

January 6, 1941

Chancellor Deane W. Malott
223 Strong Hall
University of Kansas

Dear Chancellor Malott:

On my return from our eastern trip my secretary called my attention to the following notation which was phoned from Mr. Nichols.

"Dr. Allen:

Mr. Nichols called and said that due to the Music Clinic which is being held next weekend, they have made arrangements for basketball practice in the auditorium as follows:

Thursday, Jan. 9 - team can practice until 5 or 5:30

Friday, Jan. 10 - closed to practice altogether

Saturday, Jan. 11 - team may go in at 4:30

This will necessitate having the goals taken down Thursday night or Friday, and put up again early Saturday morning. Mr. Nichols said he would call Mr. Falkenstien about the goals so he could tell Mr. Davidson.

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Our practice periods are but three times a week; on Monday, Thursday and Friday, beginning at 3:30. On Saturday we always practice over there, if there is no conflict, because school is not in session. We have never been able to practice on Tuesday and Wednesday, yet in the beginning the auditorium was built for basketball and other uses.

This year we were forced to change our Oklahoma Aggie date after we had arranged it due to a conflict with a lecture course; also we were forced to change our Texas games due to the vesper services. I do wish to call your attention to the fact that due to an error on Dean Swarthout's part last year we changed from the dates that he had allotted us to the dates that he desired because he had made a calendar mistake.

This morning my secretary gave me a notation from Mr. Wiley as follows:

"Dr. Allen:

Mr. Wiley just called to check the hours that Mr. Nichols gave me regarding the time the auditorium may be used for practice this weekend. (You will recall there is a Music Clinic here this week)

The hours check for Thursday, no practice in Hoch on Friday, but on Saturday Mr. Wiley says it cannot possibly be ready before 5:30. Mr. Nichols said 4:30--but Mr. Nichols probably did not realize that elevations will have to be removed from the basketball floor after the afternoon performance, and Mr. Harris says it will take an hour to remove the elevations.

I told Mr. Wiley that you no doubt will wish to practice in Hoch on Saturday in view of the fact that we have a game here on the following Monday. He said he was sorry you could not get in sooner on Saturday, and said he would be glad to talk to you if you wished to call him. He will send you a program of the Music Clinic.

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The use of the auditorium has become so manifold and each individual feels as if his reservations are more important than the others; therefore we are being forced out entirely, so far as practice periods are concerned or even a scheduled arrangement is possible. For that reason I wish to offer an emphatic protest against the way the thing is handled.

If I am thinking correctly, I see no reason why a Music Clinic was scheduled until or unless we were consulted. These dates have been taken away from us without our being notified, and inasmuch as we play our first conference game next Monday, we are placed in a position of being forced to play over there against our wishes with but one practice period for the whole time. Therefore, I feel emphatically that we would be much better off in erecting seats here in our gymnasium and playing where we can practice without interruption.

In all other Big-Six schools the teams practice where they play. I am sure that you will recognize the fact that it is very difficult to spend all of our practice periods over here in the gymnasium and then be forced to play on a semi-foreign court. All other teams practice on the home court and the difference in points is from 8 to 10 per game. In justice to my boys and the team I feel that this is emphatically unfair.

I want to assure you of my cooperation in all things, but this is just a little too unreasonable to my way of thinking.

In closing, I desire to say that through all the years that we have practiced in Hoch we have asked for but one period so that we might practice before the Missouri game, and this was denied us by Dean Swarthout because he says that Mr. Kuersteiner had a very important orchestra rehearsal that he was getting ready for, the program being two months in advance of the practice; therefore we did not get the date.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

February 20, 1940.

Dean E. B. Stouffer,
Chairman, Room Survey Committee,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dean Stouffer:

I have your recent letter to department heads in regard to the survey of classrooms, with special emphasis on the problem of office space. Before we go much further on our survey of classroom use in Robinson Gymnasium, I thought it would be well to first acquaint you with the impracticability of using any of the rooms in this building for office space.

We have three classrooms in the gymnasium, each of them opening off the gym floor, on the second floor of the building. These rooms were originally planned as exercise rooms, and several years ago we remodeled them for class rooms. The gymnasium was built in 1906 to accommodate a student body of 1200. With the enrollment four times that much, our gym floors are in constant use from 8:30 in the morning until 12 o'clock at night.

The noise in the gymnasium makes it extremely difficult to conduct classes in the lecture rooms, and even in the offices we find it difficult at times. The activity classes which are conducted on the gymnasium floors are of necessity noisy classes. When these classes are not in session the floors are used for intramurals - basketball, volley ball, and the like. There seems to be no time during the day when it is quiet in the building.

Our faculty members have found that the only place they can study is at the library or at home. There is so much disturbance in the building that it is impossible to study in the offices.

I assure you of our desire to cooperate in any way possible in your survey, but I felt that the noise in the gymnasium presents such a problem that it would be inadvisable to even attempt to reallocate the classroom space.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
Lawrence

Office of
The Chancellor

February 12, 1940

TO DEPARTMENT HEADS:

At a recent Senate meeting Chancellor Malott announced that he would appoint a committee to make a survey of the use of University buildings, with special emphasis on the problem of office space. That committee, the personnel of which is listed below, finds after inspecting classrooms and studying the class schedule that additional office space can be secured only by releasing rooms now used for classes.

A study of the class schedules for both semesters of the current year showed that between 1:30 and 4:30 the lecture rooms were unused 709 hours a week in the fall and 720 hours a week in the spring. The committee found in addition that 309 hours a week in the fall and 315 hours a week in the spring were free for 3-hour classes meeting Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday forenoons.

In order to determine the number of rooms that might conveniently be released from class use, the committee is asking that you redistribute your current lecture classes on two bases, using the attached survey forms for reporting. On Form 1 rearrange the schedule to utilize to capacity as many rooms as necessary, all day five days a week until 4:30 p. m. On Form 2 follow the same principle and in addition utilize each room, not otherwise in use on Tuesday and Thursday, for 3-hour classes meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings.

Your surveys will be studied carefully by the committee and a report made to the Chancellor to indicate how much, if any, additional office space can be secured without imposing inconvenient class arrangements on any department. No change of any sort is contemplated during the current semester.

Please return your survey forms to the secretary of the committee by February 21. Your prompt cooperation will be a great help to the committee in the study of a major University problem.

Sincerely yours,

E. B. STOFFER
PAUL B. LAWSON
RAYMOND NICHOLS, Secretary

October 12, 1939.

Chancellor Deane W. Malott,
University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Malott:

I am enclosing a couple of our "Sasnak Newsletters"
to acquaint you with some of the activities of our department.

We do not expect you to read through them, knowing
that your wastebasket is eighteen inches from your desk.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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October 7, 1939.

Chancellor D. W. Malott,
University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Malott:

I am very sorry there is a conflict of dates for October 19, and I am wondering if your time that evening could be arranged so that you could hear at least a part of Mr. Hinman's address. Mr. Hinman is a personality that we want you to meet.

If you could give us an idea of how your time would be divided that evening we would try to arrange it so that you could come in our meeting to hear Mr. Hinman. I would greatly appreciate it if you could at least meet him.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter that we have sent out to the faculty proposing that we make some arrangement in Robinson Gymnasium for recreation for the children of the faculty. We will be interested in seeing what response we receive.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

September 23, 1930.

Chancellor Deane W. Malott,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Malott:

I am sending you a carbon copy of correspondence that I have sent to Dean Schwegler regarding the course in Equitation which we desire to offer for credit in the Department of Physical Education.

I do not know when any one activity, with only grapevine discussion, has caused so much favorable comment as has horseback riding. The boys and the girls are flooding me with questions as to when this course will be inaugurated for credit. Of course, the students will pay a very reasonable fee of fifty cents an hour for the privilege of riding, but the instruction will be given by Mr. DeGroot, of our faculty, who is an excellent horseman.

I am also sending you a copy of the letter that I have written to Dean Lawson, as we desire approval of both the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the School of Education.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
Lawrence

Office of
The Chancellor

September 19, 1939

TO THE INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF:

The annual Opening Exercises have been arranged for Friday, September 22, in Hoch Auditorium.

All members of the faculty are requested to assemble in the first-floor corridors of Frank Strong Hall at 9:40, if the weather is fair, and march together to the stage of the Auditorium. In case of rain, they will please go directly to the Auditorium and find seats on the stage.

In view of the fact that the program this year will include the inauguration of Mr. Malott as Chancellor, the convocation hour has been lengthened to an hour and ten minutes. The convocation will start at 9:50, and classes for the morning will follow this schedule:

First period	8:30 to 9:00
Second period.....	9:10 to 9:40
Convocation	9:50 to 11:00
Third period	11:10 to 11:40
Fourth period.....	11:50 to 12:20

Sincerely yours,

RAYMOND NICHOLS,
Executive Secretary

Seventy-fourth Annual

OPENING EXERCISES

and the

INAUGURATION

of

DEANE W. MALOTT

As Chancellor

HOCH AUDITORIUM

University of Kansas

**Friday Morning, September Twenty-second,
*Nineteen Hundred Thirty-nine***

PROGRAM

Doxology - - - - -
Led by DEAN D. M. SWARTHOUT

Responsive Reading - - - - - Psalms, 84
Led by PROFESSOR W. L. BURDICK

1. How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!
2. *My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord;*
3. *My heart and my flesh cry out unto the living God.*
4. *Yea, the sparrow hath found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young.*
5. *Even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.*
6. *Blessed are they that dwell in thy houses they will be still praising Thee.*
7. *Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee; in whose heart are the highways of Zion.*
8. *Passing through the valleys of Weeping they make it a place of springs.*
9. *Yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.*
10. *They go from strength to strength, every one of them appeareth before God in Zion.*
11. *O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob.*
12. *Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.*
13. *For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.*
14. *I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.*
15. *For the Lord God is a sun and a shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.*
16. *O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.*
17. *The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof: the world and they that dwell therein.*
18. *For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.*
19. *Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?*
20. *He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul into falsehood, and hath not sworn deceitfully.*
21. *He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

Lord's Prayer

Nordic Grand March - - - - - LEIDZEN
THE UNIVERSITY BAND
RUSSELL L. WILEY, Director

Hymn - - - - - Duke Street
Led by DEAN SWARTHOUT and the UNIVERSITY BAND

O God, beneath Thy guiding hand
Our exiled fathers cross'd the sea;
And when they trod the wintry strand,
With pray'r and psalm they worshipped Thee.

Thou heardst' well pleased, the song, the prayer;
Thy blessing came; and still its power
Shall onward, through all ages, bear
The memory of that holy hour.

Laws, freedom, truth, and faith in God
Came with those exiles o'er the waves;
And where their pilgrim feet have trod,
The God they trusted guards their graves.

And here Thy name, O God of love,
Their children's children shall adore,
Till these eternal hills remove,
And spring adorns the earth no more.

Presentation of Mr. Malott - - - FRED M. HARRIS
Chairman, State Board of Regents

Address - - - CHANCELLOR DEANE W. MALOTT

Song - - - - - Crimson and the Blue
Led by DEAN SWARTHOUT and the UNIVERSITY BAND

*Far above the golden valley
Glorious to view,
Stands our noble Alma Mater
Towering toward the blue.*

CHORUS:

*Lift the chorus ever onward
Crimson and the blue,
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,
Hail to K.S.U.*

*Far above the distant humming
Of the busy town,
Reared against the dome of heaven,
Looks she proudly down.*

CHORUS:

*Greet we then our foster mother,
Noble friend so true,
We will ever sing her praises,
Dear old K.S.U.*

CHORUS:

R-o-c-k C-h-a-l-k, J-a-y H-a-w-k, K.U.
R-o-c-k C-h-a-l-k, J-a-y H-a-w-k, K.U.
Rock Chalk, Jay Hawk, K.U.
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OFFICE OF
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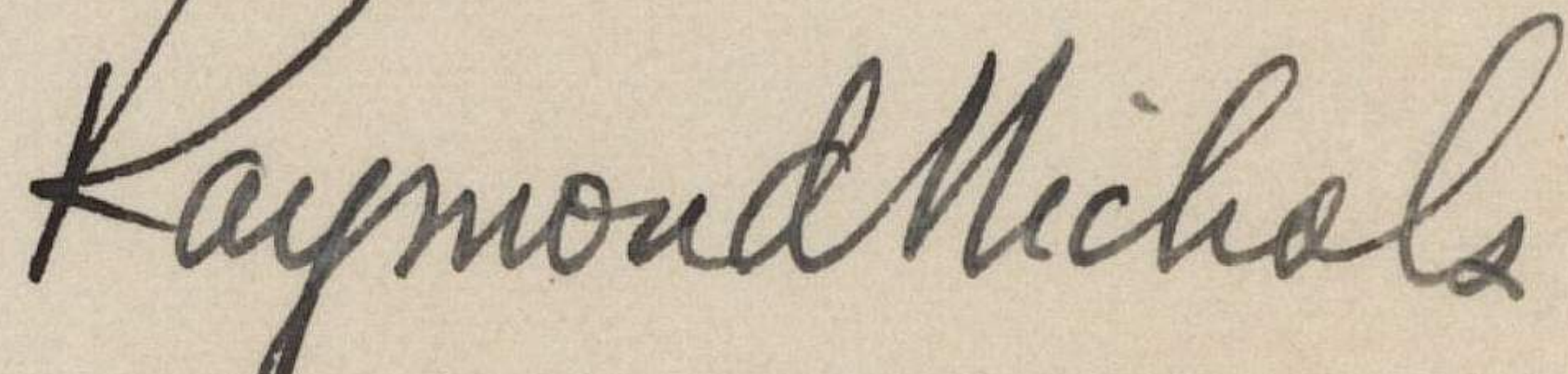
August 14, 1939

Dr. F. C. Allen
University of Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you for your letter of August 10 concerning the revised schedule for the Christmas Vespers and the basketball games with Southern Methodist University. I trust that the arrangement will have the approval of Dean Swarthout. It seems quite reasonable that both parties should be expected to make some concession.

Sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary

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Jan. 7, 1941

Chancellor Deane W. Malott
223 Strong Hall
University of Kansas

Dear Chancellor Malott:

Thank you for your very good letter of the sixth instant in which you enclose a letter from Mr. S.G. Waltz of the University of Michigan Union.

Naturally it is impossible for us to conceal our genuine pleasure in receiving such an unsolicited letter as this. I have always been very proud of our boys and their behavior, and this makes me doubly so.

I have read the letter which you enclosed to our boys and I assure you that they appreciate your taking cognizance of their good behavior.

Mr. Fielding H. Yost, the Athletic Director at Michigan University, and coach here of the ever-victorious 1899 Kansas team, met us and stayed with us a great part of the time. He showed us every courtesy and hospitality, and he further pleased the boys when he mentioned the personnel of that 1899 team, telling them of the whereabouts of the members still living and also mentioned the time the departed ones deceased. Mr. Yost has an unusually fine retentive memory and he recalled the early days at the University with much pleasure to himself and our basketeers.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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January 6, 1941

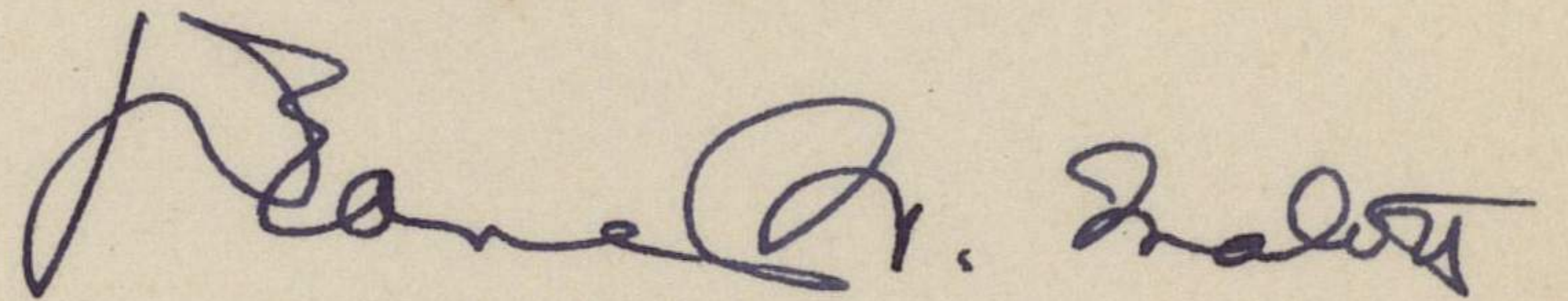
Dr. F. C. Allen
University of Kansas

Dear Phog:

I want to express to you and the boys who took the trip with you the University's appreciation of the fact that they so conducted themselves as to merit the enclosed letter which I have received from the Michigan Union Building.

To have the University interpreted in such a favorable light establishes the most valuable kind of public relations, and a reputation of this sort once earned goes on working through the years.

Sincerely yours,



Deane W. Malott,
Chancellor

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN UNION

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

STANLEY G. WALTZ
GENERAL MANAGER

December 27, 1940.

Dr. Deane W. Malott, Chancellor
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Malott:

This letter may seem a bit unusual to you, but the circumstances prompting it are in my mind considerably out of the ordinary.

A few days ago we had the pleasure of entertaining Director F. C. Allen and his basketball squad enroute to the East. This particular phase of the situation is certainly not unusual because during the year many athletic teams ranging from Y. M. C.A. squads to those of the Big Ten Conference stay at the Michigan Union. The angle that I wish to comment upon is this. During the many years that I have been associated with the Michigan Union, I have never come in contact with a finer group of boys. It has been our experience that visiting athletic teams are the greatest souvenir hunters in the world. So often we find it necessary to check through their luggage before they leave the building and frequently we have to write to the coaches or athletic directors and ask for the return of articles which have been picked up.

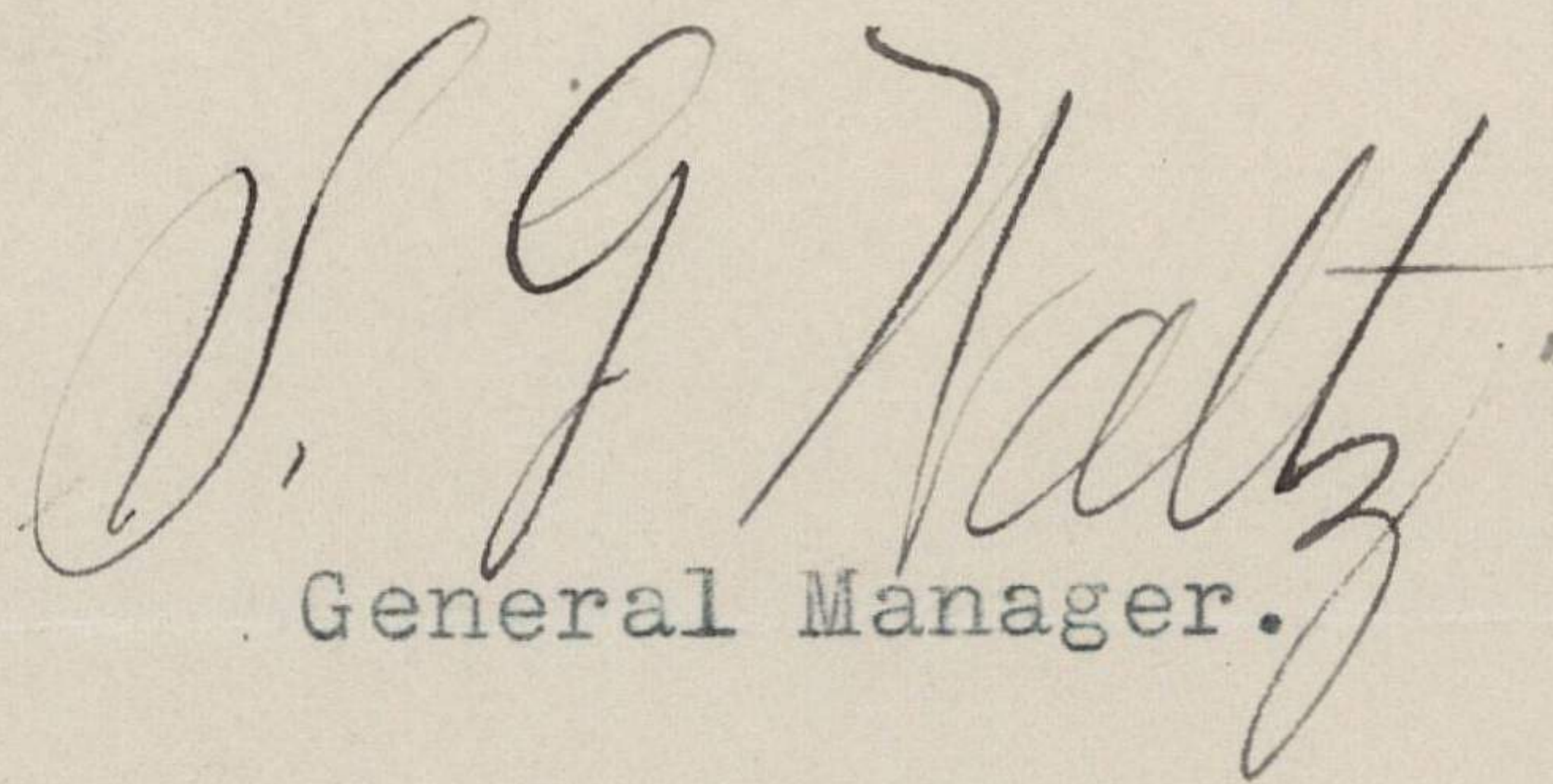
The boys from your university were extremely courteous, very well behaved and when they checked out in the morning every towel was neatly folded and left at the bottom of each bed. The bathroom and showers were not in disorder; in fact, another team could almost have stepped into the room without any cleaning or maid service.

It is my observation that college students are very apt to adopt the qualities, good or bad, which their

Dr. Deane W. Malott - 2.

leaders may possess. I feel that Mr. Allen is doing something of far greater value than teaching your students how to play basketball. My congratulations to you and best wishes to him.

Sincerely yours,


General Manager.

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February 8, 1941

Chancellor Deane W. Malott
Frank Strong Hall
University of Kansas

Dear Chancellor Malott:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of
the 7th instant with thanks.

You gave a complete and correct diagnosis
of the story which doubtless would have been pre-
mature had it been published.

We are always happy to receive orders
from the Chief.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
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February 7, 1941

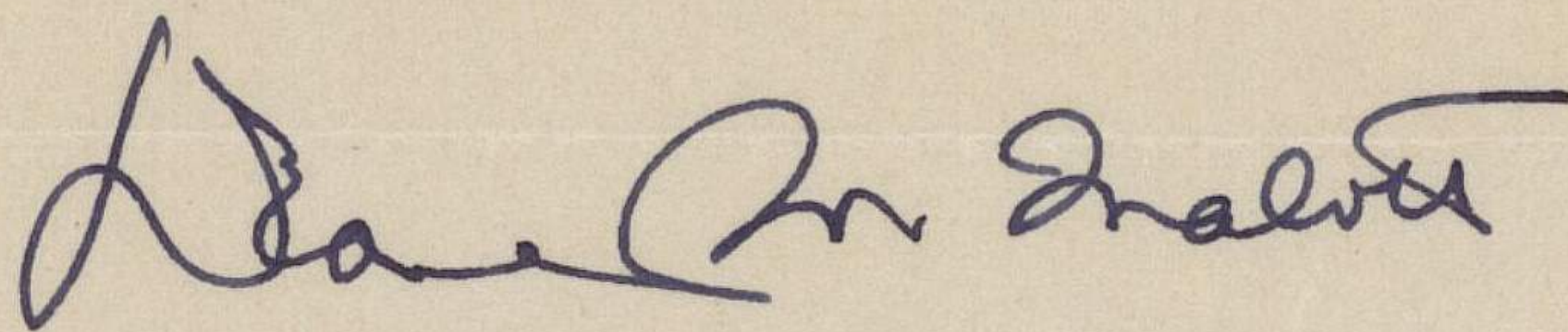
Dr. F. C. Allen
University of Kansas

Dear Phog:

The story was a grand one, but the situation up at the Legislature right now makes me think it's inadvisable to do anything which would be construed as a slap at our friends up the river. We are working together to get the dormitory bonding bill through, and I have just invited the Legislature to come down here, and explained to them that they might not be able to have good seats on account of our crowded conditions. I question, therefore, whether we ought at the moment inject any other element into the legislative situation.

Furthermore, the story looks like the opening of a campaign for a field house, which I feel we are not at the moment in a position to pursue energetically; and therefore there may be some good steam wasted which might be hard to generate again. That sort of a story coming up in the middle of a campaign would be a good thing, but it is the sort of skyrocket that may be used only once and when it gets burned out the flare is gone and may be hard for us to get started again.

Sincerely yours,



Deane W. Malott,
Chancellor

DWM:R

February 22, 1941

Chancellor Deane W. Malott
Frank Strong Hall
University of Kansas

Dear Chancellor Malott:

I am sending you the "News" from the National Council of the Y.M.C.A., 347 Madison Avenue, New York City.

This publicity is a prelude in preparation for the Y.M.C.A. drive for a Naismith building on the Springfield Y.M.C.A. campus. They expect to utilize all these forces in asking the alumni of Springfield College and the friends of basketball as well as the friends of Dr. Naismith to build a large Y.M.C.A. fieldhouse at Springfield.

After you have glanced over this will you kindly return it for our files?

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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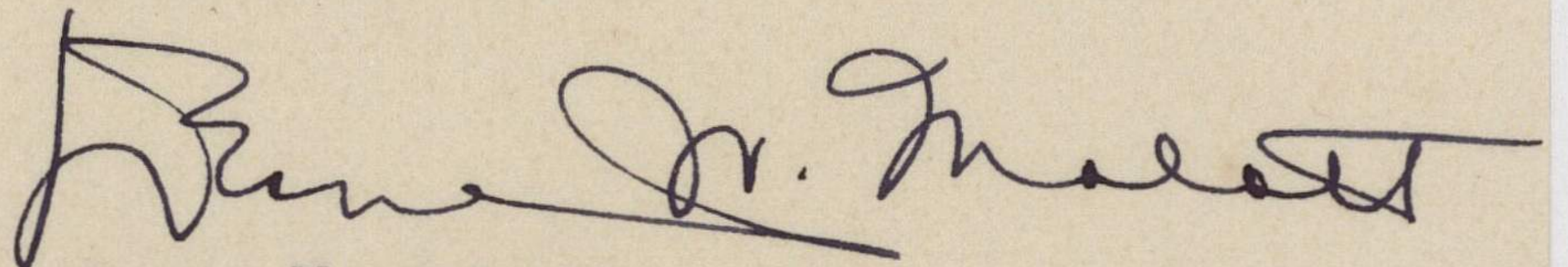
April 5, 1941

Dr. F. C. Allen
University of Kansas

Dear Phog:

Thanks a lot for calling this article to my attention. I was very much interested in knowing about the plans of the Naismith Committee.

Sincerely yours,



Deane W. Malott,
Chancellor

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October 1, 1938.

Chancellor E. H. Lindley,
University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Lindley:

This is not a complaint, but a mere statement of fact. When I went over to the auditorium yesterday I found that the men's lavatory and shower room on the east side of the auditorium, in which our basketball team has always assembled between halves, has been cut in half, making it absolutely impossible for our boys to assemble there this year. This space in this room was walled off to take care of the new loud speaker system.

Had I not accidentally dropped over there and looked at it we would have gone over to our first game this year not knowing anything about this situation and would have found a very bad condition. For the visitors' room everything is satisfactory. But for our large squad, all of whom are called in to the room to hear the blackboard instruction and discussion, it is next to impossible to function successfully. As it was, we were terribly congested. Perhaps the individual who approved this arrangement thought only in terms of a five-man team, but it is necessary for our substitutes to listen to the lecture and to see the diagrams concerning the faults of our own players who are in action as well as to have pointed out to them the strength and weaknesses of the opponents.

Since those rooms were built in there for that purpose I am wondering where we shall go. It will be very detrimental to the health of the boys to have them come back to the gymnasium between halves because they will be very warm and will be apt to catch severe colds. The only place now that I could place the boys would be on the floor of the shower bath, and this space would accommodate only half of them. I am sorry that there was not some other space in the auditorium that would have permitted the location of this room without destroying our dressing quarters.

If some other room could be fitted up for us that has running water, as it is necessary to bathe the players, and a place that has some outside ventilation so that the boys can breathe fresh air during their rest between halves, it would help the situation. It seems to me that there may be a piano practice room out near the front, but we have never used that because I do not recall that there is any running water there.

I have always considered that we have faced a very difficult situation, having to practice in the gymnasium and play in the auditorium. No other school in the Big Six faces this handicap. This added feature of having no place to assemble our group, due to the fact that all other lavatories are open to the public, makes our problem a difficult one.

I dislike to bother you with this, but you are the only one to whom I could write who has the background of the situation, knowing that the building was erected for a twofold purpose - an auditorium and a basketball court. I would appreciate your asking someone in authority to check with us soon so that we may have satisfactory quarters for proper assembly of our boys.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

October 6, 1938.

Chancellor E. H. Lindley,
University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Lindley:

I was very much pleased to have Mr. C. G. Bayles make very satisfactory arrangements for our dressing quarters for the basketball team at the auditorium.

Mr. Bayles is fixing up the bandmaster's room, and I am very sure it will be highly satisfactory. It so happens that the bandmaster has moved his equipment to the auditorium and is not now using this room.

I want to thank you for your very prompt attention to this matter. While this room is small for a large squad, nevertheless we will be much better situated than we were before in a public lavatory.

Thanking you, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

February 14, 1939.

Chancellor E. H. Lindley,
University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Lindley:

Thank you for your good letter of the 10th instant regarding the events scheduled for the auditorium. I realize, of course, that your office must of necessity act as a clearing house for the scheduling of these events.

Personally, I would much rather go back to Robinson Gymnasium for all our basketball games. The running track could be leveled and made into a balcony, with fine seating facilities.

In a recent survey conducted by Iowa State College it was found that the home team has the advantage by ten points over the visiting team, and six of these points are due to the fact that the home team is able to practice on their playing floor, and the other four points due to the rowdiness of the crowd.

I feel we would be much better situated if our basketball games could be played in the gymnasium.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
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February 10, 1939

Dr. F. C. Allen
University of Kansas

My dear Dr. Allen:

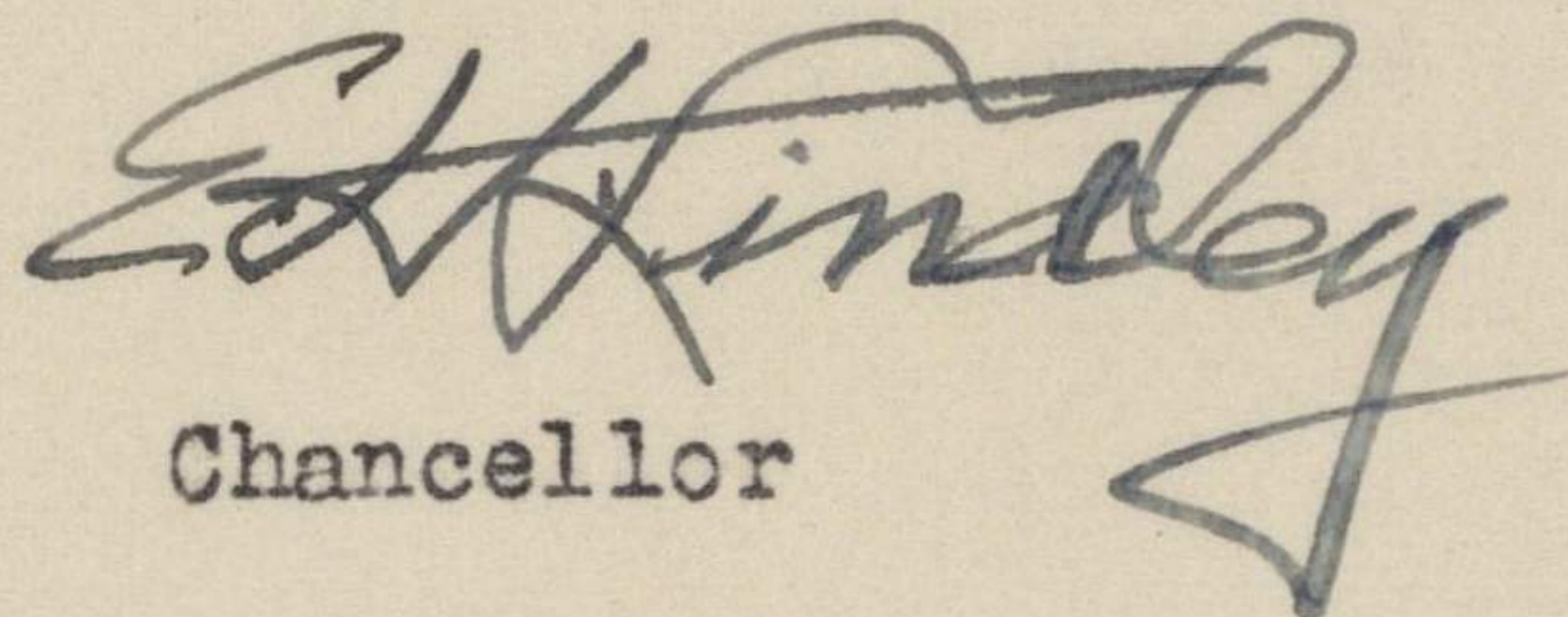
I have your letter concerning use of the Auditorium. The schedule which you received from this office is, I am told, similar to that of previous years.

I regret very much the fact that we have only one auditorium for all these activities. I am sure there has been an earnest attempt on the part of everybody concerned to avoid unnecessary conflicts. And concessions seem to have been made on all sides. We have tried to keep the lecture and concert events out of the way. However, much of the most important talent in both these fields is available only in midwinter.

Early in March we plan to have another conference of all parties and interests concerned to arrange that all events scheduled for the Auditorium, and for anywhere else on the campus, shall be reported to this office at the beginning of the year. Otherwise, there is no clearinghouse for information.

I am sorry of any inconvenience to our team. And I wish them well.

Cordially yours,


Chancellor

EHL:R

February 19, 1938.

Chancellor E. H. Lindley,
University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Lindley:

Your very kind wire sent to us on the eve of our very critical game with the Sooners reached us just before game time. We passed your wire from hand to hand so that the boys could know that you were thinking of us in this very critical hour.

I did not believe that we could win, but again youth showed age that the impossible could be done. President Bizzell came up to us after the game and paid his compliments and tribute. He asked to be remembered to you. He was very generous and lavish in his praise of the Kansas boys.

At noon they had a very generous outpouring of Kansas alumni at the Huckins Hotel. The basketball team paired off with Kansas men who have won success in other fields of endeavor, and the meeting was one of the best for team morale that I have ever experienced. Personally, I believe that C. O. Burnside, who was president of the alumni meeting, did as much to win that game as any other factor involved. The boys left that meeting with a confidence that they gained from commingling with great athletes. These captains of industry gave them a glance into the future that seemed to raise their horizon.

I felt a little more confident after that meeting, but still not enough because it was a great Oklahoma team keyed to the highest pitch of competition by the Sooners' razzzy-dazzy music and their almost fanatical support that comes from people building a new country. The tingle of Indian blood and the spirit of the Southwest was a thing very difficult to combat, let alone to overcome.

I am very proud of the boys because they would not be whipped. They broke the Sooners' back in the last two minutes, and we had to admit that a team that won't be beaten cannot be beaten.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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E H LINDLEY.

December 13, 1937.

Chancellor E. H. Lindley,
University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Lindley:

I was sorry that I was out of the office when you and Mr. Bayles dropped in. I also missed you when you phoned for me and conveyed your message to Mrs. Hulteen. I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter that I wrote to Professor Davis regarding the very urgent need of additional quarters in the gymnasium.

Robinson Gymnasium, as you know, was built in 1906 when the enrollment was 1200. We now have 4200 enrollment, and we are endeavoring to take care of the greatly enlarged athletic and physical education department, as well as our new school of physical education. This building is used from early morning until past eleven o'clock at night from Thanksgiving until April or May.

May I sketch a slight history of the situation since I came to the University as Director of Athletics in 1919. The basement was chock-full of lockers and each individual student put his gymnasium equipment in his locker. With the sweaty clothes this made a very unhygienic condition. There was a long exercise room on the north end of the gymnasium which the boys used for shot-putting and other track sports. The floor was of cinders.

The enrollment in the women's department grew so rapidly that it was found necessary to give that over to the women for their additional locker space. Consequently, we put a permanent brick wall in, taking away some of the space from the men and giving it to the women who needed it more.

There was no place to exercise for the individual students, so we improved the hygienic conditions by installing the basket system, keeping the baskets in a room provided for that purpose. We used electric fans in this locker room causing a circulation of air and aiding in the drying process. By using the basket system we moved many of the lockers out to the engineering building and other places where they were needed, and utilized that floor space for a handball court. Before I came here there was not a single handball court either in or out of the gymnasium. We closed the lower portion of the windows, but opened the vent so that we had circulating air in the basement at all times.

The shower room was not closed and the steam from the shower room in cold weather made the whole gymnasium quarters damp and unhealthy. Therefore, we bricked in the wall, closing off the shower room, and laid tile on the floor and sides of the shower. I am sure that you can imagine what an unhygienic condition we had there before we had the tile. The wet concrete would mould and a fungus growth would develop on the wall, which made it anything but inviting.

The toilets were just at the entrance of the door as you went in. These were moved away and placed in locations that improved conditions immensely. Fans were placed in the swimming pool to draw the steam and moisture to the outside.

Robinson Gymnasium is more quasi-public than any building on the campus. The Oread High School boys use it several hours each week. High school boys and other people not connected with the University are not permitted here, yet unless we exercise eternal vigilance this gymnasium is over-run by itinerants who desire to use some part of it. We encourage our faculty to use it and provide available locker space. On account of the long hours of use it is almost impossible to set up the proper patrol necessary to insure against theft.

You doubtless remember when several prominent Lawrence boys were caught in the meshes of the law when they purloined a great number of watches and money of students of the University who were taking exercise. We have put iron bars over all the windows, because this group would employ a liaison system, one standing in the basement, the other at the head of the stairs, and another one on the outside. When they found that the people were absorbed in a game on the top floor of the gymnasium, the fellow at the top floor would give a signal to the fellow down below. He would walk over to the locker room, pick up some of the garments there, and throw them out the window to the fellow waiting outside. The fellow on the south end of the building would rifle the pockets, then either threw the clothes back or left them there.

I only mention this to show you, Chancellor Lindley, that unless we have permanent construction it is impossible to keep any equipment from the hands of those who desire to appropriate this equipment more than we even desire to keep it. You perhaps will recall that where we now have our basket system the Military Department had their ammunition, guns and revolvers stored. One Christmas week some ten years back thieves got into this room and stole a large number of revolvers, guns and ammunition.

I have never been guilty of recommending any temporary wooden construction, except the large handball courts outside, which you very promptly and appropriately tacked on the name of Mexican box cars. I agree that the description is very appropriate, but so anxious was I to provide play utilities for the students that I thought we might utilize the equipment we had on hand when it was impossible to set them up in concrete. These handball courts, now ten years old, are in a bad state of decay, and I am working on plans with Mr. F. A. Russell to present figures replacing these with concrete construction.

The rooms that I wrote Mr. Davis about were not planned for temporary construction. In my opinion, it is just as permanent as the brick wall that we built giving the women more ample dressing room facilities, and the closing in of the shower room which added a hygienic situation. We have a wooden ceiling above this location that I desired walled in. If we would put any flammable construction there we would just add to the hazards of being burned down.

I have carried on a relentless fight against the use of cigarettes in this building. It is a fire trap, and if fire would ever start on the wooden construction it would just take these floors out in double time.

I trust that you will see that I have thought this matter over very carefully and worked very patiently through the years endeavoring to procure the greatest possible efficiency under most cramped quarters conditions. I point with pride to the fact that any small improvement in this building, which is 31 years old, has never been torn out or changed. Years ago we had placed in the ceiling of Robinson Gymnasium large ventilators to aid in the circulation of air on that floor. I now have in mind another improvement, if we can all agree upon it, and that is to use that space up there for recitation class and research rooms. This, of course, is when the funds are available. It would provide a large amount of additional space and at the same time would close that large auditorium off with a ceiling. And the ceiling would be high enough not to interfere in any way with basketball games and other games that require elevated ceilings. At the same time, it would give greatly enlarged space which is so necessary here for class rooms in our new physical education set up. Dormer windows could be run along the south and top of the roof to admit sunlight in a most pleasing fashion.

This building really needs re-wiring to lessen the fire hazard. This floor for the upper rooms and the ceiling for the gymnasium would provide a space for electric lighting fixtures and would make safe the handling of this lighting. As it is now, it is a great hazard for the men to climb from beam to beam in handling this very dangerous lighting situation.

I beg your pardon for writing such a long letter, but I wanted you to know how very carefully we have considered this small request before we asked for it.

Very cordially yours,

Varsity Basketball Coach,
Director of Physical Education.

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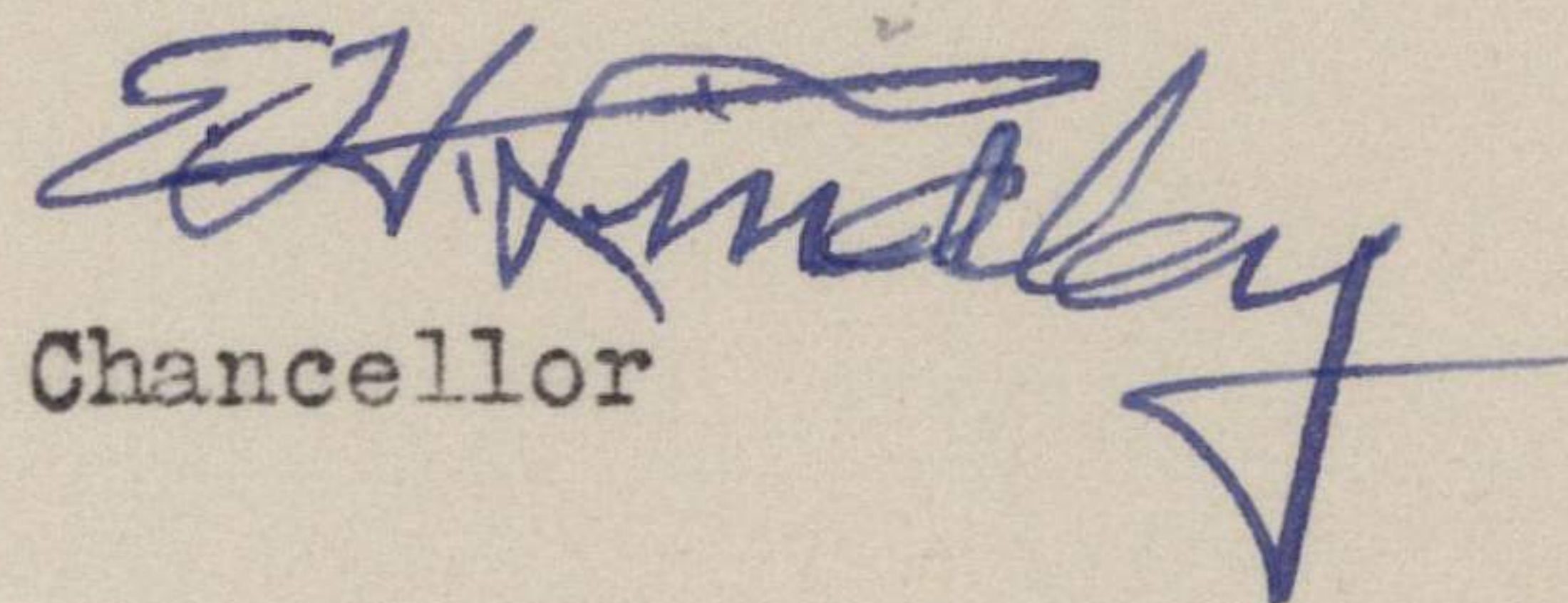
October 1, 1937

Dr. F. C. Allen
University of Kansas

My dear Dr. Allen:

Please accept my belated but sincere congratulations
on the fine scholastic standing of the basketball squad last
year.

Cordially yours,


Chancellor

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