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April 24, 1939.

Mr. C. E. McBride,
Sports Editor,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mac:

I found the reason why my car had disappeared. I parked at that location at a quarter of one to attend the meeting of the University of Kansas Memorial Corporation. There were no signs prohibiting a fellow parking there, but when we drove by I found later that the police had ordered a wrecker from down town to move all the cars. And I found my car down at the Buick.

Their practice is to have the cars towed to the firm that sells that type of car and then the firm calls you up and tells you where your car is.

The police had put up no signs whatsoever regarding parking and it was then a quarter of one so I felt like I had a perfect right to park there. In fact, the police never did put up a sign - they just had somebody tow in all the cars. This testifies that there are other cities besides Kansas City that do not always notify the public just what they do until after it is done. Anyhow, the towing charge was small and I felt relieved that I had a car, even though it caused me momentary concern.

I knew you would be wondering, hence this line.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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August 5, 1939.

Mr. C. E. McBride,
Sports Editor,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mac:

School is still going on and will be until August 9th, after which time I hope to be able to run in and have a conference with you concerning our committee's desire to stage the finals of the N. C. A. A. basketball championship. There are many things that I wish to discuss with you and I will get in touch with you after this above mentioned date, hoping that we can have that necessary get-together.

I sincerely hope that you and Helen are feeling well and that Helen is entirely recovered from her ailment that gave her so much pain and trouble.

By the way, I just received an autographed copy from Johnnie Bunn of his "Basketball Methods". I am much pleased with the autograph, but I am sending you the content of it - entirely confidential and not intended for anyone but you. Of course, I was pleased to read the preface on pages 7 and 8. He paid me a greater tribute there than I deserve, but it is pleasing to me nevertheless. He is working with a grand character in Dr. Thomas A. Storey, and I can see why John paid him the great tribute that he did.

I like this part of the preface: "If it were not for the inspiration and sound basic basketball knowledge which I received; if it were not for the encouraging support of my many friends during fair weather and foul and for the kicks in the back that I received from the few, which made me fight to show them how wrong they really were, the following pages could not have been written. To them all I humbly make acknowledgment and offer my thanks." That sounds exactly like Johnnie Bunn and proves him the fighter that he is.

And now I am sending you a copy of another epistle that is intended only for you. A few months ago at our coaches meeting, the Big Six made a schedule and Frank Root along with the other boys took his schedule home only to find that Mr. Ahearn thought it was an impossible schedule for Kansas State.

He asked all the other coaches to change their schedule so that the date would help him out, but all the other coaches were pretty well satisfied with their schedules and did not care to change. But Mike and the Kansas State boys have always been very nice to me and I said before the other five Big Six coaches, "Well, I find that I am in no better shape to accommodate Kansas State than are my contemporaries, but I will make this change for the good of Kansas State." It was after I had agreed to do this that Mike Ahearn wrote me this letter. I am just sending you this letter as further evidence that I am going along the way accommodating a fellow now and then and receiving occasionally a good word for such an act.

I like to accommodate people, but in my previous job I had several fellows who were taking cracks at me, not because I was doing any differently than I am now, but because they had an ax to grind. I would not want that position back, nor do I ever cry over spilled milk, yet I wanted you to know that I have the same feeling in my mind that John Bunn had when he wrote his preface.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 27, 1939.

Dr. C. H. McCloy,
Division of Physical Education,
State University of Iowa,
Iowa City, Iowa.

Dear Dr. McCloy:

This will acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 21st instant concerning Dr. Lapp.

May I state quite frankly to you that Dr. Lapp's beginning tenure here was quite unfortunate. There were a series of circumstances which a baseball player might describe as "having two strikes on him at the start".

Physical Education in this place was under rather unfavorable scrutiny from some quarters. It was the desire of the administrators that we obtain a teacher with a Ph. D. degree for Dr. Lapp's position. This was done.

When Dr. Lapp met his first classes he used the policy, as he explained to me later, that his brother at the University of Iowa used. I am told by Dr. Lapp that should any of the members of the class be a fraction of a minute late in entering they were met with stern reprimands and given no opportunity to make up the work they had missed by being late. I might say that the Germanic approach was used rather than the English style of appeasement.

We had some very brilliant women teachers who were expert, and while probably impatient to an unusual degree, their exactions exceeded what should normally be expected of a young teacher in Dr. Lapp's situation. These people had influential connections with the higher-ups in administration, and they were unhesitatingly free to make criticisms of shortcomings that Dr. Lapp quite frequently showed in his pedagogical training.

Dr. Lapp said, in substance, to one of his classes that he was having to review the material as they went along, and another time that he was having to use the students as guinea pigs, so to speak, to learn the subject. Now, I can understand thoroughly that it is necessary for a teacher to review, and to explore material that he might not be conversant with, but there were women students in that class of some maturity. These women students went to the women's department and protested to their teachers that they knew as much about the subject as their teacher did; in fact, some of them felt that they were not getting much from the course and told their superiors so.

In contrast to this, Dr. Elbel who had been here quite a few years, has a very quiet and friendly approach to the students, and it was as much by this contrast that these people were shocked and surprised. Dr. Naismith is a friendly congenial teacher. In fact, all the men in our department were quite accessible to approach, and personally I think Dr. Lapp is, but the students did not think so.

Last year a group of students rebelled, stating that they would not take a course if Dr. Lapp taught it. It was then necessary for me to call Dr. Lapp and Dr. Elbel in conference, and I reiterated some of the unpleasant incidents. Although Dr. Elbel was scheduled to teach this course, Dr. Lapp expected to teach it in the summer and it was agreed that he would take it over during the spring semester. I felt, and so expressed my opinion, that it would be better if Dr. Elbel should teach the course, which he did.

When Dr. Lapp came down to the University for an interview two years ago we had present in our conference Chancellor Lindley, Dean Schwegler, of the School of Education, Dean Stouffer, of the Graduate School, and myself. Dr. Lapp, in his short visit, impressed the committee as a young man very much in earnest, and who, by dint of hard work, would succeed. It was the consensus of opinion that he had a good mind.

Our University is run on the budgetary system. We have a budget committee which decides the expenditures and the hiring of personnel. That committee is comprised of the Chancellor's executive secretary as secretary of the committee, Dean Lawson of the College of Liberal Arts, Dean Stouffer of the Graduate School, and Dean F. T. Stockton, of the School of Business.

I am saying to you in the strictest confidence that after the first year of Dr. Lapp's tenure the budget committee, hearing of these unpleasant incidents, questioned me very definitely regarding his possible continuance here. They made a certain recommendation to the Chancellor. He wrote a letter to Dean Schwegler and sent a carbon copy to me, saying that unless there was a vast improvement Dr. Lapp would not be continued past the probationary period.

Dr. Lapp was hired for the summer session to teach some graduate study which was just inaugurated and one undergraduate course. Miss Dunkel, whom you met during last summer session, was teaching undergraduate work in the women's department and directing the recreation.

Referring to Chancellor Lindley's letter, may I say that before Dr. Lapp left Lawrence last summer I called him into my office and appraised him of the contents of the Chancellor's letter, although it was my opinion that it was Dean Schwegler's duty to inform him of this matter. However, Dean Schwegler had left Lawrence for his summer vacation and I did not want to be unfair to Dr. Lapp by withholding this information from him at the time. I recognized that in a situation like this the information should come to Dr. Lapp's

attention at the earliest possible moment so that he could fortify himself by certain resolves or activities that he might care to make.

You can see from this line of events, Dr. McCloy, that after the several conferences we had I did not consider that Dr. Lapp was making a "howling success" of his work. I understand that he has expressed himself that he was given to believe his work was highly satisfactory. If you should call two of your men, like Dr. Elbel and Dr. Lapp, into a conference and request that assignments be switched due to a mild insurrection on the part of the students, I am sure that you would consider that things weren't going along so well.

Personally, I am very fond of Dr. Lapp. He works like a Trojan when an assignment is given him. He has a lovely wife who has been a great source of help to him. In my opinion, had Dr. Lapp not had these unfortunate incidents confronting him when he first came I am very sure that it would have been possible for him to have worked into a permanent position here. Many mistakes are made by all of us. Some of us are fortunate enough to have the breaks in our favor. In this instance the breaks were against Dr. Lapp. Personally, I have felt that his second year has been a great improvement over his first. He has not had the unfortunate conflicts, and withal we have had a very pleasant year here.

May I say that his summer work was wholly satisfactory. It is my opinion that the summer school people are older and that Dr. Lapp is infinitely more successful with older people than he is with younger persons. I believe this is the reason for his greater success with graduate students.

Dr. Lapp has been exceptionally faithful in his research work and has done a fine job of it. I would recommend him without reservation as being very dependable, a hard worker, and under direction a fine member of the department. I am sending you a copy of some research work that was done in collaboration with Dr. Elbel and Dr. Lapp. You will see by this that I pay Dr. Lapp a very definite tribute.

Dr. McCloy, you were present at the conference on Physical Education which was held at the University here last summer on June 27. You doubtless remember Dr. Lapp being chairman of one of the conference meetings in the auditorium in which you spoke. I was impressed with Dr. Lapp's uncertainty and lack of confidence in handling the meeting. And then again when Dr. Lapp spoke from the platform on "Judging Efficiency in Physical Education" I thought that he was not at his best.

You will understand that a head of a department is always guided by his superiors, and the superiors in this case happen to be the personnel of the budget committee. Doubtless your school functions in the same fashion that ours does, namely that a person is brought here on probation. If the individual does not make decidedly good, the policy is not to continue his tenure.

I have been very frank with you in explaining every detail that contributed to the unfortunate situation. It is perfectly all right with me for you to consider this confidential, but if there is any part of the letter that you wish to use otherwise it is entirely agreeable with me.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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*Copy given
to D. Lipp*

THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY
DIVISION OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

April 21, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Department of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Wichita, Kansas

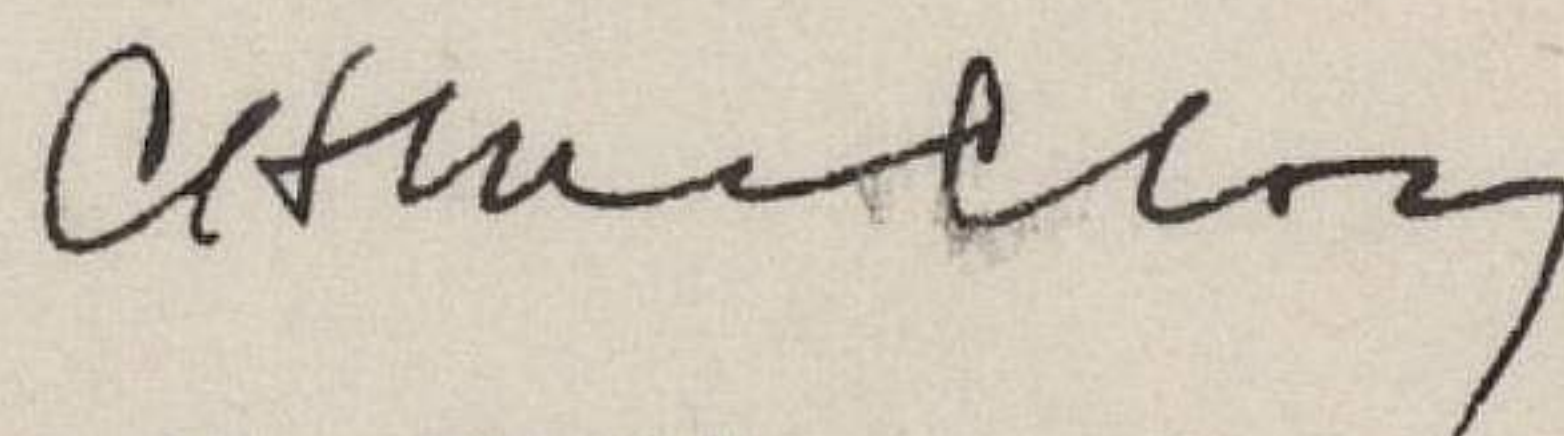
Dear Dr. Allen:

I should like to ask your cooperation in giving me information concerning Dr. Lapp. My understanding is that the University is discontinuing his services at the end of this semester.

We have considered Dr. Lapp one of the best minds we have turned out here and since I am quite sure of his character I should like very much to elicit your cooperation in telling me what the situation is which necessitates dropping him in this manner. This is not an attempt to void your action, but to inform ourselves what the circumstances are, in order that we may be most helpful to Dr. Lapp in the future.

I should very much appreciate your writing me fully and frankly and I shall be glad to hold this information confidential, if you so wish.

Sincerely yours,



C. H. McCloy
Director of Graduate Study in
Physical Education

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THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY
DIVISION OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

May 1, 1939

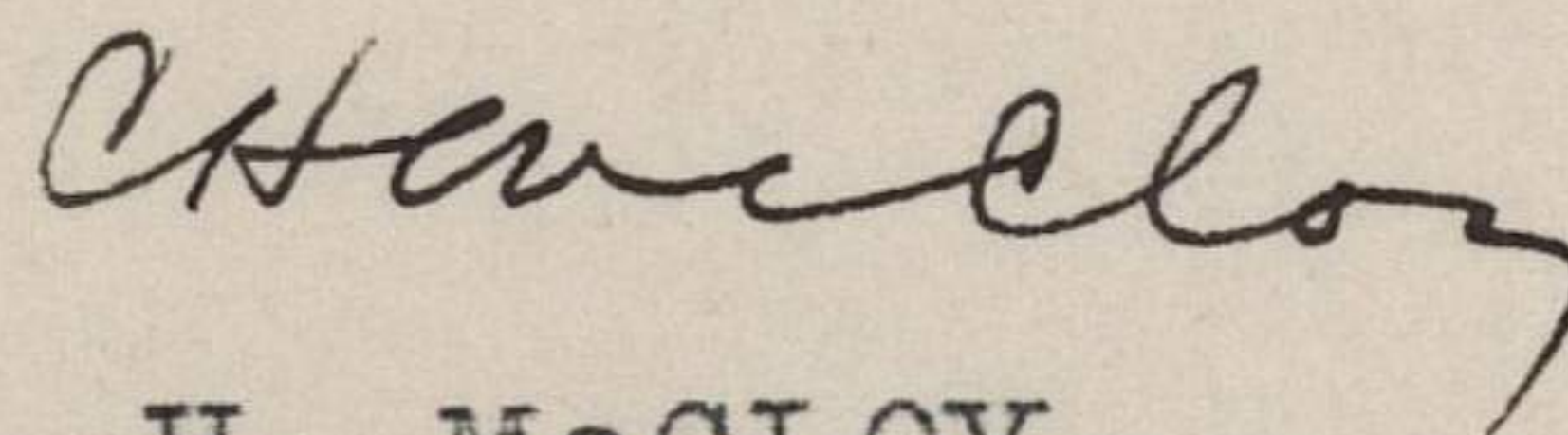
Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Department of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you very much for your
full and frank reply on Dr. Lapp.

Knowing Lapp I rather think
that these things will iron out readily
in his next position.

Yours sincerely,



C. H. McCLOY
Research Professor of
Anthropometry and
Physical Education

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Cheyenne, Wyo.,
Feb. 25, 1939

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am not answering the letter you wrote me on Nov. 4, 1938, as I am saving that until after this present Basketball season, I have been keeping our record and I have been so elated over our teams unusual success, that I want to tell you all about it at the end of the season, but I will have to tell you this much, as I am in trouble again. We have defeated all of the Denver Parochial League teams we have played and are entered in the Colorado State High School Catholic Basketball Tournament to be

held in Denver on March 11 and 12
and if we could be fortunate enough
to win that championship, we can
probably attend the national one in
Chicago. But here is where the rub
comes in, as you know, we have
a very small enrollment so our
team is composed of students in
the last three grades in High School
and there is a pretty large difference
between the first six men and
what reserves I have, in fact the
team is weakened considerably at
any time I substitute a player.
My son and Durante are our forwards
and against the four Denver teams
we have played and defeated they
have both scored 58 points apiece

I am telling you this to convey how anxious I am to keep both of them in the game next Friday night against St. Francis, Denver, and in the tournament. One week ago in starting home from a game in Laramie Durante was sitting in the front seat with the driver, who was driving east at the same rate of speed as the traffic ahead, when a slightly intoxicated student from the University, driving west tried to avoid being caught by a patrolman and swerved out of the west bound traffic head on into the car in which Durante was riding, throwing Durante forward into something, cutting a gash just over his right

eye, into the skull and left him unconscious for a long period, that is the only injury that he received and none of the other boys were even shaken up. I feel like I know this Durante thoroughly and I am sure that unless we can devise some head gear or pad for him to wear and thereby regain assurance, that he will not be worth a hoat to the team. The Doctor says that he got a hard knock but there isn't anything serious. So there, you know why I am running to you again. I know that merely putting tape on will not help any, and I have searched the catalogues for something. Here we have to order every thing by mail and I had a

terrible time trying to get a few pair of Kelly Knee pads, next year I am going to start early and get them for every boy out. I really hope Mr. Allen you can advise me about Durante, it is a bad break and I will have to make the best of it. I told him I was going to write you about it and it pleased him a lot.

The parish Athletic Committee informed me last Friday night that they were going to buy football equipment and start football this spring and next fall and that I was to be the coach. I tried to explain that fundamentals and formations have changed since I was in football, they pointed out that my success with

the Basketball team and always being staunch supporter of all athletics that it was up to me or no football, as they don't have the money to hire a coach as all of the money comes out of our own pockets, so I am right back to where I started in Basketball until I found your books and help, I am sure that I cannot get books that will help me with Football like yours did in Basketball, unless you know of some, or someone, I will need a lot of study on fundamentals and formations as I want to be sure the boys are started right, so the next coach will have some material if we can ever afford one

Thanks, Mr Allen for any
advise you can give me, and I
want you to know I appreciate it.

Very Respectfully Yours

Bert McDonald

1108 W 27th St.

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March 13, 1939.

Mr. Bert McDonald,
1108 West 27th Street,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Mr. McDonald:

In the absence of Dr. Allen, I am acknowledging receipt of your letter of February 25. Since your letter came Dr. Allen has found it necessary to be out of town much, and this together with arranging details of the N.C.A.A. basketball tournament, has caused him to delay writing you. At present he is in Oklahoma City attending the two day play-off of the Fifth District of the N.C.A.A.

I am sorry that Dr. Allen was unable to write you and give you advice regarding your player, Durante, before you played in Denver on March 11 and 12.

I am sure that Dr. Allen will want to write you a little later when his administrative and teaching duties have lessened somewhat.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen,

September 28, 1938.

Mr. C. E. McBride,
Sports Editor,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mac:

I want to thank you for the very unusual article that you wrote on the Kansas-Texas game in Monday morning's Times.

Of course, Mrs. Allen and I could read through the story the very kind reflection that you gave us. It is deeply appreciated, Mac. You never forget to plug for a friend when he needs it.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

September 7, 1938.

Mr. C. E. McBride, Sports Editor,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mac:

Last week I read an article in your Sporting Comment regarding Dr. Rufus B. von KleinSmid. As I read the article it occurred to me that you rather inferred that Dr. von KleinSmid was president of the institution in which Bill Spalding was the athletic director.

Now maybe I am wrong, and read it incorrectly. I do not have the copy before me, but Bill Spalding, as I understand, is athletic director at the University of California Southern Branch, which is located at Los Angeles, and Dr. von KleinSmid is president of the University of Southern California at Los Angeles.

I am always trying to help my friends, and maybe this time I am not helping, but anyhow I assure you that if I ever see any slight error and if I can be the means of conveying the proper and necessary information, I always want to hasten to do it.

Congratulations on Junior's wedding! The Missis and I want to get something appropriate and something that will be useful to the youngsters, so I presume we will charge Mrs. Allen with the duty of writing to find out just what pattern of silver they have and just what would fit into their scheme. I am wondering where they are living, and so forth, but I will find this out at the first chance I have to chew the fat with you.

I was in Kansas City Saturday at the coaches meeting, but missed you. Our basketball coaches had a meeting which consumed most of the morning. Then Talbott, of Elliott's, and I went out to the ball game. We decided on the spur of the moment, and I did not have a chance to get in touch with you. We saw a great Blues team lose to St. Paul. It was a game I really wanted to see them win the worst kind, but they just didn't have quite as much stuff as St. Paul did that day.

Immediately afterwards I rode home with Gwinn Henry, so I did not get a chance to visit with you, but I am still wanting to buy that spaghetti dinner for you.

I just got a post card from John Doyle this morning saying that he had not heard from you on that National Collegiate Basketball Tournament, but I wrote and told him how tied up you were with all the duties since some of your sport department help was cut down some.

You know, Mac, I have the worst trouble with my youngsters. Mit used to tell me how much he appreciated your kindness to him on the ball tickets, and Bob told me two or three days ago that he was going to write you and thank you, but these kids procrastinate worse than the old folks. Anyhow, I am hoping some day to have one that will really put his appreciative thoughts into words.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

October 3, 1938.

Manager,
Hotel McCourt,
McPherson, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I find that I failed to get a receipt voucher for our luncheon meals when we attended the meeting of the Kansas Health and Physical Education Association in McPherson last Saturday, October 1.

There were four of us and the meals were 65¢ with a 10¢ tip. I am enclosing a voucher statement for \$3.00 for which I will thank you to sign and return to me at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

November 14, 1938.

Mr. Jack H. McDonald,
Abstracter,
Fredonia, Kansas.

Dear Jack:

This will acknowledge receipt of your kind favor of the 8th instant. I am sorry, but the Big Six Conference prohibits any of the Big Six teams from playing on any court not under the immediate jurisdiction of one of the schools of the Big Six. This rule in the conference would prohibit our playing at Fredonia, much as we would like to.

But there is still another catch in the program this year. We have already arranged our 20 games which we are allotted for this year and there is no room left on our schedule for additional games.

There were a number of teams that had written me regarding their coming through this part of the country, but of course I did not know of your possible set up and I did not encourage them with games. However, if you would let me know about the time that you would like a game I will see what I can do by going through my files and endeavoring to locate someone for you. Most of the teams are barnstorming around the Christmas holidays, and I take it that that would not be a good time for you to promote such a venture.

As soon as I hear from you I will do the very best I can.

Give my kindest regards to Christine. I remember with great pleasure the visit I had in your lovely home.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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FREDONIA, KANSAS

November 8, 1938

Mr. F. C. Allen
Coach of Basketball
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Every year our town attempts to stage an outstanding basketball game between two well-known rival teams. Last year we booked the Healey's and Phillips of Bartlesville. It was quite a success from every angle. This year, if possible, we would like to have a college game.

Do you know of any available teams that would be barn-storming in this region? We are able and willing to pay a reasonable amount.

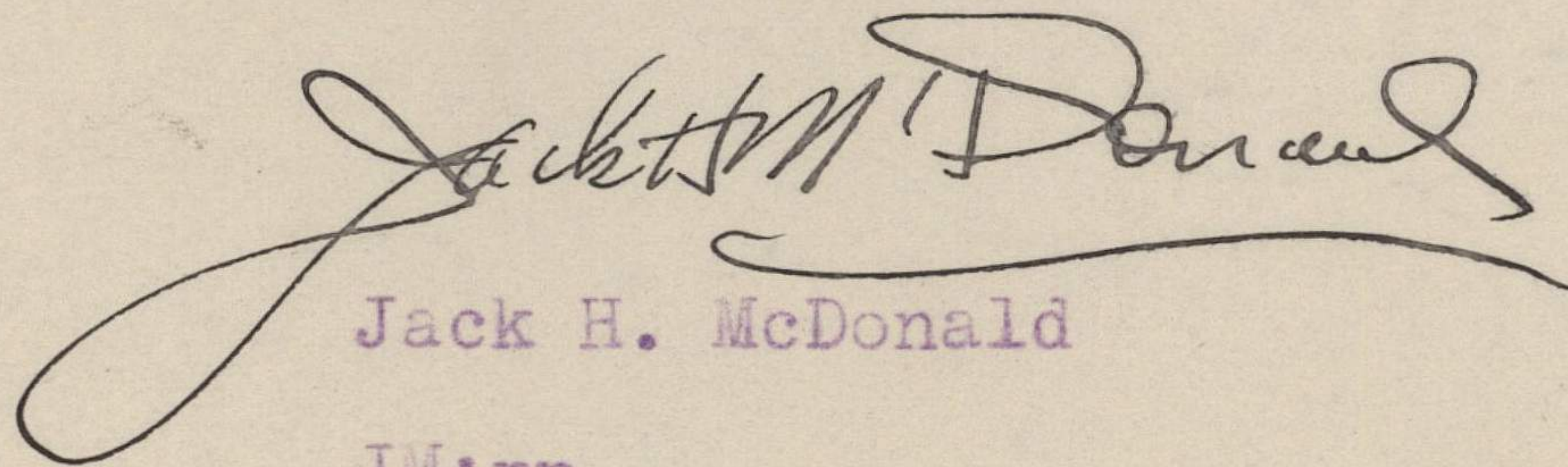
Naturally, the team we would like to have most is yours. Is there a possibility of this? If so, would you know of another barn-storming club that would be suitable? It would do Kansas University lots of good if they would appear.

Kindly advise us in this matter at your earliest convenience.

I trust that you will have a very successful season and feel sure that the championship will be in Lawrence for another year.

Christine sends her kindest regards.

Very respectfully



Jack H. McDonald

JM:rn



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr Farrest "Phog" Allen
Dir of Ath - Univ of Kan
Lawrence Kansas

Dear Dr Allen:
Please send
me formula
for curing
Athlete's foot.
Will certainly
appreciate it
Best wishes for
your continued
success.

N.A. McDonald
Dir of Athletics
Kasse High School
Kasse Texas

November 28, 1938.

Mr. Jack H. McDonald,
Fredonia, Kansas.

Dear Jack:

Answering your recent letter, I find that in looking over my files it is difficult to get some traveling college team that would come for \$100.00. You can get these independent groups a lot cheaper than you can the college boys, because these fellows are from other states and they generally expect \$200, and sometimes \$300 guarantee.

They do not play as many games nor are they subsidized in the matter of expenses like the teams that represent a commercial outfit. Why don't you try to promote Southwestern College and Warrensburg Teachers, or Pittsburg Teachers and Southwestern, or Pittsburg and Warrensburg?

Some of these teams around your section of the country could be had for a lot less than teams coming from another state.

Again, I believe that you would do mighty well to try the Phillips team and some other independent team as they will play a lot cheaper than college teams will. I would not want to encourage you on out-of-state college teams as they always ask more money than you can afford to pay. However, if I hear of any itinerant teams coming your way I will certainly advise you and let you get in touch with them.

A lot of these college teams want to play from the Christmas holidays on to the second of January. I am wondering if that would be a good time for you, in case I should hear of some team.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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FREDONIA, KANSAS

November 15, 1938

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

Dear Phog:

We would be able to handle a game any night excepting that of a Saturday after the 10th of December.

It certainly will be appreciated if a game can be arranged. Any expenses that you incur in obtaining the same, kindly inform me and I will remit you at once.

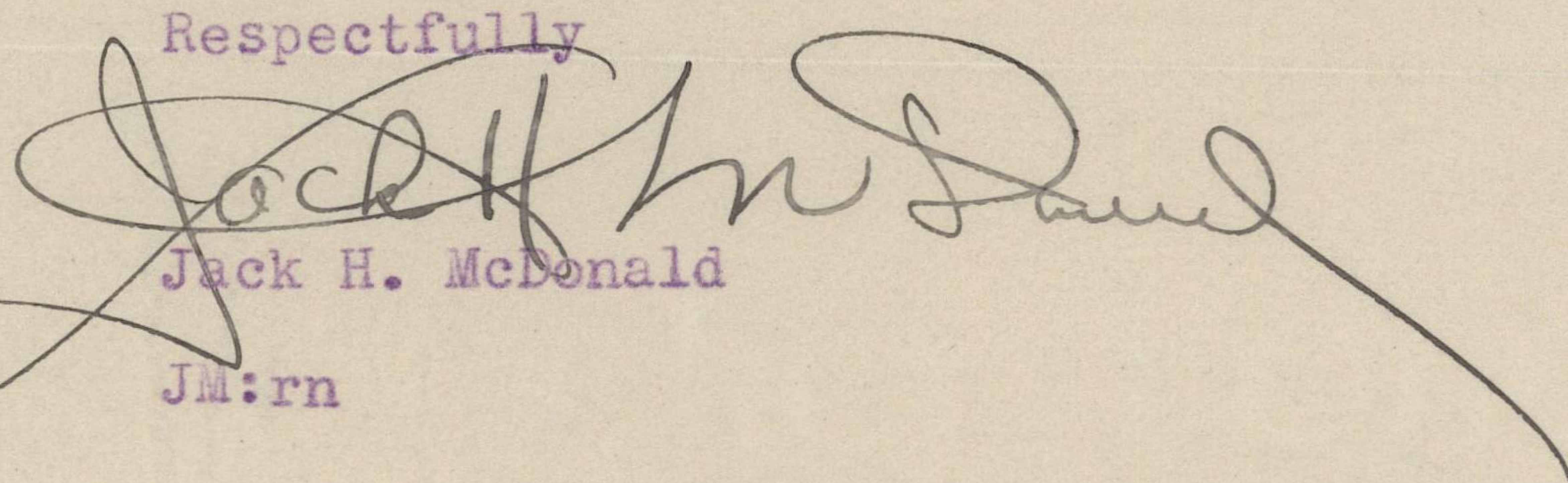
Last year, we paid \$100.00 per club. We would like to obtain a team for around this figure, if possible.

We do not attempt to get rich in one night but our object is to promote basket ball and give the local fans good entertainment.

Kindly advise me of any further details.

I remain,

Respectfully


Jack H. McDonald

JM:rn

December 29, 1938.

Mr. William McKinley,
6433 Main Street,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Bill:

I just wanted to let you know that the boys are back at the University for basketball practice, and any time that you can come over we will be glad to have you with us. I have remembered that I did not tell you before the Christmas holidays just what day I would ask the boys to come back.

I trust that you have enjoyed your Christmas holidays.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.