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Dear "Phog":-

Interesting articles in yesterday's L.A. Examiner and in today's L.A. Times about your speech before the Kansas City Rotary Club, on professionalism among college teams and gambling in connection with their contests.

More power to you and keep up your grand fight to cleanse intercollegiate athletics and drive these damned gamblers out! If this gambling element keep up their racket, there not only will be blowoff scandal but the death blow to college athletics.

Too much hypocrisy in connection with the colleges and the blame is on the faculties, who are commercial minded and most shortsighted. All this athletic scholarship, free tuition, board, spending money, etc., done mostly under cover, in the final analysis and stripped of it's verbiage, is professionalism.

Here in Los Angeles, the two local colleges, U.S.C., and U.C.L.A., have kept professional football out of our Coliseum. Neither one wanted the Coliseum turf "profaned" by professional players. What a lillywhite crowd! Protecting my morals and the morals of others who love to see the Chicago Bears, Green Bay Packers, New York Giants, Cleveland Rams, Philadelphia Eagles, Washington Redskins, et al. play.

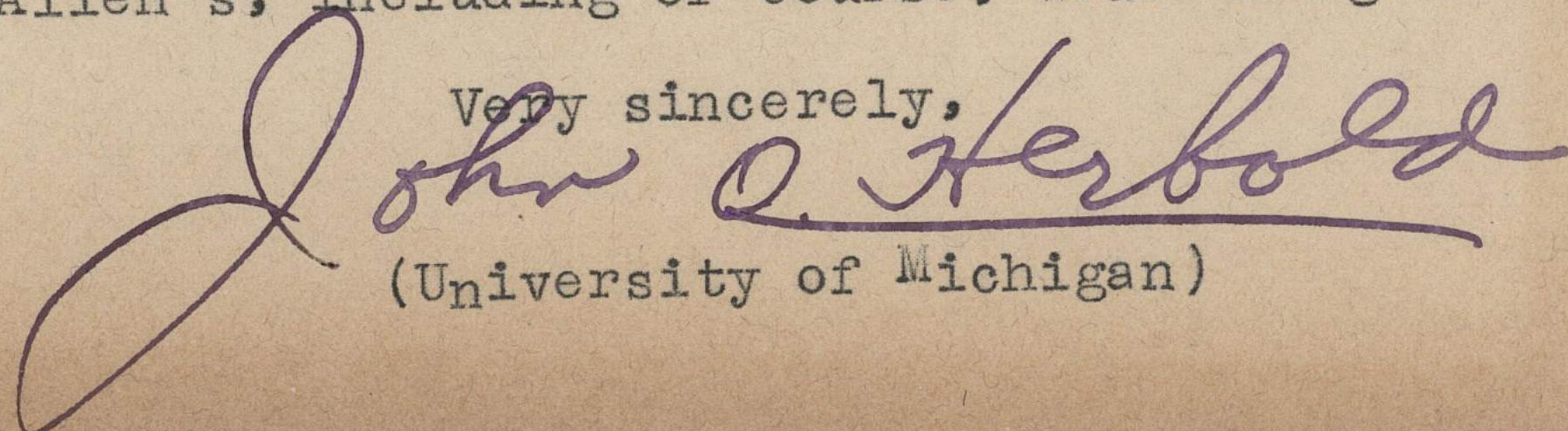
A sport writer here recently referred to many of the college players as "amateur professionals" as distinguished from the "professional professionals" of the National Football League.

When I see this riff-raff gambling element at all local sporting events-baseball, football, track, swimming, hockey, etc., I get disgusted; they are a loud, coarse, blatant, crooked bunch and care not a damn for real sport. Sooner or later, they will bribe players to throw games and then Good bye to sport.

More power to you and best wishes to you and yours, and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all the fearless Allen's, including of course, dear "Phog".

JOH/H.

Very sincerely,


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