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Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Dr. Allen:

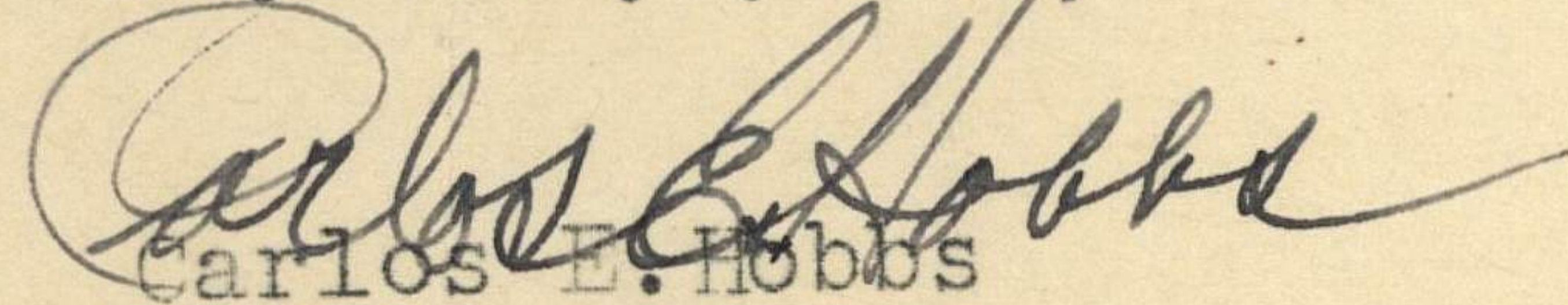
May I take this opportunity of congratulating you and your basketball men on a fine athletic achievement. I saw your game with Oklahoma, and despite the fact my wife and I sat in next to the back row of the first balcony I got a whale of a kick out of the contest. You understand, my seats were my own fault, since I waited until three weeks before the game to order them. That proved not soon enough, and they gave me the best available at that time.

You probably will recall I told you early in the season, by letter, that I was picking K.U. to win the Big Six title. I meant it, and your team did what I fully expected. It was a fine display of will to win, despite some handicaps thru illness.

I also would like to say a word about my opinion of Ray Evans, the player who, more than anyone else, in my opinion, brought the title to K.U. I regard that young man as exemplifying the qualities I like to see in a college athlete. He has ability, character, will to win, heart, sportsmanship and poise. I class him as one of the greatest athletes I have seen in Kansas in over ^{two} decades ^{of} sports writing.

Again, extending to yourself and to every member of the squad my congratulations, I am,

Very truly yours,



Carlos E. Hobbs
Sports Editor

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