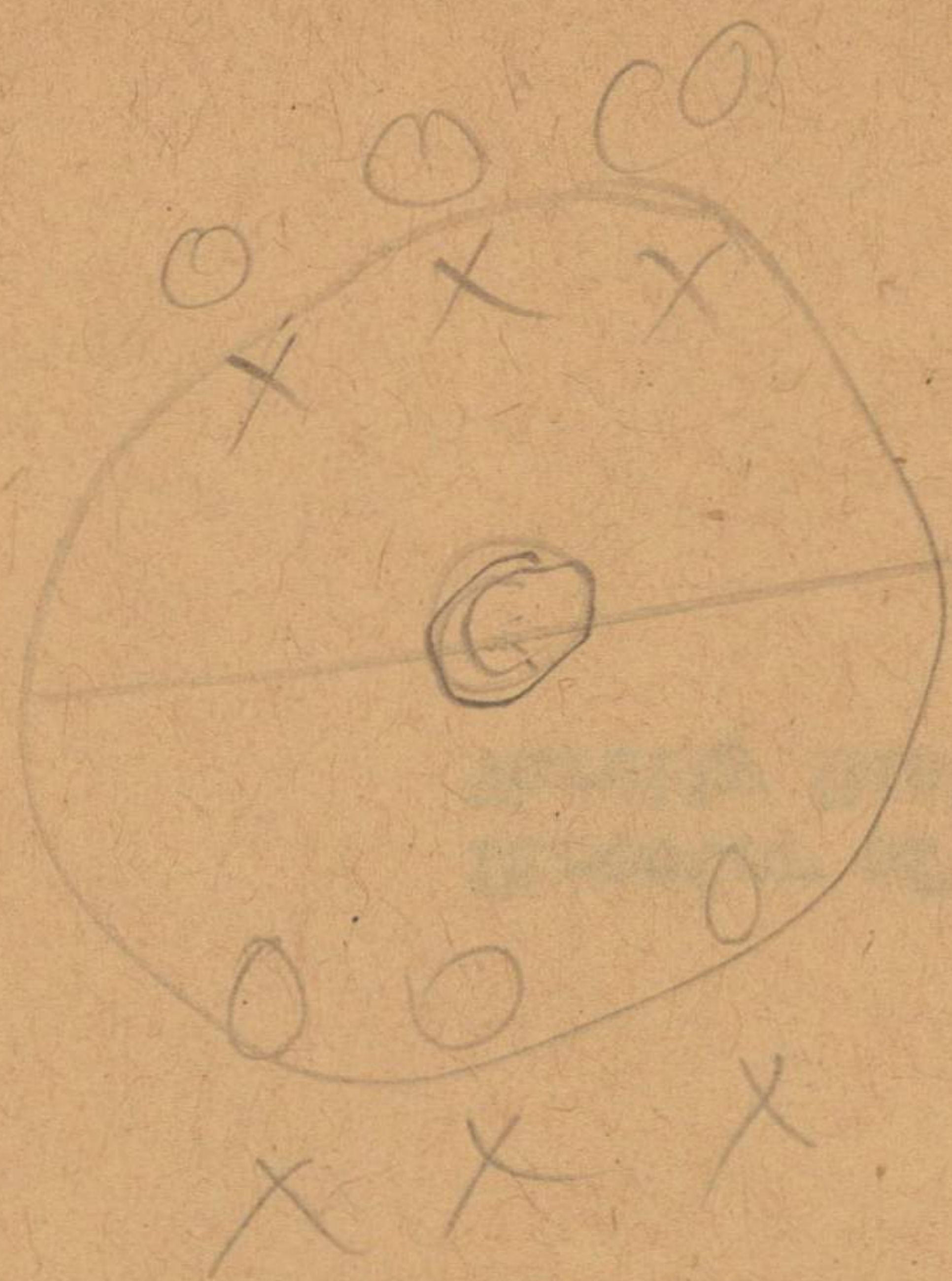
I am sending you, confidentially, carbon copy of the letter that I have written to Mr. Bayles. I thought perhaps he might have gotten excited before he had investigated as thoroughly as he should. He thought that Mrs. Dart was using steel rollers. Of course, any one boy in a group is apt to make a mistake, but the mistake did not injure the floor in any manner that I can see.

With deep appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



February 7, 1939.

Mr. E. B. Weaver, Coach,
Topeka High School,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Coach Weaver:

I am glad to know of your interest in our game Wednesday night, and have spoken to Mr. Earl Falkenstien, financial secretary of the Athletic Association, about your tickets. As you know, Mr. Falkenstien handles all these matters, and he has assured me that there will be four tickets in your name for the game Wednesday night. You may call for them at the ticket window. I trust that you will enjoy the evening.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Health and Physical Education---Boys
Copeka High School
Copeka, Kansas

E. B. WEAVER, Head Coach
C. F. HADLEY
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February 6, 1939

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

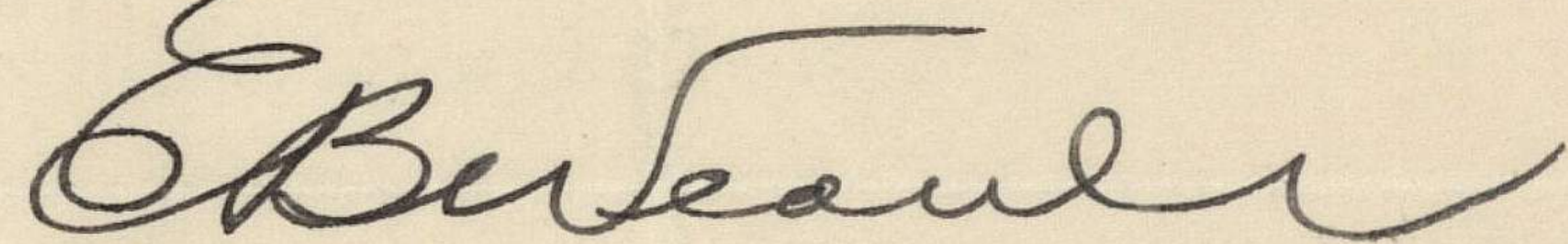
Dear Dr. Allen:

In looking over your basket-ball schedule, I observe that you are going to play Oklahoma A & M on the night of February 8. If it is within the rules of your school, I would like to have four tickets for the game.

I saw and enjoyed the Missouri game very much.

I hope you the best of luck in your game.

I remain,



Most sincerely yours,

EBW:EMD

January 25, 1939.

Mr. E. G. Woodbury,
Court House,
Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Woodbury:

I am glad to have your letter of January 23, and to know that you are interested in "Better Basketball".

This book contains exactly what you want, I believe, on the training for an athlete. There is a chapter devoted to "seasonal preparations", dealing with diet, exercise and practice, and so forth. Then there is another chapter on "motivation for younger boys", which would no doubt be of much value to you. All of this is written in a chatty style, which you will find easy to read, and yet I believe I have included in the ball all the phases of training, tactics and coaching.

I am enclosing some printed material which gives a rather complete description of the book. I thought you would be interested in reading this before you buy the book. If you desire an autographed copy I shall be glad to mail it to you postpaid on receipt of your check or money order for \$4.00. If there is any special inscription which you would desire in the book I should be glad if you would let me know.

I trust that I have given you the information you desire regarding "Better Basketball". I shall be glad to hear from you again.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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W. W. WILSON, JUDGE
E. GLENN WOODBURY, REPORTER
NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA

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January 23, 1939

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

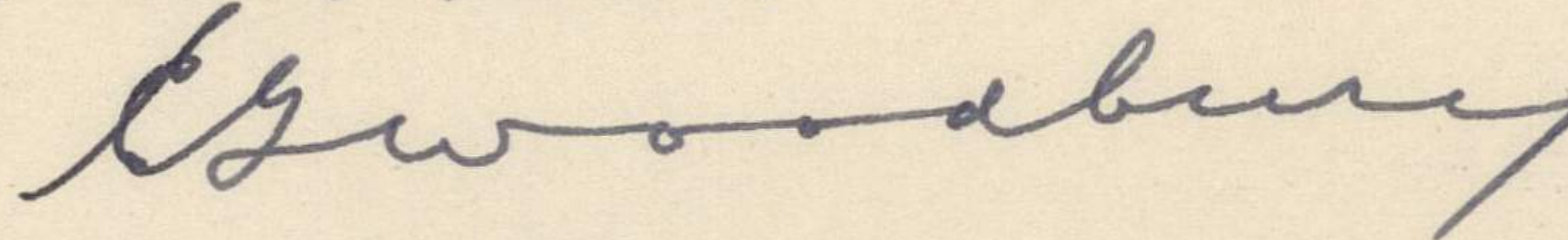
Dear Dr. Allen:

I have been referred to you by the Cramer Chemical Co., Gardner, Kansas, in regard to your new book on "Better Basketball."

What I had in mind was a book on how to train to become an athlete, for high school boys; that is, regarding food, rest and activities, etc. If this book contains this information I would appreciate your sending a copy C.O.D. If not, I would appreciate some information as to where I could get this sort of a book.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,



E. G. Woodbury
Official Court Reporter
Court House
Nebraska City, Nebraska

February 16, 1939.

Mr. Tom Weems, Chairman,
Basketball Committee,
Sacramento Junior Chamber of Commerce,
Sacramento, California.

Dear Mr. Weems:

Acknowledging your letter of February 7th, I will answer your questions in order.

Yes, our basketball games are played directly upon our permanent auditorium floor. Should you desire to employ a false floor, I suggest that you write to Dean John W. Bunn, at Stanford University, Stanford, California. He can give you the arrangement of the false floor in Madison Square Garden, New York. I have seen the floor in operation, but I believe that Mr. Bunn could give you more definite information on it.

There are two standard slide-proof surfaces that I definitely know of - the Hillyard Chemical Company, St. Joseph, Missouri, and the Seal-O-San Company, of Huntington, Indiana. By writing to these people I am sure they would be glad to send you information on their compositions. Madison Square Garden uses the Hillyard product, and a number of colleges and universities use the Seal-O-San floor finish. Both are standard.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

SACRAMENTO JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA

February 7, 1939

Basketball Coach,
Kansas University,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

The Sacramento Junior Chamber of Commerce in its efforts to promote collegiate basketball in the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium has encountered several problems; among them, that of providing a suitable playing surface without damage to the auditorium floor.

May we solicit the benefit of your experience in the solution of this problem?

Are your basketball games played directly upon the permanent gymnasium floor or do you employ a false floor of some kind?

If the former, what agent do you use to guarantee a slideproof surface and what is the cost of preparing the floor for a game and restoring it to its original condition after the game?

If your games are played upon a false floor, what type do you use? Is it satisfactory to coaches and players? Does it offer adequate protection to the permanent floor? What was the original cost and what is the upkeep cost? How many hours does it require to install and remove?

Finally, would you please suggest some commercial firms from whom we may gather further suggestions.

Please accept our sincere thanks for any service you may find it convenient to render us.

Very truly yours,



Chairman
BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

Tom Weems-E

March 3, 1939.

Miss D. J. Willcutts,
President, Jay Janes,
1145 Louisiana St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Miss Willcuts:

Again the Jay Janes did not miss. But it did seem that we couldn't hit and the Tigers couldn't miss. However, the Jay Janes did their part. It was just impossible to bring the Kansas team up to the high competitive pitch that would have been necessary for them, as the inspired Missouri team were bent on attaining the top rung of the Big Six ladder.

It was impossible to bring the Kansas team up to this necessary high pitch since they had vanquished a fine Oklahoma team and turned back a fighting Iowa State team. The boys did everything they could, but it seemed that they were entirely impotent.

I want to take this means of thanking you and the members of your Jay Jane organization for the very intelligent and loyal support that you have given to our Kansas basketball team.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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