

January 18, 1939.

Mr. T. R. Monroe,  
Portis, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Monroe:

I have not closed definitely for a commencement date the 17th of May, but I have a tentative date that might cause a conflict.

Frankly, I feel very reticent about suggesting any sort of a charge, but the fact of the matter is that the state does not provide any traveling expense allowance for us faculty members when we tour the state. It is necessary that we drive our own private car, and I find that you cannot break even on driving a Buick at 5¢ a mile. This is the lowest minimum that a person can drive a car.

I find that it is 232 miles to Portis. That would make a total of 464 miles, and at 5¢ a mile would amount to \$23.20. Then there would be, of necessity, some expenses for eats and some place to stop, so it seems like the expense is prohibitive. I do not believe that you people, with all the bad luck that you have had, could stand a traveling charge of that nature.

I have generally received an honorarium of \$25.00 and traveling expenses for commencement dates in the state. With all the hard luck that you people have had out there, I would be willing to come for my traveling expenses plus the \$20.00 fee, and out of that I would pay my hotel and meals. When you allow for punctures and road trouble this would not leave a fellow much on the right side of the ledger.

Please feel perfectly free to turn this down if this would embarrass you in the least financially. The rest of the week I am required to be at Ames, Iowa, for a Big Six meeting on the 19th and 20th of May, so if this arrangement should not strike a responsive chord with you please rest assured that it would inconvenience me in no way.



I would be delighted to see Mr. Kissell and some of my other good friends in Portis, but sometimes we have to postpone these pleasure when situations make our coming prohibitive.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



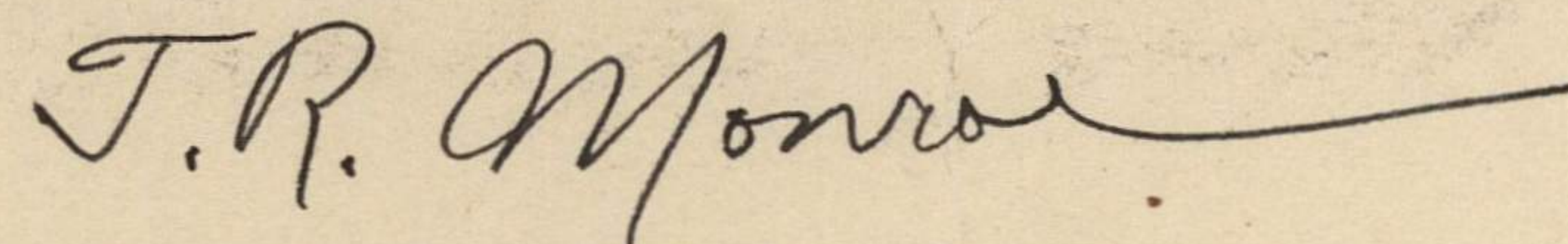
Portis, Kansas.  
Jan. 16, 1939.

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

Dear Sir:

Do you have the 17th of May open on your commencement speaking schedule? What are your charges for coming to this part of the State? If you are still available on this date I shall let you know definitely with in a few days after receiving your reply.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "F. R. Monroe". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

F. R. Monroe



Thanks for your good wishes, Everett. It will be a  
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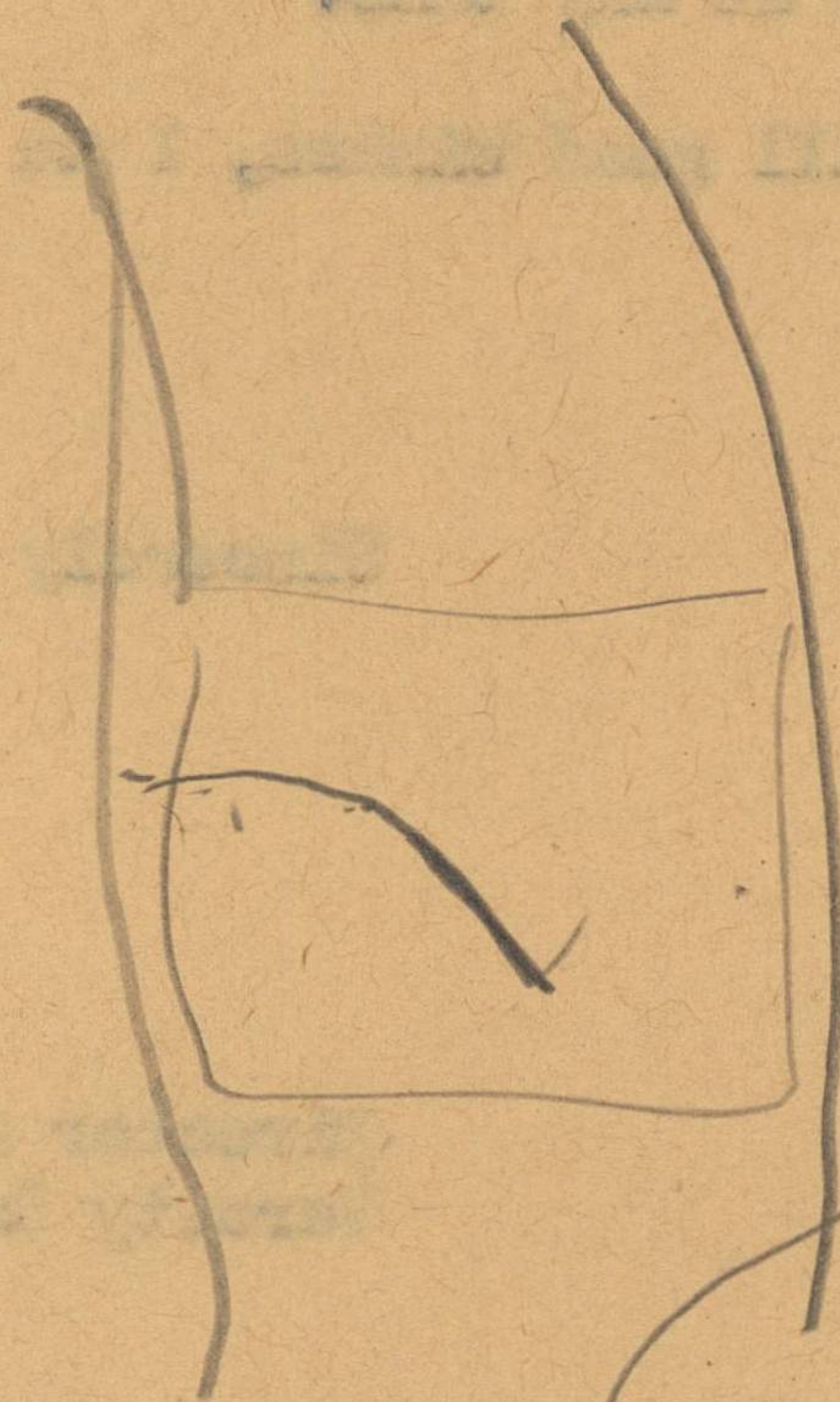
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I know that conference permission will have to be obtained, but since Oklahoma got permission for the Orange Bowl football game I don't see how any objections can be raised to your availing yourselves of an opportunity to do something for Big Six basketball and Kansas University. I don't know whether you realize it or not, but the Big Six is virtually the only major conference or basketball district in the country that never has been represented on a New York court. I think that this state of affairs should be remedied.

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While I am at it, I am going to impose upon your good nature to ask about other teams out your way. How does Oklahoma A. & M. compare with its 1937-38 team? What sort of a record does Warrensburg State Teachers of Missouri have and is it a club that could stand up in major competition? This may be out of your range of vision and information, but do you know anything about Texas University in the Southwestern Conference?




2-Dr. Allen

You have plenty of troubles to keep you busy these days, I know, but I would appreciate it deeply, Phog, if you could scribble off a reply at your earliest convenience. You can appreciate how important the time element is in this tournament set-up. We are trying to run another high-class tournament without interfering with the N.C.A.A. project. Ours will be so compact that it will require a minimum of time away from classes, it will guarantee full expenses to participating teams and give them an opportunity to share in the net profits. If you want any first hand information on the way we do things, I refer you to Hank Iba at Oklahoma A. & M. and A.J. Robertson of Bradley and your old pupil, Frosty Cox of Colorado.

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*E. Morris*





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Sports Department,  
New York Herald Tribune,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Everett:

I am very happy to have your letter of the 27th ultimo. I feel complimented that a newspaper man would take time off from pounding the typewriter and from making his rounds so that he would have time to write me such a lengthy epistle.

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### Officials Consider New Back Board

"Phog" Allen, University of Kansas basketball coach, demonstrates the new convex-surfaced back board which is being considered by basketball rules committees. Yes, it should make the game more difficult.

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLUMBUS

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
L. W. ST. JOHN, *Director*

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*From Dr Allen*  
5/20/39



Ralph Miller  
Chanute High School  
Basketball Record

	1934-35		1935-36		1936-37
Frontenac-	35	Erie-	17	Cherryvale-	25
Fall River-	23	Winfield-	9	Pittsburg-	21
Ottawa-	14	Pittsburg-	18	Leavenworth-	13
Erie-	13	Lawrence-	17	Lawrence-	13
Iola-	16	Coffeyville-	20	Wyandotte-	22
Columbus-	20	Iola-	30	Fredonia-	13
Fort Scott-	21	Yates Center-	24	Columbus-	24
Pittsburg-	8	Columbus-	17	Iola-	31
Parsons-	14	Fort Scott-	18	Fort Scott-	17
Coffeyville-	13	Pittsburg-	13	Pittsburg-	16
Erie-	11	Iola-	42	Parsons-	8
Fredonia-	22	Parsons-	12	Eureka-	21
Independence-	24	Coffeyville-	12	Coffeyville-	17
Iola-	15	Erie-	20	Iola-	30
Garnett-	31	Fredonia-	14	Newton-	11
Yates Center-	9	(Out of next four		Eureka-	37
Regional Tournament		games because of an		Independence-	32
Madison-	27	infected elbow)		Cherryvale-	29
Iola-	14	Emporia-	9	Emporia-	31
Pittsburg-	24	Regional Tournament		Regional Tournament	
State Tournament		Yates Center-	24	Humboldt-	19
St. Josephs Ac.-	27	Fredonia-	31	Neodesha-	36
Ark City-	15	State Tournament		Eureka-	14
Hutchinson-	13	Abilene-	26	State Tournament	
Winfield-	<u>28</u>	Winfield-	<u>6</u>	Leavenworth-	23
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Total	69	1364	19.77

Chanute's Leading Opponents

And Number of Times Played

Newton	2
Winfield	4
Ark City	2
Hutchinson	1
Pittsburg	6
Lawrence	2
Emporia	2
Wyandotte	1
Leavenworth	2
Ottawa	2
Coffeyville	4
Fort Scott	3
Parsons	3

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A.

February 8, 1939.

Mr. Milton Meier,  
Sports Editor,  
University Daily Kansan.

Dear Milton:

Before I start work early this morning I am going to spin a little yarn which I trust will be good for your columns or your wastebasket, just as the situation occurs.

You know, all coaches are supposed to be nutty, so whenever they do anything usual or unusual the various people who witness their actions always give them credit for being nutty.

This is the yarn. When we played the Kansas Aggies at Manhattan on January 20, Dr. Laurence Woodruff, Mr. Karl Klooz, Dr. Ed Elbel, Mr. C. G. Bayles, and Mr. Dick Wagstaff drove over and used their official rating, such as members of the Athletic Board for Dr. Woodruff and Mr. Klooz, Dr. Elbel-scorekeeper, C. G. Bayles-Superintendent of buildings and grounds, and Dick Wagstaff-generalissimo, good-willer and thirty-third degree athletic fan of the University to gain their admission to the Kansas State game.

You know what a thriller the ball game was. With 8 or 10 minutes to play we were behind 10 or 12 points; then Kansas started to drive and finished ahead by 2 points. Everybody went loco. The crowd was in one of the worst hysterical frenzies that I had ever seen.

Some 20 minutes after the game, while we were waiting for our boys to dress, Wesley Fry, the football coach, came up to me and asked if I would be kind enough to work on one of his football players who had received a knee injury. Of course I agreed and as Wes Fry was there with his athlete and Frank Root, the basketball coach, came up I introduced my Kansas basketball visitors as follows: "I want you to meet Dr. Woodruff, a member of the Athletic Board of the University; Mr. Karl Klooz, University bursar and member of the Athletic Board; Mr. Bayles, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at the University; Dr. Elbel, of the Physical Education Department and basketball scorer extraordinary tonight." Now, here's the catch.



I have known Dick Wagstaff for over 20 years and he is a very modest, reticent type of fellow. He married a Miss Gleed. They have three youngsters, and a lot of Santa Fe Railway stock which came to his wife through the Gleed estate. I started to jokingly introduce him as a Director of the Santa Fe Railway Company. I remembered that he had sold out his confectionery business and I didn't want to say "formerly a confectioner", and wanting to make a good case with him, as I had introduced all the other Kansas luminaries with some connection with the University, - and being rather stimulated by the upset game that we had pulled - with a bit of wisecracking and without changing a single expression of my countenance, I said, "I want you to meet Mr. Dick Wagstaff, a member of the Board of Regents."

Of course, there was the usual kow-towing on the part of the coaches, and you can imagine, quite a bit of embarrassment to Dick, but it all went off unnoticed, although I did see these other four itinerant rooters who accompanied us look at me with somewhat of a surprised amazement.

Now, I am bringing the story up to date. I had heard indirectly of how excited I became at games by kissing players and going loco, so yesterday at enrollment Major Edwards in company with Colonel Baldwin, said, "Say, if you don't quit pulling off these hair-raising games all the spectators will be forced to have their hearts examined, or the doctors will not even permit them to attend the games. This doesn't apply to the coaches and players, but to the spectators." And then Major Edwards stepped in with a good one. He said, "Say, Colonel Baldwin, I want you to know a good one on this fellow. He doesn't know anything about it, and you don't know how excited he becomes at a game." He said, "Say, Dr. Allen, Dr. Elbel tells a story on you that you never dreamed happened at the Aggie game. He said you even introduced Dick Wagstaff -". And I interrupted him and said, "As a member of the Board of Regents." Major Edwards looked so surprised, he thought I didn't know a thing about it.

Now, Ed has been telling his intimate friends just how loco a basketball coach can go after an exciting game, using as proof that when a fellow wins a game he loses his top-knot. So after this when I want to pull a bone on an old time friend of mine I better be careful to see if anybody is standing around. I thought this yarn was a good one and I thought you would like to read about it. Use it any way you want. If you want to print it I think it would be a good joke on Elbel, because he has told everybody in the building and a lot of fellows out of the building, so let's have a laugh on him.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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April 15, 1939.

Mr. H. C. Miller,  
212 S. Evergreen,  
Chanute, Kansas.

Dear Cappy:

I just wanted you to know that I went with Ralph to see Dr. Francisco last Thursday, and he thoroughly examined the knee again. I gave him all of the background and history of the case that I could possibly give him.

Dr. Francisco has ordered that Ralph report to the student hospital for a daily temperature reading, that they take the leukocyte count, and that they x-ray a filled tooth. After conferring with Dr. Anderson yesterday morning he is arranging that the knee be x-rayed from every possible angle.

Dr. Francisco said that he recommended that Ralph play the other time he examined him because he wanted to see if the knee would stand up under strain. The trouble that is hanging on might be from a toxic difficulty, some foci infection some where, or it might be a mechanical derangement, which of course we both know. He thought by this process he could eliminate the toxic situation, and then he would see whether it is an operative case or not. He wasn't sure that it was an operative case, and isn't sure yet.

I told Dr. Francisco that you felt that Ralph had had one bad year here, and you didn't want him to start another year and have the same difficulty. So before school begins in the fall Dr. Francisco will know just what to do. He will know for sure whether it is an operative case or not. He told Ralph not to go out for football any more, to take it easy until after these tests. Ralph went over to the hospital yesterday afternoon to have all these things done, and he will conscientiously follow directions.

I wanted you and Mrs. Miller to have full information and to let you know that I am tremendously interested in Ralph's welfare. I want to do everything possible to help him. Of course you understand that I am endeavoring to work with the medical profession in every possible way, and it may sometimes appear that I



am not doing as much as I could. But I assure you that I am doing everything I can.

With all good wishes, I am

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Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 17, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am most anxious to get a little confidential information on my son, Monte, and wonder if I can again impose upon your kindness. From his letters, I gather that you are more familiar with his affairs and habits than anyone else, and can probably best give me the information I seek.

I am particularly interested in knowing whether or not Monte's conduct during the present school year has been satisfactory, and whether or not he has shown any improvement over last year; also, about his financial affairs. His replies to my inquiries about money matters are rather evasive - he does not complain, but fails to answer frankly, which is unlike him and which has given me some cause for concern. It may be that by requesting more money, he feels he might deprive me. I do want him to learn to stand on his own feet, but I certainly do not want him to suffer discomfort for lack of necessities if a little extra money can prevent it, but hesitate to press this sort of thing too much lest it prove to be bad logic.

Would you be good enough to let me have your candid opinion of this young man, together with whatever suggestions you think advisable? I would appreciate it more than I can say - also, if you would please keep this letter confidential.

Believe me, for all your courtesies to Monte and myself,

Gratefully yours,

*Mrs Marion Merkel.*

*622 W. Washington Blvd.  
Oak Park, Ill.*



March 22, 1939.

Mrs. Marian Merkel,  
622 W. Washington Blvd.,  
Oak Park, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Merkel:

Your letter addressed to Dr. Allen regarding your son, Monte, has been received during Dr. Allen's absence in San Francisco. Dr. Allen will return for a few hours on Friday of this week, and then he will be on his way to Chicago to attend the N.C.A.A. basketball tournament on Monday, the 27th, and the meeting of the National Association of Basketball Coaches on March 25-27.

I shall bring your letter to Dr. Allen's attention when I see him Friday, and you may be sure that it will be kept confidential.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen.



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July 11, 1939

Mr. Ralph Miller,  
211 So. Central,  
Chanute, Kansas.

Dear Ralph:

Dr. Allen read your letter hastily before he left the office this afternoon, and asked me to tell you that he would answer it in a few days. He is glad to know that your knee is doing so nicely.

Dr. Allen is leaving early Saturday morning for Warrensburg, Missouri, where he will speak, and for that reason I believe he will not be able to see you this coming week-end. Any other time you are coming through he will be glad to see you. So far as I know he has no other out of town appointments on week-ends during the remainder of the Summer Session.

You will hear from Dr. Allen in a few days, I'm sure.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen.



UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Dear Doc,

I was just talking to Sunny Jones at the house. He informed me that Sollenburger <sup>(from Hutchinson)</sup> would need \$20 a month or more to go here. He really wants to come and is willing to work for the money. The boy is good and has a fine reputation. You will know who he is. Just wanted to let you know about it now. Sorry I didn't get to see you. Hope you have an enjoyable summer.

Sincerely

Ralph Miller



June 30, 1939.

Mr. Kenneth Messner,  
102 South 5th St.,  
Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dear Kenny:

You will remember that I stopped you on the street just before you left for home and told you that I was afraid your associations were not improving. I did not know then that your academic work was suffering as much as it was.

Last fall you made 16 hours of C. This spring you made 8 hours of C, 5 hours of D and 2 hours of F. You will remember that we gave you additional work in the towel room. Was the cause of the failure in your grades due to too much outside work or too much activity of another nature?

I sincerely trust that you will make a record this fall as you made when you were a freshman and as a first-year sophomore, and not continue to let yourself down.

Wishing that you have a pleasant summer, and hoping to see you in your old time stride this fall, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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August 9, 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller,  
212 S. Evergreen St.,  
Chanute, Kansas.

Dear Harold and Mrs. Miller:

I have just written Ralph a note, regretting my inability due to school work to be present at the operation at Bell Memorial Hospital. I have just talked to Victor Hurt and he described the operation to me and told me that Ralph is getting along nicely.

I am hoping to run in Friday to see Ralph, and in the meantime I have wished him the very best in the way of a speedy recovery and a permanent cure. I know how anxious you people are, as we all are, for him to have a complete and satisfactory recovery, and I am sure that with these skillful men on the job if anybody can do it they can.

With all good wishes and fond hopes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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August 9, 1939.

Mr. Ralph Miller,  
University of Kansas Hospital,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Ralph:

I was sorry that my classes this morning prevented my going up with Victor Hurt to be with you during your operation. Vic told me all about it and told me that your dad was there. I am glad that you had him with you, even though he could not attend the operation.

Dean Nesmith expected to go up with Vic but he had an exam this morning that prohibited him from going.

My sincere wish is that you entirely recover rapidly and at the first opportunity that I have I will drop by and shake your paw. Stay in there and pitch, old fellow, you've got the fight and we are hoping sincerely that this operation will be the last of your troubles athletically while you are at the University of Kansas.

With sincere good wishes for your rapid recovery, I  
am

Faternally yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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July 18, 1939.

Dear Doc,

Sorry that I was unable to see you last week end.

Thought perhaps I could see you Sunday, but got tied up in Topeka too long. Had a nice visit with Bob and Mrs. Allen, and went to thank Mrs. Allen for the dinner again.

Doc, I would like to ask a big favor of you. Emily Jean's parents have had some financial trouble this summer and she



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is afraid she may be unable to go to school next year I ask her if a job would make it possible, and she is sure it would.

She thinks you are too busy and might not want to help her. She doesn't want to bother you. However, she wants to go to school very badly and will be very disappointed if unable to do so. That is why

I am taking the liberty of writing this letter. She is a very good typist and will work well. She did some typing for Miss Twenty last winter, not much however. She has had no shorthand, but



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I told her to try and learn it this summer at home. Of course we both understand jobs don't grow on trees, and she is actually expecting nothing. I thought perhaps you might know of some job she could fill or give us some information concerning the situation.

I know you are very busy and about to leave for Atlanta, and I hate to bother you. However, I did not know of her predicament until last week. I personally would appreciate it if you could help us some, and I know how happy it will make



her, because she loves both  
school and education.

I kicked the football around  
last night. The knee responded  
well except occasionally when I  
didn't hit the ball square. My  
speed is about up to par. Still  
am not convinced but I have  
my fingers crossed.

Thank you for your time,  
and I hope this will not in-  
convenient<sup>ce</sup> you too much. Moreover  
I hope something can be  
arranged.

Sincerely yours

Ralph Miller

Excuse poor  
writing - hope  
you can make  
it out.



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July 10, 1939

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

Dear Doc,

Dean Nesmith was here over the week end and informed me that you thought this work would do me some good. As far as I am concerned it is great stuff and I enjoy it. It is really not very hard but plenty dirty. The cement dust and such is a bit hard on you at times. All in all it pays me fifty cents an hour so I cant complain any. The money angle is really the most important one to me.

Incidentally Dean looked at my knee and thought it was doing very nicely. I think that I am going to Topeka next week end and I just wondered if you would have time to look at it next Saturday? I do not know what time I can be in Lawrence. You see I will have to wait until after work is over, and that can be any time between noon and five. That would make me rather late in getting there. However I could call you and it would only take a few minutes. If you will be able to do that just let me know. The knee is doing very well. I have done nothing on it but play a little tennis to date. I am planning on doing some running and so forth soon. I have not hurt it at all so I think it is doing very nicely. However I would like to have you look at it since I will be going through.

Everything has been going fine except that I didn't get to start to work until July 1. That will ~~going~~ put me short next fall but I can manage somehow. Dick Miller is working in Augusta this summer and will have plenty of money to start with next fall. The family are all fine and about as mean as ever. They send their regards to you and your family.

Hope that everything is doing well by you. Be sure to remember me to the family and Bob. Incidentally if I ever get time I shall write him a line. You might tell him to do the same if his studies aren't getting him down.

Let me know about next Saturday.

Sincerely

Ralph Miller  
211 So. Central  
Chanute, Ks



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August 12, 1939.

Mr. Ralph Miller,  
University of Kansas Hospital,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Ralph:

I have just mailed a letter at the postoffice for Dean Nesmith which was addressed to you. I had surely counted on coming in to see you today, but here I am, Friday night at 8:34 at my office dictating letters to try to get caught up before my leaving for St. Louis Sunday night. I will be there regarding my new Goal-Hi game in conference with the manufacturers on Monday and Tuesday. Then I leave St. Louis for my coaching school at Atlanta.

I feel darn badly that I could not at least run in and see you Sunday, but I am going to be up to my ears in making preparations to get away. I haven't done a solitary thing in assembling any of my paraphernalia or belongings for that trip because I vowed that I would leave this desk cleaned up one hundred per cent.

I am going to have Bob drive up and see you and bring you some fruit. I am sure that if you receive that cartoon that Dean sent you that you will divide the fruit with your associates in the hallway. Don't give them any of that honeydew that is going to grace the center of the basket!

Seriously, Ralph, I do not want you to feel that I have neglected you or have any notion of doing so. Mrs. Allen drove to the city last evening, but had expected to go this morning and earlier in the week I told her that I was going with her so that I could see Mr. C. H. McBride about the National Tournament play-off which will be in Kansas City. This is for the National Collegiate Athletic Association. All of the members of the National Association of Basketball Coaches will be there, as well as the Rules Body members, so I have got a lot to do. But with my Summer Session program entailing so much detailed work I just haven't been able to do it.



You tell Emily Jean that she has a job, and we are hoping that you convalesce rapidly. I assure you when you get out of the hospital and I get back from Atlanta we will have a real visit. I will write you when I am down at Atlanta.

With all good wishes to you and Emily Jean, and your mother, dad, brother and sis, and all, I am

Fraternally yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 16, 1939.

Mr. Arthur Morse,  
Suite 1451 Otis Building,  
10 South LaSalle Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Morse:

I acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 13th instant, stating that you were enclosing some clippings in your letter. Evidently your secretary failed to include them.

When we are in Chicago for the meeting of the Rules body or the Coaches Association I will be glad to have a conference with you.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 13, 1939.

Dr. Forest Allen,  
Director of Athletics,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:-

I am taking the liberty of enclosing several  
clippings which are indicative of the successful  
culmination of our basketball program in Chicago.

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Loyola and DePaul Universities shall continue to  
be the hosts to the rest of the Nation this coming  
season in Chicago. I am very anxious to have your  
school play on our program in 1939-40. We are  
contemplating a ten week program, starting with  
Monday, December 18th, and continuing every Monday  
thereafter until the end of the season.

I am sure, Dr. Allen, that you will agree with  
us that basketball should not be taken away from  
the West where it originally started. Our venture  
in Chicago has proven to us that it is possible  
to bring the biggest and best teams into the West.  
Your assistance is of most importance because of  
the prominent part which you have played in the  
past in the great sport, and which you still enjoy.

Western conference rules involving the Big Ten  
make it possible for us to play Big Ten schools  
on the Armory floor as the Armory is the home floor  
of both Loyola and DePaul for all of their big games.

May I hear from you regarding the possibility of  
a game between Kansas and either Loyola or DePaul  
for 1939-40 season?

Very truly yours,

*Arthur Morse*

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