

July 31, 1940

Dr. Forrest Allen  
Director of Athletics  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

The game of basketball is probably played and watched by more people than any other game in America. Having been originated by Dr. Naismith, I feel that it is proper that a memorial be erected in his memory. I feel that this would be the wish of the millions of men and women who play, coach, or watch the game. It is fitting and proper that this memorial be the most modern and beautiful basketball gymnasium ever built in America, and the proper place for it is the University of Kansas campus, where he spent so many years.

I believe that such a gymnasium could be built at no expense to Kansas, by having every willing basketball team in America play one home game as a memorial game for Dr. Naismith, under the auspices of the Naismith Memorial Committee--giving a portion of the gate receipts to the fund. In this way no individual would be asked to contribute a penny. It would cost the teams little if anything, for by featuring the game as the "Naismith Memorial Game" the added attendance should increase the receipts by the small portion to be given.

Time is too short to do it this season, for quite a bit of planning should be done. The committee should have several nationally prominent educators and coaches on it. The idea should be sold leading sports writers and coaches. Much of the publicity could be handled by the Journalism school at Kansas University, and the mailing and correspondence should furnish employment for several students.

Suitable plaques or certificates should be given schools or organizations whose teams take part in the project.

The game of basketball has touched and is touching the lives of so many thousands that teams--school, high school, college, university, semi-pro, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., and professional--could, I feel sure, be interested in the undertaking; and the money raised by each team, be it large or small, would reach a large total and make such a gymnasium possible.

I am a Kansan, and graduated from Chanute High School in 1921. I attended the College of Emporia and Washburn College, though never had the privilege of attending the University. My wife is a Baker graduate. I have discussed this plan with several Kansas University alumni, a few newspaper men, and coaches and find them all very favorable to it.



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Summed up, a man who originated a game which has touched the lives of so many deserves a memorial for all time. There could be no more fitting memorial than one such as I suggest, and no more fitting location for it than at the University of Kansas. This method of obtaining the necessary money would work no hardship on any one and I feel sure would have the full support of the basketball world.

I shall appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

G. F. Alcott  
1206 E. Jefferson  
Bloomington, Illinois



August 9, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you for your splendid letter of August 3rd.

Yes, your old friend, Brick Young is still here. He is sports editor of the local paper, and does quite a bit of service as a sport's official. He tells me that in years past he has worked some of the Kansas-Missouri games.

Mr. Young is one of those with whom I have talked on the subject. He feels that it is entirely possible, and a worthy undertaking. He tells me that he can be counted on for any publicity or service that he can render. Mr. Young has quite a file on Dr. Naismith and the evolution of basketball, and gives talks on the subject.

I have been gone much of the week, and will be in Chicago a good portion of the coming week. However by the end of that time I will have an opportunity to write you more fully on my ideas and suggestions, for your consideration.

My wife worked as a secretary to a Baker faculty man, who was secretary to the Kansas Conference while she was in school. She handled the eligibility lists of players in Kansas Conference schools, and says that she recalls the picture of the team you coached there.

While in school one summer at Emporia, I roomed with an ex-K.U. player, and I believe captain--Herbert "Scoop" Olson. He was assistant city engineer, and we were at the Y.M.C.A. for the summer. I believe he married that fall, but I do not know where he is now.

If he is in town, I hope to get the opinion of Dutch Lonberg while in Chicago next week.

Sincerely,

G. F. Alcott.,  
1206 E. Jefferson St.,  
Bloomington, Illinois.



August 16, 1940

Mr. G. F. Alcott  
1206 E. Jefferson Street  
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Mr. Alcott:

Your letter of August 9 addressed to Dr. Forrest C. Allen arrived at his office after he had left for the University of Texas. He expects to be there until tomorrow, the 17th, for a short basketball coaching clinic. The following week he will be in Topeka for the Kansas High School Coaching School.

As soon as Dr. Allen returns to the office your letter will be brought to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen



October 18, 1940

Mr. Fred Ellsworth  
Alumni Association  
University of Kansas

Dear Fred:

You can see by the correspondence that has been forwarded to Chancellor Malott that many people doubtless feel that a Naismith Field House should be constructed.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Enc.



October 18, 1940

Mr. G.F. Alcott  
1206 E. Jefferson  
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Mr. Alcott:

Your good letter of August 9 was acknowledged by my secretary, in which she explained that I was away from the office on my summer vacation.

I left for the University of Texas to teach a short course in their basketball clinic there, then the following week I was in Topeka, Kansas with the Kansas State High School Coaching School. From there I went to Louisville and then to Chicago to attend a meeting of the National Collegiate Executive Committee. We were discussing the National Collegiate Basketball Tournament.

I enjoyed your letter very much. Regarding the Baker faculty man, I am wondering if that could be C.S. Parmenter. He was a grand fellow. It happened he was a son-in-law of Bishop Quail, another outstanding gentleman.

I was happy indeed to hear from Brick Young and to know of your association with Herbert "Scoop" Olson. Yes, he played on my team and I was quite fond of him.

I have some speaking engagements in Ohio and Wisconsin the early part of November. If it is at all possible, I will make it a point to drop by and see if we can have a conference.

I am passing on your information to our Chancellor, Deane W. Malott; and our Alumni Secretary, Fred Ellsworth. I would like very much to get their opinion on the Naismith Memorial idea.

You will hear from me in the event I can make connections.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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October 21, 1940

Dean L.A. Eubank  
Northeast Missouri  
State Teachers College  
Kirksville, Missouri

Dear Dean Eubank:

Your letter of the 17th addressed to my secretary came to my desk as I find myself in town today. I assure you that I am looking forward with pleasure to our visit at your Homecoming on October 26. Mrs. Allen will accompany me. I am not sure that you remember Mrs. Allen but I believe that after you and she meet you will remember each other. I know that I remember you very definitely.

We have six children; 3 boys and 3 girls. The boys are Forrest, Jr.; Milton; and Robert Earl. Robert Earl, our youngest boy, who is now 21, was named after Robert Clore and Earl Taylor, two of our athletes who died in the World War--Taylor at Cheppy in the Argonne and Clore at Chateau-Thierry in the drive when the Marines stopped the Heinies. We have three daughters, Mary Elizabeth, Jane and Eleanor. Eleanor, our baby, is a sophomore in the University. We lost our oldest son, Forrest, Jr., over 13 years ago. He was a mascot for the teams and I think you remember the boys all called him Busk. Bobby, our youngest son, is a senior, taking his A.B. Degree this year, and expects to go to Harvard for his medical work next year, if the war does not interfere with his plans.

I went to Warrensburg as Athletic Director and Coach of all sports in September, 1919, after seven years of our most happy existence, 1919, I came to the University here. This makes our 22nd consecutive year here. Previously I had coached basketball at the University of Kansas, 1908 and 1909, so this year will make my 24th year as basketball coach, but only 22 years as Director of Athletics, and later Director of Physical Education. Previously I had coached at Baker University and Haskell Institute.

I was formerly called "Foghorn" Allen because I used to call out the balls and strikes when umpiring baseball games (umpires in the early days called the balls aloud the same as they did strikes). A sports writer on the University Daily Kansan came up with "Phog" during my early years here. He was a very brilliant man because he carried the cognomen of "Pinhead" Coble. One time I said, "Pin, where in the world did you get this "Phog"? "Well," he said, "I tell you. 'Fog' is too plain. I wanted to doll it up a little." So now they call me anything from "Pffog", "Pfoag", to silent "P--hog".

In fact, ten years ago I got a letter addressed to me as Mr. Hog Allen, and it was from a concern that sole swimming pool cleanser. I had a lot of gun with the fellow that wrote that letter because I appeared to have had my professional modesty shocked--the idea of a firm selling swimming pool cleanser to a Hog Allen! I received a very abject apology, and I am sure that since the firm got no business they thought I held it against them; but I did not.



Also I originated, as I told you before, the Goal-Hi game, and had a Phog Allen Basketball, Phog Allen Goal, Phog Allen Shoe, Phog Allen Score Book, Phog Allen War Bag, and then, of course, my two books; My Basketball Bible and Better Basketball.

A Maine Yankee youngster, of about fifteen years of age, had just moved to Kansas City, and you know what the Yankees do to their R's--they call ideas "iders" and they pronounce law as "lawr". This chap went to Lowe and Campbell to purchase one of my basketballs and he said to the astonished clerk that he wanted a "Phorg" Allen Basketball. The clerk looked at him and said, "Four-gallon basketball? What do you mean?" "Well", he said, "Isn't there a man around here somewhere coaching basketball called "Phorg" Allen?" Just another incident of a Maine Yankee pronouncing "Phog" Allen.

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I do not know whether I told you ~~x~~ I was born in Jamesport, Missouri on November 18, 1885 and my how these Missourians down at Columbia get on one of our native sons! But I have chosen the University of Kansas as my Alma Mater because I believe that Kansas is more progressive and a younger state. You do not have to tell anybody about this. I forgot to tell you that we also have four grandchildren and none of them were adopted.

We are planning to leave Lawrence, Kansas early Saturday morning the 26th and it may be impossible for us to arrive in time for the dedication ceremonies of Kirk Memorial Building. If it is at all possible, we will arrange to leave early enough to arrive there at 10:00. I assure I would be happy to do so because I knew President Kirk very very well. He refereed my football games for Kirksville State Teachers College when Mr. Simmons was Athletic Director, and I have the pleasant memory of Mr. Kirk coming down the field many times and shaking hands with me when I referred those football games along in 1908 and 1910. He was a vigorous and aggressive educator and I am happy that they are recognizing his great worth



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Mr. Eubank

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If we do not arrive at 10:00, we will get there by noon, at least, for the big parade and the football game. I will look you up as soon as I come to town, and if I do not find you I will look for Mr. Clifton Cornwell. Surely one of you two august gentlemen can be located.

With all good wishes and anticipating with pleasure our being with you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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NORTHEAST MISSOURI  
STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE  
KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

October 17, 1940

Secretary to Dr. Forest C. Allen  
Department of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Secretary:

I am addressing this letter to you for it is possible that Dr. Allen will be away from the campus and would not be able to answer.

I was pleased to have his letter of October 4 and I am looking forward with pleasure to visiting with him here at our Homecoming on October 26.

I have recently been selected by the homecoming committee to act as toastmaster at the banquet, and in this capacity I shall introduce Dr. Allen. I wanted a few facts and probably some fiction to help me in this very pleasant privilege. I should like to have the dates Dr. Allen worked in Warrensburg where I knew him personally also how long he has been connected with the University of Kansas. I should like to have from you or from him any interesting anecdotes or jokes on him concerning his athletic career. Of course the veracity of a toastmaster can never be questioned so I can manufacture something if you cannot furnish me something of interest.

I suppose Mr. Cornwell has told him some of the activities of the day. In the morning at 10:00 a.m. we have a program dedicating a memorial to John R. Kirk who was president of this institution for many years. At 1:00 p.m. there is a big parade of floats and the football game begins at 2:00 p.m.

We had hoped that he would at least be here by then in order that many of the celebrities who were here for the Homecoming could be introduced at the time the Homecoming Queen is presented. The banquet at which he will speak will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by the homecoming dance at 9:00 p.m.

Yours very truly

*L. A. Eubank*

Dean

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Yours very truly

*W. A. Cornwell*

Dean

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November 23, 1940

Mr. Don Ebling  
303 Brush Creek Boulevard  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Don:

I received your lovely letter and I assure you that I enjoyed reading every word of it.

Ray stopped by and watched us practice last Tuesday afternoon, I believe. I am sure that he will give a good account of himself. I think it would be a find thing to start you and Ray at forward, Mit at quarter-back, and Kappelman and Dick Harp at guard. That would really make a tough outfit.

Ray Noble is coming down to play as is Bruce Voran. I am wondering if you could bring him down with you unless, of course, Mrs. Noble is coming along; but then you may have a date and it would work out just as well. But don't crowd up unduly. I thought you might want to call Ray at the Union Wire Rope Corporation and all of you come down together. It will certainly be fun to have the oldsters in action. Everybody accepted the invitation with the exception of Fred Pralle and he could not make it.

I took your letter home to Mrs. Allen to read, and we both voted you one very exceptional young man. It flatters me to have you sign your letter as you did.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely your friend,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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DON EBLING  
303 BRUSH CREEK BOULEVARD  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

November 19, 1940

Dear "Doc":

In behalf of Ray and myself I wish to thank you for the honor of being one of your "Champions of Yesteryears" in the forthcoming battle between the Varsity and Alumni. I assure you we are most happy to accept the invitation.

Ray has been on the road again so I am taking the pleasure of writing you and accepting. As to our personal condition, I can assure that Ray has not had a ball in his hands since the last A.A. U. tournament, but although he has a "beginners" middle age spread he is not anybody's fool on the court, and he said something about he would be ready to go at least for ten minutes. As for myself I have been in very poor shape all fall, but with our season getting under way Dec. 4, I have been trying to work pretty hard three times per week. Since I heard we were scheduled to play the present Varsity on the 26th, I have been doing road work along with practice, and the last three evenings I have been in bed before ten. Anyway, by the 26th, I should be ready to go at near top speed.

I rather look forward to this contest with eager, as it seems as though as far back as I can remember, at least in the basketball language, Ray has been my idol, and one of my main ambitions was to someday play alongside him on a ball club. I have been in competition for 7 years, and Ray about ten or twelve, and not once have we played together. On Tuesday, maybe one of my ambitions will have been achieved. I pray so.

Doc, I don't know how this league ball is going to be, but the other evening I said to Ray, "I don't believe I will go very well, because everything is so different." He merely looked at me, and said you just do the things that Doc taught you, and I assure you there won't be any trouble for you to go. After a moment's thought, I immediately understood what he meant. Doc, you would be surprised how much more basketball I know than several of the boys I play with. I may not be good, but I still have the knowledge of the tutoring of the best coach in the game, and with that I should manage to hold my own. Every little trick, every little fundamental, every "do and don't" gives me a head start, over most of the boys although my natural ability is not much. I only wish we had you to coach us, as such things as don't pass across the court <sup>are dribbles between two men</sup> are certainly rules that are disobeyed, and as you teach, to pass out and not in would ~~make~~ <sup>could</sup> us a good ball team. I am sort of anxious to play now. I am getting along a lot better in the city, and like my work very much. You know as well as I that this ball is secondary



DON EBLING  
303 BRUSH CREEK BOULEVARD  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

to my work.

Doctor, as I have said before I wish to thank you for the opportunity of playing with those sturdy champions of yesterday's Jayhawkers, I assure that I will do everything in my power to help give the Varsity a run for their money. I think you are very smart in trying to get your team in mid season form early, as they have a tough schedule ahead of them, and if my presense will help to carry any weight in developing another great Kansas team, I will do my best. You know once a jayhawker always a jayhawker. Since Kansas had another dismal football season, it is up to you and the 1940-41 Jayhawkers to carry Kansas to the front again. I see where the Finals of the N.C.A.A. is to be held in the city the 29th of March. I hope to see Kansas perform, and I have a feeling that I will. Here is wishing you and the boys a splendid season, and I would like to see it begin next Tuesday.

Please give my regards to the Allen household; and <sup>inclosing</sup> I assure you a couple of Eblings will be ready on Tuesday the 26th of November.

One of your boys,

Don.

P.S. Doc, I could type this over and probably omit errors of grammar and typing, but just <sup>tell</sup> the boys it happens to be 9:15 and I must be in bed in 15 minutes so I cant take time to do it over. The P.S. is mainly just a hint to let the boys know we arent going to be a pushover. Ha.



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January 24, 1941

Mrs. Beulah Engleman  
Arkansas City, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Engleman:

I have been definitely expecting to write you for a month to rejoice with you on Howard's phenomenal showing here at the University. This applies not only to his Varsity athletics, but his academic work on the campus is just as highly rated as is his basketball. He is one of the most popular student athletes that we have had for years. His quiet demeanor and his modesty in the face of great exaltation is pleasing to behold.

I am sorry that it has not been possible for you to see Howard play this year. I do hope that you will have an opportunity before this season ends. I am enclosing a copy of our basketball schedule. Would it be possible for you to come up and see any one of the home games and be our house guest during the time you are in Lawrence? I assure you it would afford us a genuine pleasure to have you in our home.

Again congratulating a fine mother on having such a grand son, and assuring you that we appreciate having such a boy on our Varsity, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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February 7, 1941

Mrs. Beulah Engleman  
Arkansas City, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Engleman:

I am sending you a gloss of Howard and Bob. I thought perhaps that you as mother of Howard would want one of these pictures.

The Associated Press took these and sent me some copies. I took one home to Mrs. Allen and I am mailing one to you and sending the other to Mrs. and Mrs. W.A. Sneller.

I want you to know that we were delighted to see you in Wichita and we trust that you will come to Lawrence to see Howard play here. Remember, you have been invited as a guest in the Allen household.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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February 27, 1941

Mrs. Beulah Engleman  
Arkansas City, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Engleman:

Your lovely letter of the 10th was taken home to the Allen household and all of them read the same. Mrs. Allen, Bobby, Eleanor and the rest of us voted that you were about the cleverest letter-writer in Arkansas City.

I am sure that with your maternal insight into life you have voiced the durable things that all people like so much. When you come in May you must be our house guest. Now remember, we expect you.

I know that you and Mrs. Allen will hit it off in great shape because you both think alike. Certainly there is a definite and similar reaction that you two mothers have toward your sons.

I want to say that Howard is getting along fine as usual.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Ark. City Kan  
Feb 10, 1941.

Mr F. C. Allen  
Lawrence Kans.

Dear Mr. Allen,

I received the picture of those Basket Ball Twins less than an hour ago. I can't begin to tell you how proud I am to own such a picture I know two finer boys never existed.

I have not acknowledged the splendid letter you wrote me two weeks ago. I had been visiting in Texas and did not receive it until a few days before the Wichita game. I intended to mention it when I saw you at the forum but I found little time to carry out any intentions at that exciting event.

It was very kind of you to invite me to be a guest in your home (that letter is pasted on the inside cover of Howards 1941 Jawhawker) However I do not plan to come to Lawrence before graduation. I am eager



to meet Mrs. Allen. She has played no small part in helping my boy over some "rough places."

The nice things you have said about Howard are true because of the splendid training you have given him. You have not spoiled him with "soft jobs" and indulgences that would hurt him later in life. You have emphasized the finer things of life and have insisted on discipline. He is leaving the U. not only in good physical condition but with wholesome attitudes and is a well balanced dependable boy. I must say the relationship between my son and his coach has been a beautiful thing to watch.

I am especially happy about our sons' companionship. Bob has indeed been an inspiration to Howard.

I wish Bob's and Howard's publicity could be shared a little more evenly with their fine teammates. Personally I do not take sports writers very seriously but sometimes boys do.

Thanks again for the picture and letters.

With Best Wishes.

I am, Yours Truly,

Mrs Beulah Engleman



March 28, 1941

Mr. Howard Engleman  
1315 Tennessee  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Howard:

In response to your good letter of March 28 may I say I would be delighted to help you in any way I can. You may count on every bit of help from me that I can possibly give.

You have been a wonderful athlete and an exceptional student. And it is for such boys as you that I would like to use any small influence that I might have in your behalf.

I am enclosing a carbon copy of a letter that I have just written Paul Endacott. Of course, I will be glad to write to Boots Adams at the present time, but I thought one letter at a time might be the best means of getting the job done.

I have called Jimmy Nixon and asked that two tickets be left in your name at the ticket window in the Municipal Auditorium for the Washington State-Wisconsin game.

Incidentally, I also asked that one be left for Gordon Gray so if you see him you can tell him he has one at the ticket office.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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March 28, 1940

Dr. Allen:

I didn't want to take any of your time but I would like to make a request for a favor or advise.

I believe I would really like to work and play for Phillips in Bartlesville next year if I could. I have written and talked with Chuck Hyatt, and have also handed in a written form application.

If you would strengthen my application by exerting your great influence on Paul Endicott, Pres. Adams, or any other executive of the company with which you are acquainted, I would appreciate it very much.

I like the town and people of Bartlesville, It is close to home and I have many friends there and close about. Thanks a lot for any help you can give me.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard Engleman*  
Howard Engleman.



April 5, 1941

Mr. Paul Endacott  
Assistant to the President  
Phillips Petroleum Company  
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Dear Paul:

Thank you very much for your good letter of the 28th ultimo.

I saw Howard Engleman last night he has received the letter from Mr. Hyatt, so everything is working out toward the point of giving Howard an opportunity to make his decision at an early date rather than to prolong it.

I want to thank you for your very prompt response.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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PAUL ENDACOTT  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

April 2, 1941.

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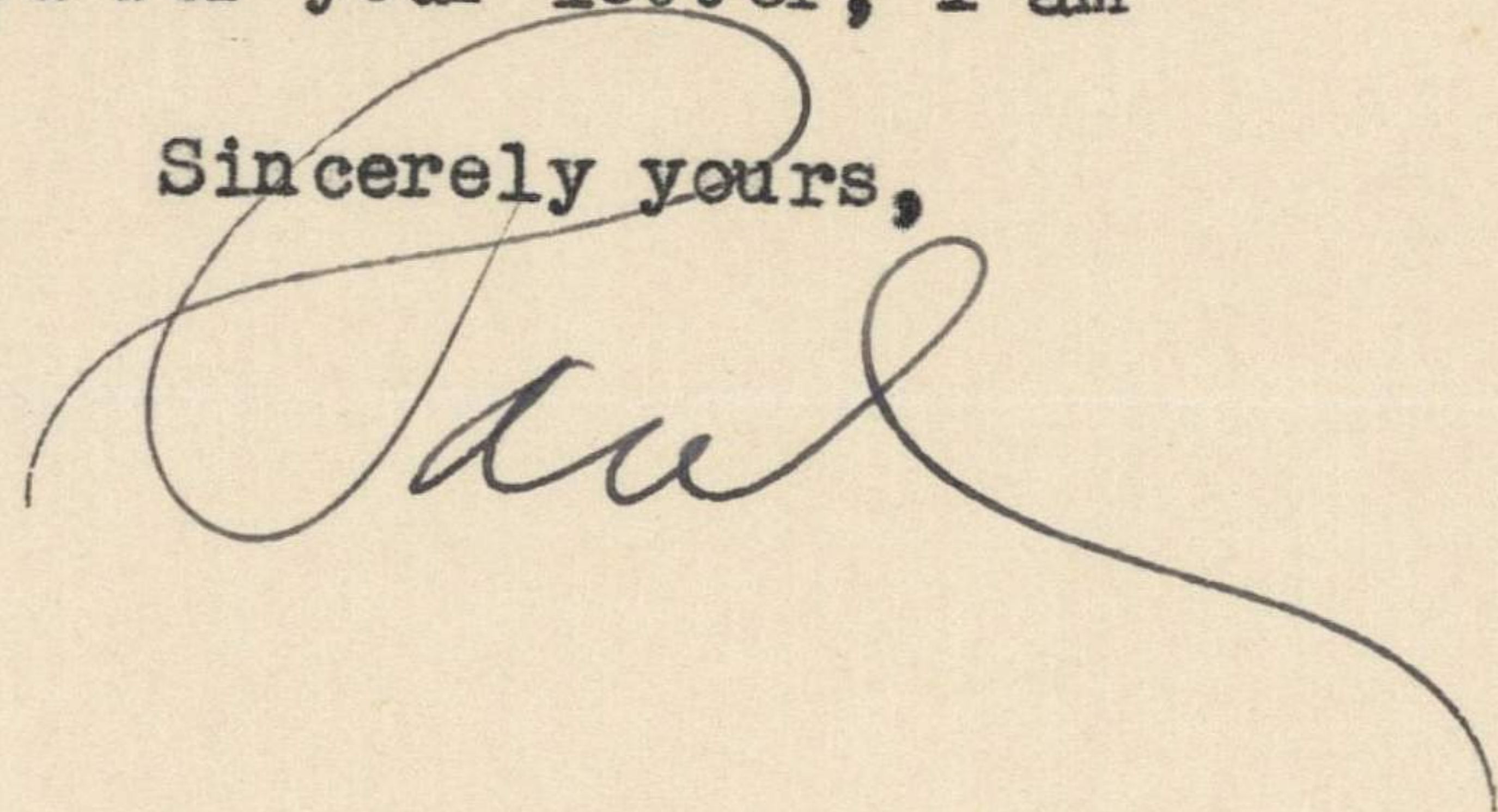
Mr. Forrest C. Allen,  
Director of Physical Education,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doc:

I have referred your letter of March 28 regarding Howard Engleman to Mr. B. F. Stradley, Manager of our Basketball team, and to Chuck Hyatt. I am pleased to advise that Mr. Hyatt plans on communicating with Mr. Engleman, with respect to his application for employment, in the next few days.

I trust that this meets with your full approval and thanking you for your letter, I am

Sincerely yours,



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January 28, 1941

Mr. A.J. "Dad" Elliott  
19 S. LaSalle Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear "Dad":

I want you to know how very much we appreciated your presence at Rotary and at our Iowa State-Kansas basketball game, as well as your dominant personality on the campus of the University of Kansas. We always enjoy meeting you and hearing you.

Also, I want to thank you very much for the things that you had to say regarding professionalizing amateur athletics. When I spoke to 14 high school all-stars in Kansas City, Kansas, I was warning them of the dangers that beset them when they seek a college education. I told them not to sell their academic birthright for a mess of pottage.

I meant, of course, the fact that there was danger of their selecting some school that did not offer them the thing that would fit them most for college and later life, but that they were apt to choose a school where the best job went for athletic ability.

I was pleased beyond measure for the fact that you support my contention, and the fact that you did so, and in such an emphatic way, caused young men to ponder more seriously the question than they would have had you not made your remark.

My attitude is not in inviting the professionalism, but in advising youth before they get into difficulty. You and I have seen so much of it that if we can call attention to the young fellows of this danger, then they meditate many times more than we suspect.

Again good wishes and good health is my wish for you and yours.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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February 4, 1941

Mr. Paul Endacott  
Assistant to the President  
Phillips Petroleum Company  
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Dear Paul:

Again I am tardy in answering your lovely letter of December 30.

Of course, I was in the East and have not been in the office much, but it was swell of you to write me as you did. It makes a fellow feel good.

I want you to know, Paul, how good I feel when I think of you in your lovely position with all your attainments, and to know that I had the pleasure of working with you for three wonderful years.

With every good wish to you and yours, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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PAUL ENDACOTT  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

December 30, 1940.

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

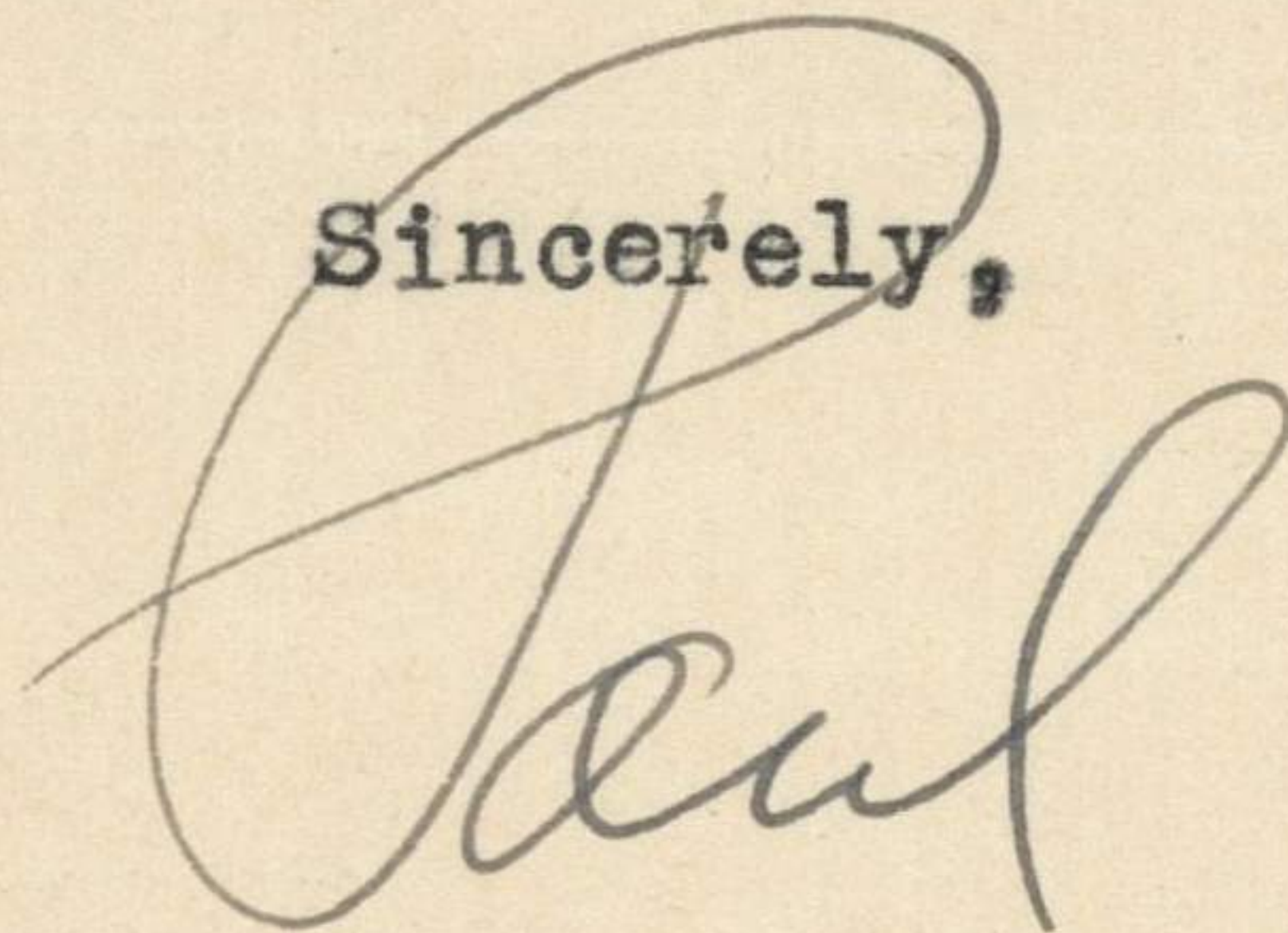
Dear Doc:

I have just read with considerable interest the article about America's most famous basketball coach in the December 28 issue of Saturday Evening Post and, naturally, it is with considerable pride that I am able to say to my friends "he was my coach."

I should say that the story is very well written and if any of it is not entirely accurate, the human interest aspects would undoubtedly offset any such shortcomings.

I noted in yesterday's papers where the boys had a little difficulty Saturday night in Madison Square Garden but am sure they will give the usual extraordinary account of themselves throughout conference competition.

Sincerely,



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