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March 10, 1941

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

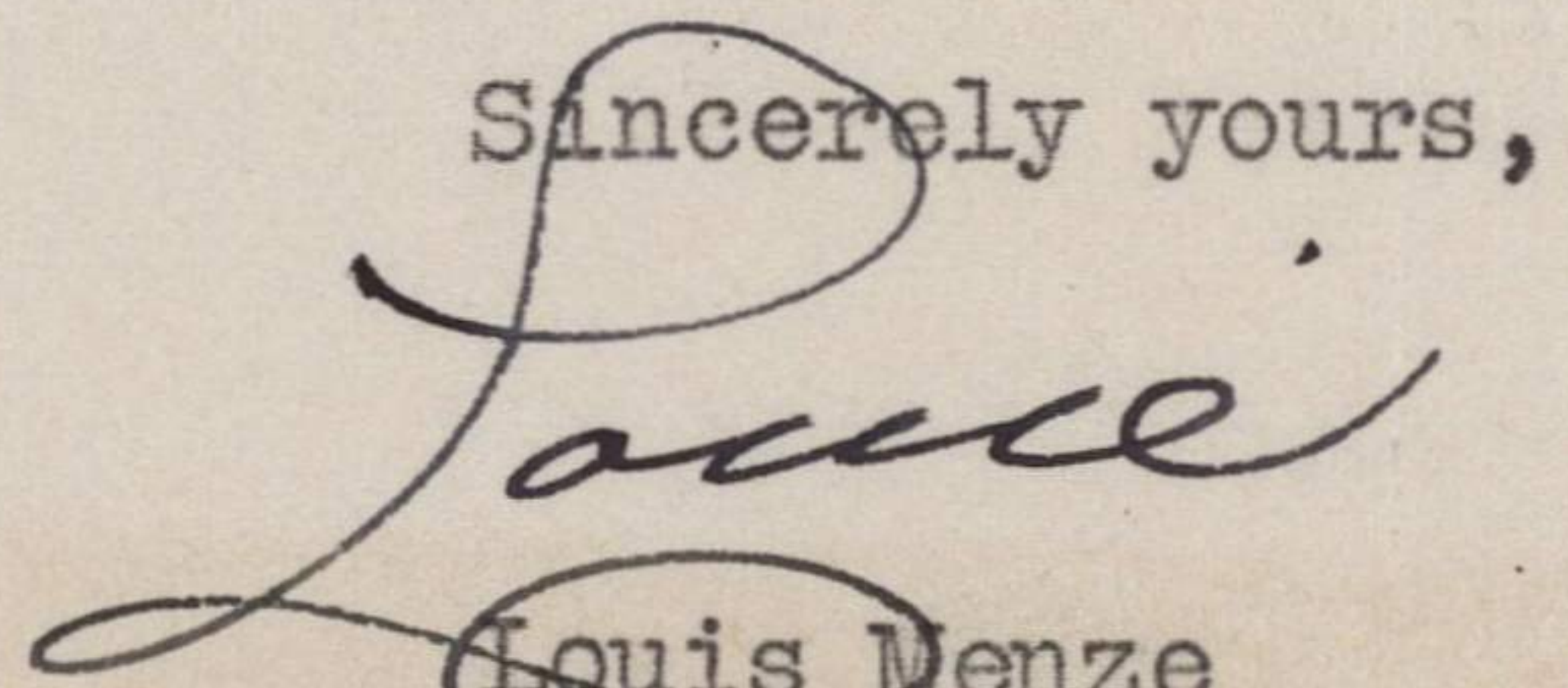
Dear Doc:

Thanks very much for your nice telegram.

I don't know whether or not we have the best team, but I am convinced of one thing; that you carried your team the farthest on the least material. I am not saying that just to salve somebody, I really mean it.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Louis Menze  
Basketball Coach

LM:EC



March 10, 1941

Mr. Waldo Miller, Principal  
Sabetha Junior High School  
Sabetha, Kansas

Dear Principal Miller:

I am very happy to have your letter of the 8th instant telling me that Mr. Glenn Sewell, together with Mr. Harvey Haines, Jordan Haines and you will be down for our Oklahoma Aggie-Kansas game on Tuesday night.

You may not catch me in the office in the afternoon so I would suggest that you bring your group on the playing floor immediately after our ball game. It will be a pleasure to greet you and the rest of your group at that time.

I wish to congratulate Jordan on being captain of his Junior High School Basketball Team.

Awaiting the pleasure of seeing you and your citizens of Sabetha, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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**SABETHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**SABETHA, KANSAS**

Office of Principal

March 8, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Mr. Glen Sewell of this city is planning to come to Lawrence to visit his son next Tuesday evening, March 11. He is making the trip on this date in order to see your basketball game with Oklahoma A & M. Through his son he has obtained tickets for the game and among others has invited Mr. Harvey Haines and me to accompany him to the game. Included in the group will be Jordan Haines, son of Harvey Haines, and captain of my junior high basketball team this season. Jordan is very thrilled about the entire affair and I hope there will be a minute or two after the game when we **might** see you. I know you will be very busy and whether we are able to see you or not, everything will be entirely satisfactory. I am writing to you only to inform you of our attendance at the game and that you may expect to see us on the campus at some time.

I wish you the greatest of success in your game. With best wishes I remain,

Sincerely yours,  
*Waldo Miller*  
Waldo Miller, Prin.  
Sabetha Junior High





ARMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY  
WEST POINT, NEW YORK

March 10, 1941

Mr. Forrest C. Allen,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen:

When we built the booths in our field house for basketball, they were built according to a plan which Col. Hibbs explained to his workmen right out of his mind without drawing up any specifications on paper.

Since receiving your request Col. Hibbs has detailed someone to make a sketch with dimensions.

As soon as this is completed I shall have a copy sent to you.

Sincerely yours,

*E. J. Messinger*

E. J. Messinger,  
Captain, Infantry,  
Officer in Charge of Basketball.



March 5, 1941

Capt. Ed. Messenger  
Officer in Charge of Basketball  
U.S. Military Academy  
West Point, New York

Dear Capt. Messenger:

I was tremendously interested in your new wooden booths which you constructed for your two competing teams and your officials.

It is my opinion that you have done something that should be copied by every administrative officer in charge of basketball. You separate the players and officials from the crowd. This is a very progressive step and I am proposing that our conference inaugurate such a measure. Therefore, I would appreciate it very much if you would send me either the blueprints, specifications or sketch of your arrangement, giving height, width and space allotted to each team and officials group.

I would appreciate this information at your convenience. We have a meeting of our Big-Six basketball coaches in Kansas City on March 22, and I should like to have this far enough in advance so that I could send each one of them a copy of your sketch. This will enable them to study the same with the view of recommending it to their respective Athletic Boards and they in turn can install it in their fieldhouses.

I would especially like to be remembered to Col. L.E. Hibbs, Major O.K. Niess and Mr. Rowland Logan.

We remember our trip with unbounded pleasure and gratitude.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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March 13, 1941

Mr. Marion H. Miller  
Editor, The Coach  
1511 Baltimore Avenue  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Marion:

I notice on the second page of "The Coach" under the item "N. C. A. A. Cage Finals March 29th" that the following statement is made: "last year's finalists, Indiana University and San Diego State, played to a capacity crowd in a modern setting that was pleasing to all."

I thought Indiana played Kansas, and a week previous to that Tarkio College played San Diego State.

Right?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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March 17, 1941

Mr. Louis L. Menze  
Coach of Iowa State Basketball Team  
c/o Eugene Zachman  
Municipal Auditorium  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Louie:

I will be unable to see your game with Creighton Tuesday evening in the Municipal Auditorium because I had some four months ago arranged to speak at a Teacher and Board of Education banquet at Ottawa.

It was I who arranged with Eugene Zachman this date of Tuesday, March 18 some six or eight months ago, so you can see that I arranged the game with Gene but I was not expecting to be there.

However, I do want you to know, Louie, that I will sincerely be pulling for you for a win over Eddie Hickey. Eddie is a fine boy but my loyalty to you and the Big-Six is paramount.

Please extend to your boys my best wishes for their success. I will be anxious to hear what you do to them.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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March 18, 1941

Mr. Roy Moore  
Chillicothe Business College  
Chillicothe, Missouri

Dear Mr. Moore:

I want to thank you for your extreme kindness in presenting me with a bushel of those wonderful Jonathan apples.

I not only thoroughly enjoyed the contacts of your college and its people, but the Allen family have been feasting on those wonderful apples and I could not let another day pass without showing our appreciation.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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March 18, 1941

Mr. Arthur Morse  
10 South La Salle Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Morse:

I have just returned to my office from a trip out west and I am answering your letter at the first possible date.

Thank you for your congratulations. I will not be in New York for the National Association of Basketball Coaches convention. I am coaching the varsity baseball team and in addition, I have the administration of the Department of Physical Education to handle, so I will pass up the New York trek this time.

We are arranging our Big Six basketball schedule on Saturday morning, March 22nd. After that I can tell more about our dates. I read your plan and I think it has possibilities. You doubtless know that our Big Six conference bars any college tournament dates outside of the N.C.A.A. That is, if they are played off of the home floor.

I think your plan to start February 23rd or thereabouts is a good idea, although most college conferences do not finish until about the first week in March. There are, however, enough independent teams that you can build up with publicity to draw a great crowd. The college teams are the ones that are going to draw in these tournaments, and we will have more of them regardless of what the Big Six and Big Ten do regarding the outlawing of such tournaments. There are many more schools that will permit their teams to enter tournaments such as yours than there are schools that will prohibit it.

Chicago should be a great place to put on such a tournament, and I believe that with your location and power of publicity, you should do a good job.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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LAW OFFICES OF  
**ARTHUR MORSE**

SUITE 1624 OTIS BUILDING  
10 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET, CHICAGO  
TELEPHONE STATE 0434

March 10th, 1941.

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Greetings to you! I presume that I will see you at the convention in New York but I thought that I might make a tentative arrangement with you for next year prior to the convention. I have the following dates in mind for our program in Chicago; starting Saturday, December 20th, we will play every Saturday night up to and including the 14th day of February, 1942, with a lapse of one week. Starting February 23rd or thereabouts we intend to conduct an East-West basketball tournament scheduled so as not to interfere with NCAA or any other collegiate tournament. The object will be to pick two teams to represent the West against two teams to represent the East, in what we hope will become an annual affair in Chicago. *then*

I know I can count on your cooperation but I really want more than that, I want your advice. I have not asked anyone but you for advice because in my opinion you're the one man who is best qualified to render suggestions regarding the advancement and progress of our great game.

Hoping to hear from you with the next few days, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

*Arthur Morse*

AM:DP



March 18, 1941

Mr. Cal Morrow  
1200 Land Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Cal:

Your letter written to me when you were enroute to New Orleans on March 5 has been received.

I am sorry that I have nothing to do with the N.C.A.A. Tournament this year, but I am writing to Mr. Eugene Zachman, Manager of the Municipal Auditorium, asking him to save you four box seats for the N.C.A.A. games on the 21st and 22nd, and also four for the 29th. If you will call at the Municipal Auditorium I am very sure that you can depend on Mr. Zachman getting you the very best seats in the house.

I do not know the prices, but if you will give the ticket office a ring at the Auditorium, I am sure they will take care of you.

I am very happy that we are not in the Kansas City Tournament because our team is not geared for that sort of competition. Of course, they did fight their hearts out, but when you see those boys on the 21st and 22nd you will understand why we have no business being in that Tournament.

With kindest regards to you and Lillian, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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cc. Mr. Zachman





Southern Belle  
En Route

March 5, 1941

Mr. Forrest C. Allen  
Lawrence, Kansas.

My Dear "Phog":

Lillian + I are  
on our way to  
New Orleans for  
about 10 days +  
won't get to see your  
boys beat Oklahoma  
& the Okla. Aggie.

We are sorry to miss  
those games!



Will you do me  
a favor, please?

I would like 4  
box seats for the  
N.C. A.A. games on  
the 21st, 22nd &  
29th. and would  
appreciate your  
getting them for me.  
If you will do so  
& let me know  
the cost I will send  
you a check as soon



as I return to K.C.

Good luck to you  
& your boys. We  
expect to see you at  
K.C. in the tournament.

This is a fact,  
rough train.

Very sincerely yours

Cal Mearns,

1200 Land Bank Bldg.  
K.C. Mo.



*Minstrel Show*

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
Physical Education Department  
Lawrence, Kansas

To Members of the University Faculty:

The Beta Sigma Phi's, a women's professional and study club of Lawrence, Kansas, is sponsoring the "Home Town Minstrels" on March 13 and 14 at the Jayhawker Theater. The time is 8:15 P.M. and the Grand Finale takes place at 10:30 P.M. The Hill will be placarded for this worthwhile event.

The entire net proceeds of these two splendid attractions will be used to benefit the local crippled children's fund. All first floor seats at the Jayhawker Theater are 75¢, as are the seats in the center balcony. The side balcony seats sell for 50¢.

The writer has been asked to serve as chairman of the ticket sales committee at the University among the University faculty. It has been further asked that we give Mrs. Irma Anderson, the chairman of the ticket sales committee, an approximate idea of the number of tickets that we will need on Mount Oread.

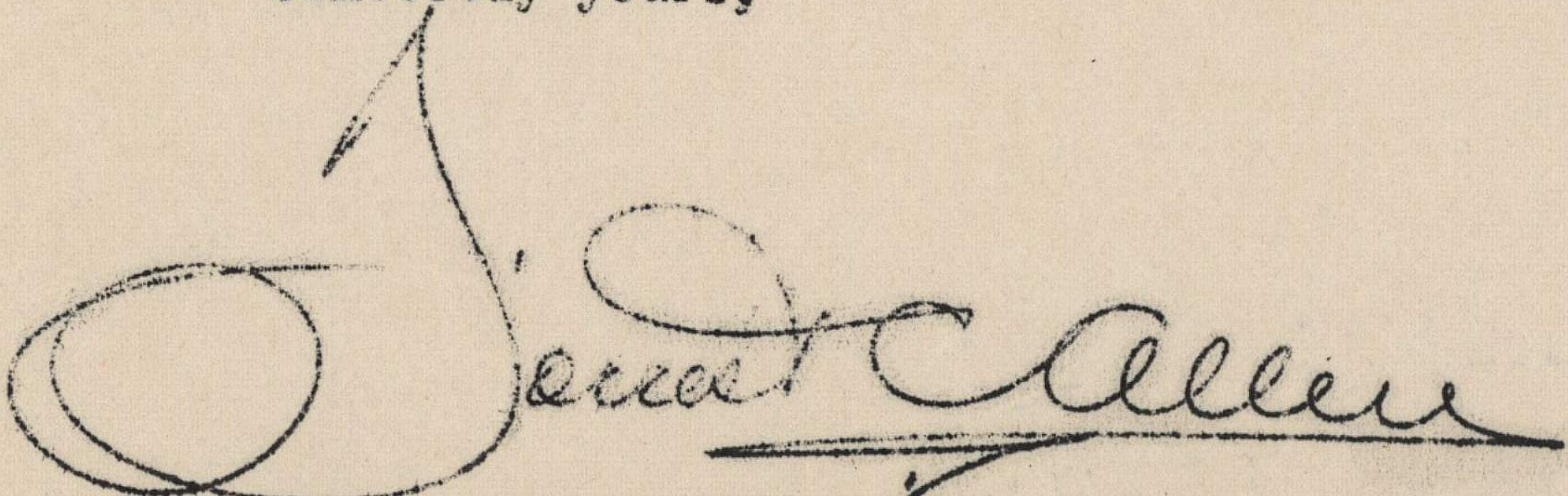
To expedite matters this letter is being sent you apprising you of this splendid attraction, and it would be much appreciated if you would phone our office, K.U. 83, and notify Miss Laretta Gerstenberger as to the number of tickets that you will desire. She will in turn notify Mrs. Anderson. It will be necessary for you to reserve your own seats.

There is an excellent chorus of 40 men in this cast and every report regarding their performance is not only flattering but positively ear-tingling. When 40 of the best male voices get together it should be a sight for sore eyes and a tonic for the tympanic membrane. You will more than get your money's worth and you will do a good deed for handicapped youngsters.

Upon receipt of this communication will you kindly reach for the telephone and call K.U. 83 and give us the number of tickets that you desire.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Chairman, University Ticket Sales Committee  
Home Town Minstrels for Local  
Crippled Children's Fund



March 20, 1941

Dean Fred J. Moreau  
School of Law  
University of Kansas

Dear Fred:

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in sending me Bud Foster's Basketball Letter.

This is very interesting and I know that Harold Foster was mighty happy to get this championship because the wolves were yipping at his pant leg, pretty close to the shins, you know. The grapevine had it that unless Bud came up with something that there might be a new face on the campus at Madison.

Bud is a fine fellow and I am tickled to death he came through in such a pleasing fashion. Of course, we want to see him in Kansas City and I hope he emerges the victor. In my opinion he should because he is playing on his home lot which ought to be good for eight or ten points.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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March 31, 1941

Mr. John H. Mize  
Blish, Mize, & Silliman Hardware Co.  
Atchison, Kansas

Dear John:

This will acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 28th instant in which you desire to order a duplicate celluloid "K" card.

If you will kindly mail Mr. Earl Falkenstien \$1.00 for the duplicate "K" card, Mr. Falkenstien will have the card issued and mailed to you. This price of \$1.00 is for duplicates.

I am mighty happy to hear from you and trust that everything is going along in your usual successful way.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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ATCHISON, KANSAS

March 28, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Will it be possible for me to obtain a duplicate celluloid "K" card? This was issued to me in 1930 and about thirty days ago I lost my billfold and this card was one among several others which I have not been able to find.

If there is any cost involved I will be glad to pay for the duplicate.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

JHM:MH

John H. Mize

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April 2, 1941

Capt. E. J. Messinger  
Officer in Charge of Basketball  
United States Military Academy  
West Point, New York

Dear Capt. Messinger:

Thank you for the sketch showing the players  
and officials booths at the Military Academy.

I appreciate your time and efforts in sending  
this information to me.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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ARMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY  
WEST POINT, NEW YORK

March 20, 1941.

Mr. Forrest C. Allen,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen:

This sketch was turned over to me to-day. I hope it will reach you in time to present it to your conference.

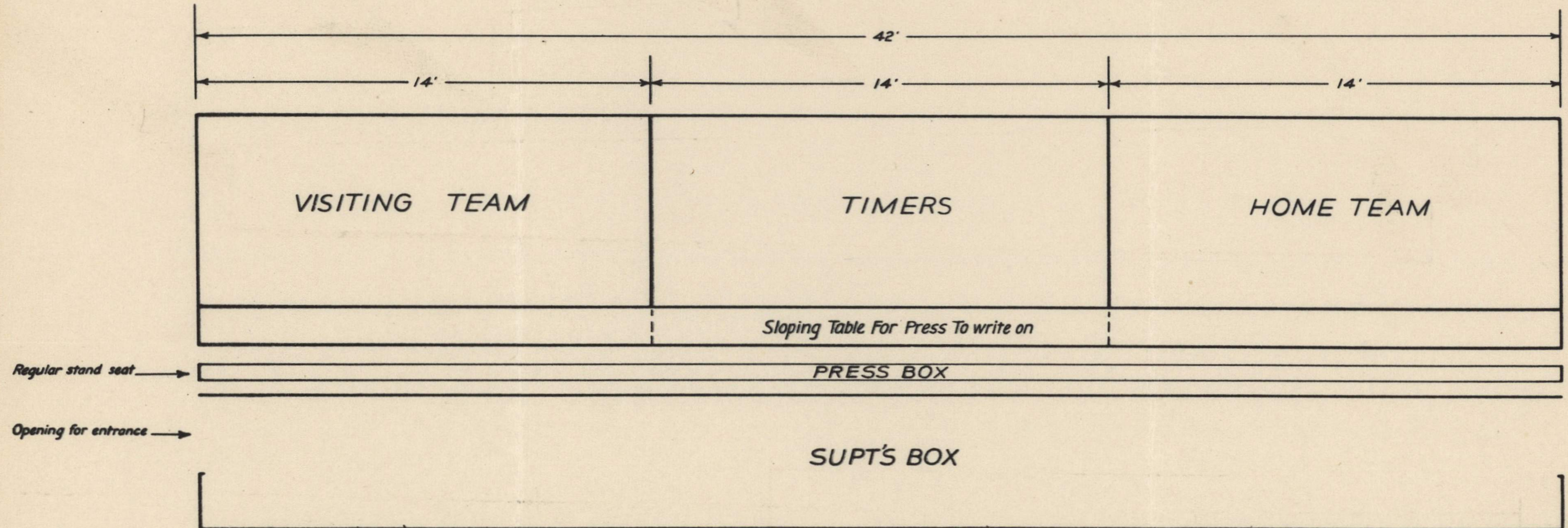
Sincerely yours,

*E. J. Messinger*

E. J. Messinger,  
Captain, Infantry,  
Officer in Charge of Basketball.



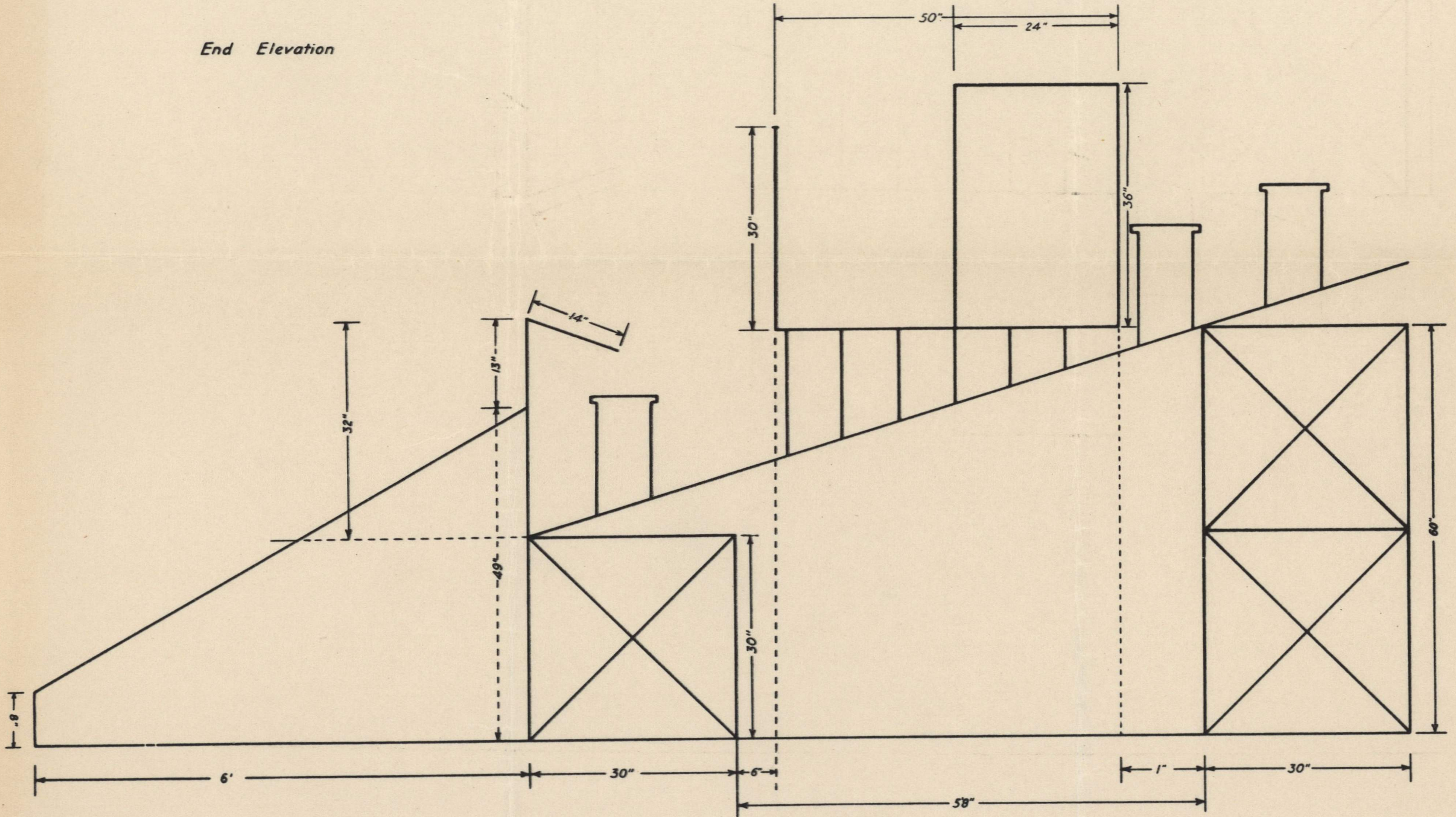
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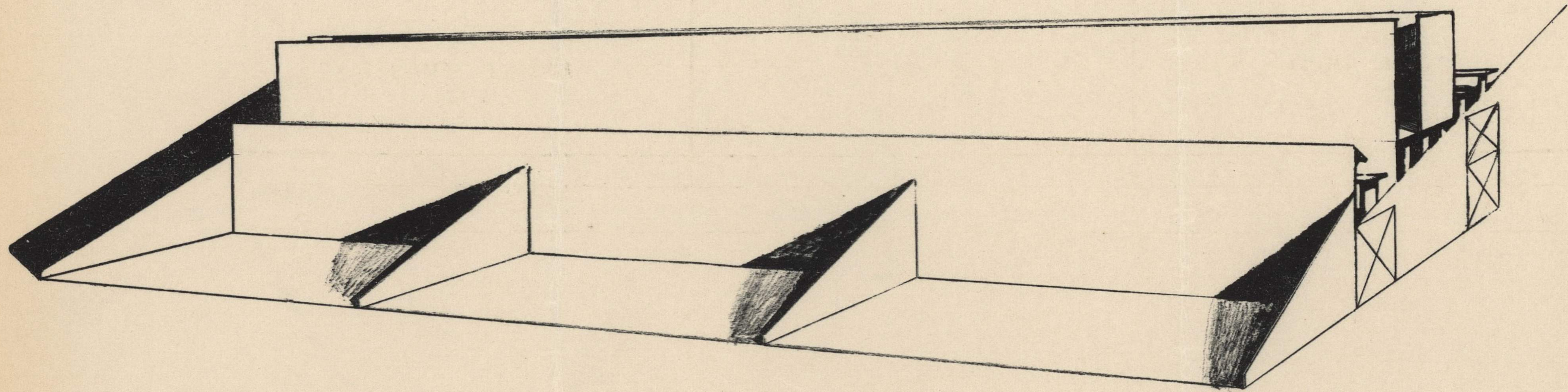
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April 3, 1941

Mr. Dan A. Mangan  
Box #1993  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Mangan:

I thank you for your very good letter of March 28 making inquiry concerning the gate receipts and attendance at basketball games.

I am not sure just how the gate receipts compare, but there are between 80 and 100 millions attending basketball games in a single year. Of course, the price is much less than for football games, and, it is my opinion that football would probably show a larger monetary income.

There are between 18 and 20 millions playing basketball in the world, and more people attend basketball games than any other sport.

About 40 millions attend football, 60 millions attend baseball, and between 80 and 100 millions attend basketball games. I trust this gives you the information you desire.

Thank you for your very kind remarks, and, with best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach



Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
March 28, 1941

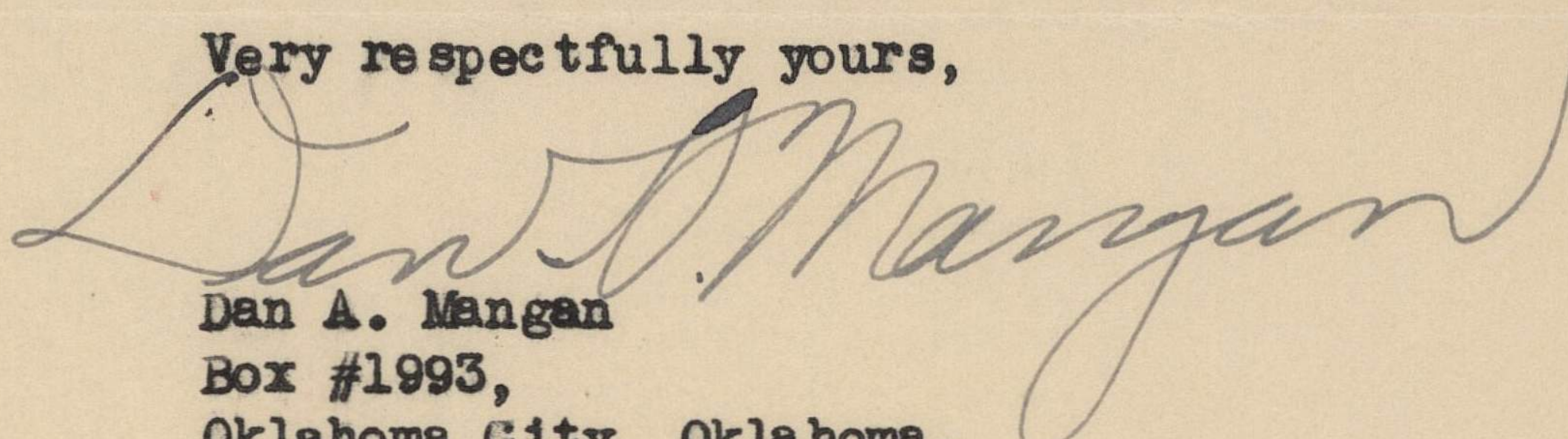
Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
Director of Athletics,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

It is my understanding that you have written articles in nationally circulated periodicals anent the subject of sports, concerning which you are irrefutably recognized to have conspicuously distinguished yourself as an eminent authority, particularly as regards the sport of basketball. May I say here in veracious tribute to you, that the records of your teams through the scene of previous years certainly redound to your own credit.

Dr. Allen, if the presumption is not misplaced, I should like very much to hear from you in regard to this question: Is it not true, from a monetary and attendance point of view, that basketball surpasses any other sports?

Very respectfully yours,

  
Dan A. Mangan  
Box #1993,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



May 9, 1941

Mrs. Alva Blake Mulvany  
Independence, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Mulvany:

Mrs. Allen and I received the announcement of the wedding of our little girl, as I knew her, Agnes Elizabeth Brady, to Mr. James Madison Smart, on Saturday, the 24th of May, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Saint Stephen's Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

It so happens that I am coaching the baseball team and we're playing Kansas State College on that date. I regret that it will be impossible to be present, and, since I'll be driving the Allen family car to coach the boys, I'm afraid Mrs. Allen will be unable to attend.

However, we do wish to know Agnes' silver pattern so that we may have the pleasure of contributing to her silver chest. Won't you write me at your earliest convenience and let me know?

And do congratulate the young lady for us and tell her that we're wishing for her all the health, happiness, and prosperity in the world.

With kindest regards to you and yours, I am,

Sincerely yours,

FGA:rc:mln

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach