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Dear Doc:

I was quite pleased to get the note from your desk and the alumni letter concerning the stadium bonds. You folks certainly worked up your letter in nice shape, and I trust you had a very good response. I am frank to say to you personally, I think you did a marvelous job from the beginning of your stadium drive through all the years which you had all that responsibility. In fact I don't know of a one man achievement plus the help you may have had that is more outstanding, and again I say that was really something in those years that you battled for it.

I have certainly missed not having teams the last two years, but feel that I have been in what is a real war effort working first with the Air Corps and now with the Reconditioning Battalion at our college in connection with O'Reilly General Hospital. If ever a group needed any help that one can give them, these wounded soldiers do. It is wonderful the results that are gotten in some of these cases. As you can readily understand with the surgical cases now in particular each becomes an individual case to handle.

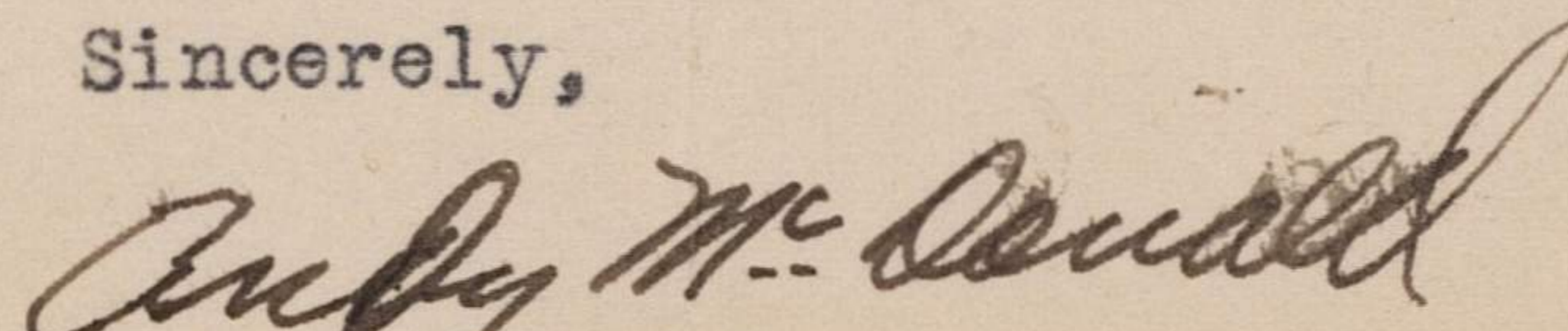
I had hoped I might get to see your team play last year or drop through Lawrence, but I haven't had a day off since last July.

While completing my work last spring at Louisiana State for my Masters Degree, I ran on to an ASTP sergeant who used to be at Lawrence, and he showed me a copy of the Jayhawk Rebounds which I was very much interested in seeing. You certainly are doing splendid contact work there which is very much appreciated, I know. I happened to see a number put out last spring. I guess I will forgive you for unintentionally omitting my name in your 1923 team. It's probably easy for you to understand how I might notice it, but I assure you that I meant unintentional as stated above.

I wish I had a good copy of my thesis to send you, but all I have are fourth and fifth typed copies. The copies that were bound are available through the library service at Louisiana State. I think that you would be pleased to know that the jury of forty-four coaches who responded gave you full credit for what you have done, and I personally did my best to bring out what I thought was your most pertinent contribution to different playing techniques of the game from your letter and from your two books on basketball.

Well, Doc, time slips by faster than we want it to, and I did want you to know I really appreciated your thinking of me and sending that letter and particularly your personal note. With best regards to yourself and family.

Sincerely,


Andy McDonald