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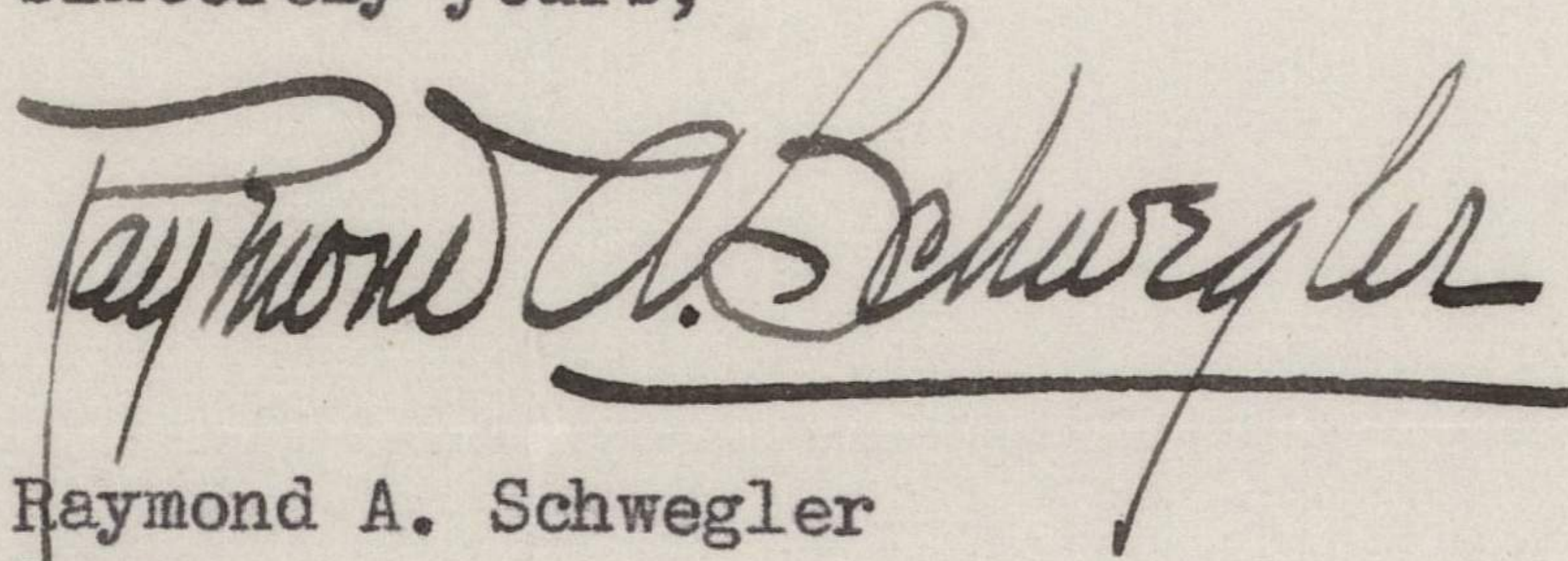
October 10, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
105 Robinson Gymnasium
The University of Kansas

My dear Dr. Allen:

The suggestion you have made for a recreational program for faculty children seems to me to be an excellent idea. I shall be happy to cooperate in any way that I can.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond A. Schwegler". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Raymond A. Schwegler
Dean

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Lawrence Public Schools

CLIFFORD D. DEAN, SUPERINTENDENT

Lawrence, Kansas

October 10, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Director
Physical Education and Recreation
and Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I was very much interested in your letter of October 9, inclosing the information regarding your plan of recreation for the children of faculty members on Saturday mornings. We appreciate the fact that there is a lack of available playground space in the City of Lawrence. Whenever the opportunity presents itself you may be sure that we will be glad to cooperate with you in any way possible to improve the recreational and playground facilities for Lawrence children.

Very sincerely yours,

Clifford D. Dean

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Mrs. E. E. Bayles ---

Interested in Social Dancing for
Junior High School group.

October 6, 1939

Dear Fellow Faculty Members:

Doubtless you have noticed, along with the rest of us, the great poverty of play facilities for our children here in the city of Lawrence. With that idea in mind, the Department of Physical Education desires to render service to faculty members who have children.

Our plans are not fully worked out, but our idea is to open the gymnasium on Saturday mornings to the children of faculty members. We plan to use our physical education faculty to teach your youngsters recreative games and play. If you will send to my office the names of your children, ages and sex, our faculty will outline a program for your approval. There will be no charge for any of this service.

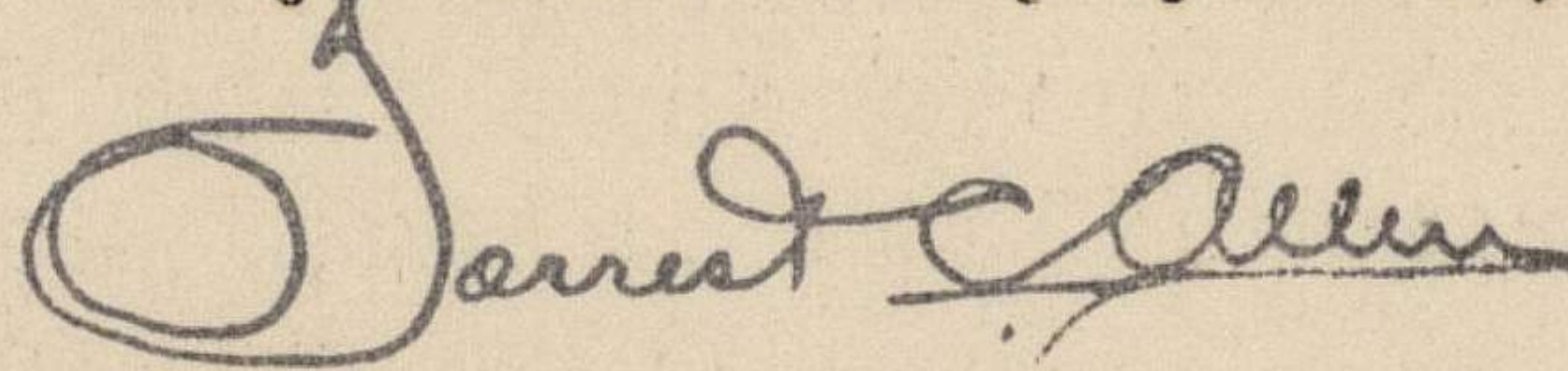
If we can get sizeable groups, members of our women's department will teach the girls, and our staff in the men's department will teach the boys. This, of course, would not include instruction in individual sports, such as boxing, and individual tap dancing, but we had in mind such group activities as swimming, basketball, badminton, deck tennis, suffleboard, volley ball and tap dancing for the youngsters.

In case any parents should desire to accompany their children they will be welcome.

The Lawrence public schools close their gymnasiums in the high school and the elementary schools at vacation time, such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have petitioned the past superintendent of schools and the members of the Board of Education to keep the gymnasiums and the playgrounds open so that Lawrence children may have a safe and wholesome place to play during vacation time under supervision. My notion is that if you parents would reflect this opinion to the members of the Board they would see the great enjoyment that accrues to children during their free time. And too, it would relieve us here in Robinson Gymnasium of having a great number of the school children of Lawrence swarm on us with play paraphernalia. There is an unwritten rule at the University which prohibits others than University students from using the facilities. The University cannot be expected to take care of the problems of the city of Lawrence in this instance, at least.

We shall be very happy to have your early response to our proposed plan so that we may work out a definite schedule.

Very sincerely yours,



Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basket Ball Coach

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*Yes, I am in every way but I
this. My child is in N.Y. but I'll
help where I can, Comings*
Dunnington

October 9, 1939.

Mr. Clifford Dean,
Superintendent of Schools,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Dean:

I am enclosing, for your information, a copy of a letter that I have sent out to our faculty members concerning our proposed plan of providing some recreation for the children of faculty members on Saturday mornings.

I am sure that you realize the great poverty of play facilities for the children of Lawrence outside of school hours. Mr. C. G. Bayles and I have both contacted every member of the Board of Education and presented our problem here at the University of the children thronging in the gymnasium during vacation time. We are glad to do everything we can for the children as well as their parents, and it is with this thought in mind that we are endeavoring to provide supervised recreation for the youngsters of the faculty.

I just wanted to acquaint you with the situation that you may not know about. The tennis courts and the golf course of the University are used by the citizens of Lawrence, and we are glad to accommodate them when the courts are not used by the students. As you know, the city of Lawrence does not have any Y.M.C.A., any tennis courts, or any playgrounds except in South Park. The lights that are used in South Park were donated by the Co-Op Club. If you will pardon a personal reference, Armin Woesteneyer had me speak to this group and I made a pep talk for lights and started it off with a contribution of \$25.00. Every member donated \$5.00. That is the history of the lights in the park.

I thought you would be interested in this angle of the play situation for the children of Lawrence. I want to assure you of our hearty cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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