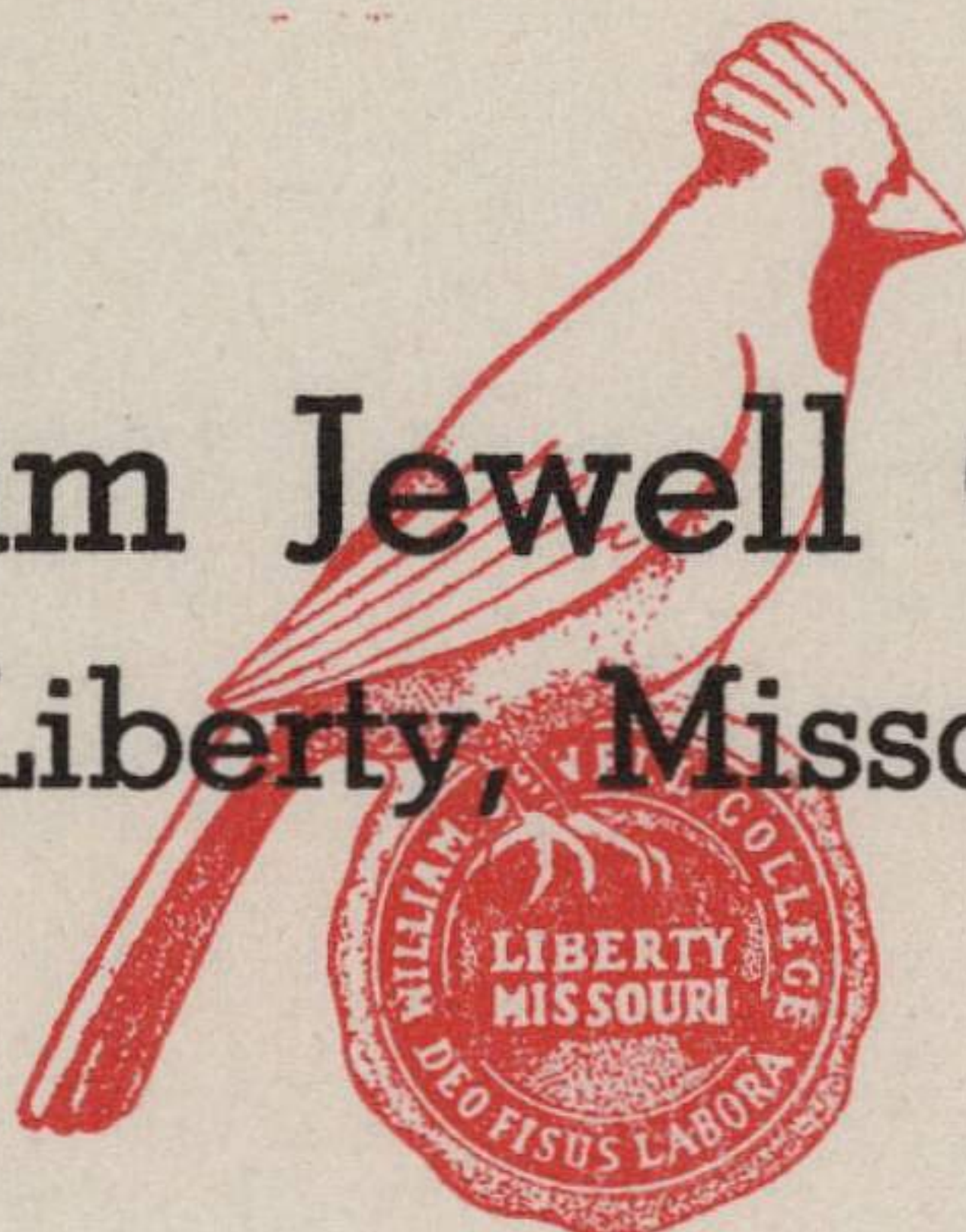


R. E. BOWLES
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
DIRECTOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION

H. R. GODFRIAUX
HEAD COACH
FOOTBALL BASKETBALL

William Jewell College
Liberty, Missouri



September 18th, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I learn you are to be the speaker at our "Kick Off" dinner. It is kind of you to come and I want to express my personal appreciation.

Mr. Kenagy, with whom you communicated over the phone, president of our student body, asked me to write you relative the nature and purpose of the dinner so that you could better select the nature of your talk.

As far as we are concerned and I think generally speaking this kind of an affair at this time of the season is an innovation. The purpose of the dinner, as you might surmise, is to produce a genuine college spirit on the campus. Personally I am hoping it will effect an inspirational influence, particularly on the football squad resulting in their willingness to give their best. You personally have certainly accomplished that with your own teams. It has seemed to me here that there has'nt been a willingness on the part of the squad members to pay the price of winning, to make the necessary sacrifices for success. Anything that you can say to inspire them to do that will be deeply appreciated by me.

The nature of the affair is just a very simple dinner. The cost has set very low with the hope that as many students will attend as can be handled. The girls and boys who board at the dormitories will be admitted free, other students will be charged only thirty cents and faculty and town's folk fifty cents. The number will be limited to 300 which the student council feels will easily be there. As you can see the whole affair is to get off on a good start in football. We play our first game the next day.

Mr. Kenagy asked to extend to you an invitation to bring with you any guests you might desire. If Mrs. Allen would enjoy coming please bring her. Just let us know how many plates you would like for us to reserve for your guests.

Again thanking you very much for your kindness in coming, and with best wishes and kindest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours

H R Godfriaux