

January 13, 1939

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There is great enthusiasm for this tournament here. A new pavilion is veing built on Treasure Island for sports. This will hold in excess of twelve thousand spectators. The newspapers are thoroughly behind the whole plan. We can depend on their whole-hearted support. In cooperation with the publicity side of this project, will you please send me each week news stories of the outstanding teams in your districts, so that we may start from the very beginning of the season to build up interest in the popular entrants for this tournament and the personalities, coaches and players attached to these different organizations? I will need your 100 per cent cooperation if I am to furnish the newspapers with the desired publicity material. In addition, if there are any news items which you think pertinent in this connection, please do not hesitate to send them along. It would seem to me that at

the start it would be valuable for each district to send in a statement concerning the probable strong teams in the area, with information about each. This, then, can be followed up with the record of results that occur during the season.

I am counting on your cooperation in this respect.

Very cordially yours,

John Bunn
Dean of Men

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF MEN

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

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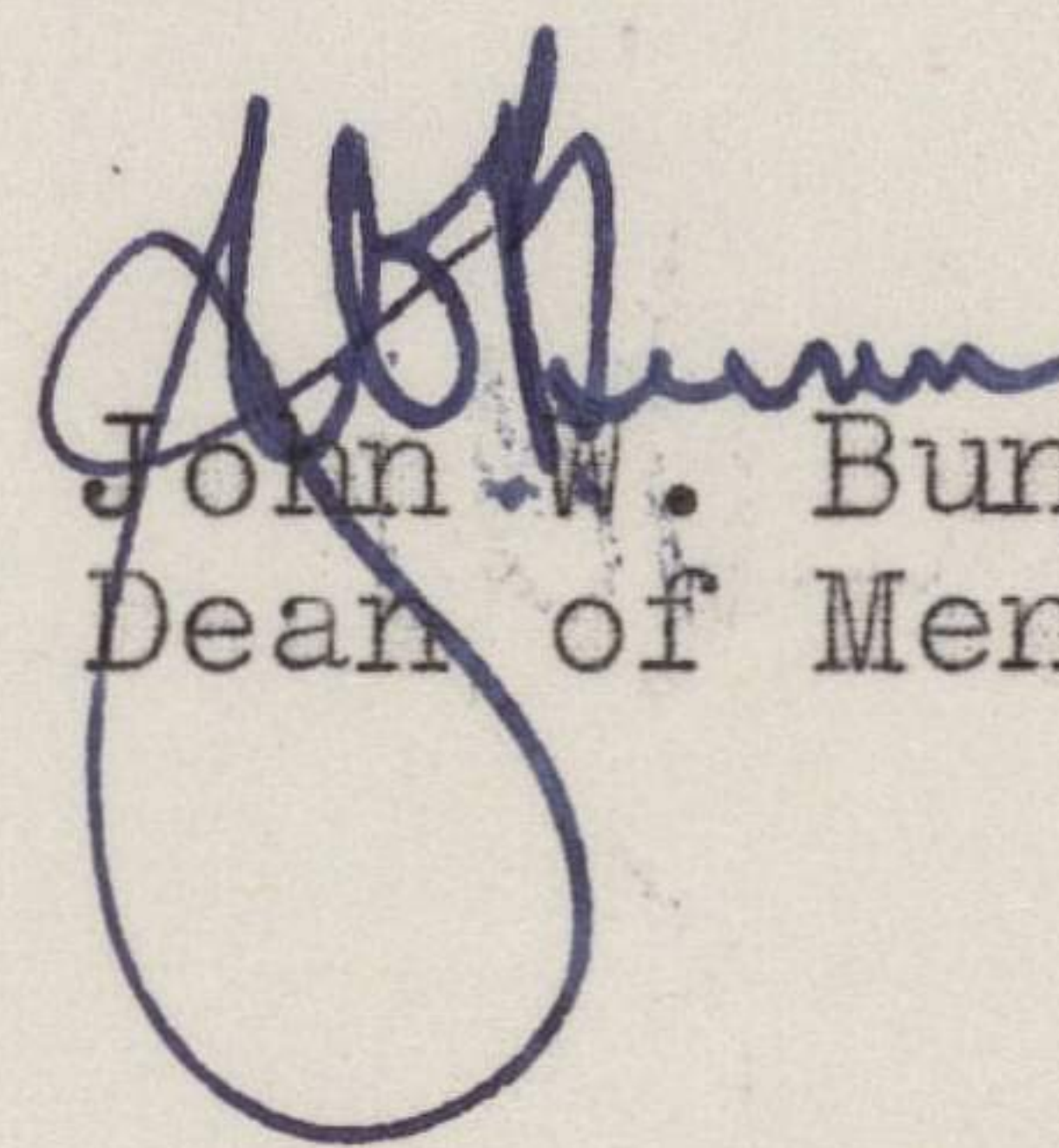
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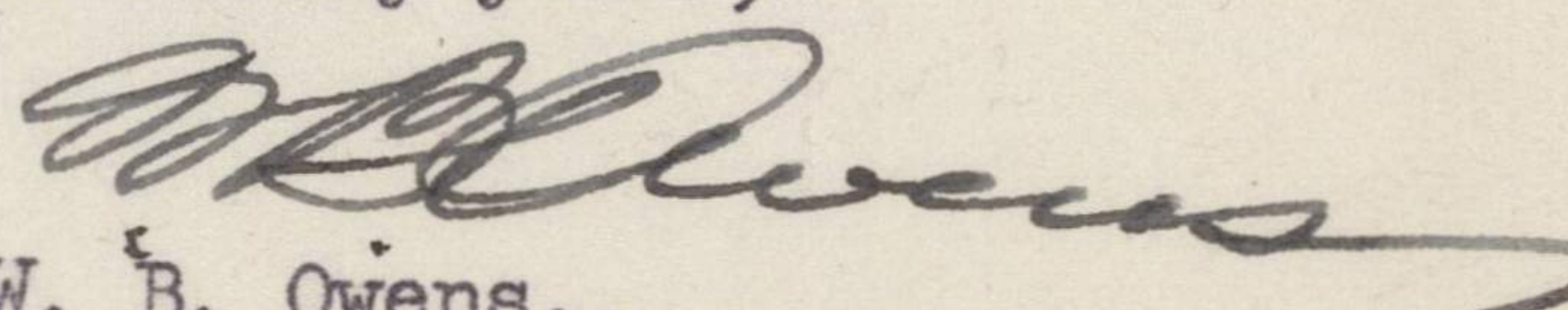
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Now with respect to your plans for the National Collegiate Tournaments. I agree most heartily with your sentiment that we must exert every effort to make money on this year's tournament. I was very much surprised also that the deficit for last year amounted to \$2500. I have talked to Bill Owens about the whole situation and feel that he and the rest of his board are a little too much concerned about our activities. I reminded him of the fact that, after all, the basketball committee is the only income producing committee in the whole organization and that therefore this initial experience should not be condemned too seriously. However, in view of the competition which we are facing in the east, I am very much concerned about the future.

You and I agree exactly with respect to playing games on the home court of one of the teams. From a financial point of view, however, I can readily see that it may be the better policy to waive our own personal feelings. I am not sure, in any case in your section, but that Kansas City is the ideal spot. I would go with you, however, in saying that it would be wise to withhold a final decision until later in the season. If you can secure the guarantees which were probably given rather hastily by Oklahoma A. & M., I would not hesitate to accept them.

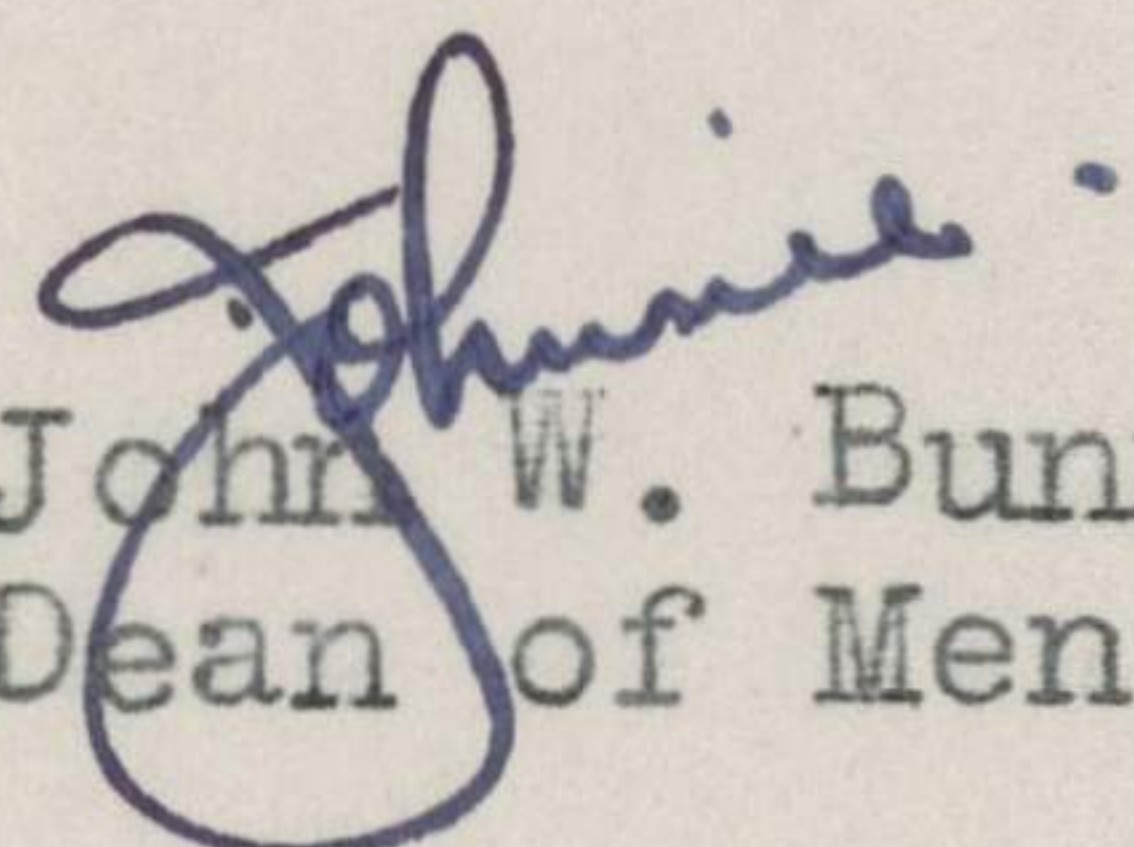
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Dr. Allen: page 2

Burt DeGroot just passed through on his way to Lawrence. I feel sure that you are going to like him and that he will work effectively in your organization. I do not know whether I mentioned this fact to you before or not, but Burt's greatest interest is in the field of administration. He did his thesis in this field under me. I really believe that he has something very worthwhile to contribute for the benefit of the high schools in Kansas along this line. I do not know who is teaching the course in administration there now but it may be possible that you will want to use DeGroot's talents in this field.

With best wishes, I am

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H.H. Salmon, Jr.
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Mr. H. G. Olsen, Chairman,
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c/o McAlpin Hotel,
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Dear Harold:

I have just this morning received a check from Oklahoma City in the amount of \$91.40 for the National Collegiate twenty per cent share of the net take of the 5th District N.C.A.A. Basketball play-off.

I am enclosing the check signed by Bus Ham and Earl Jones, two members of the local committee in Oklahoma City. Bus Ham is a newspaper man and Earl Jones is the manager of Spalding's in Oklahoma City. I had them handle the money so that all disbursements could be more easily made at the scene of the contest.

Drake's traveling expenses were exceptionally heavy. I believe under the conditions that this is a very good showing, considering the fact that it is the first time the play-off was held. It was necessary to guarantee Drake full expenses for 15 men to get them in the tournament. I will personally explain the situation to you when I see you.

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Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF N.C.A.A. BASKETBALL

PLAY-OFF FOR FIFTH DISTRICT

(1939)

| | DEBITS | CREDITS |
|--|---------------|-----------|
| Gross Receipts | | \$3316.41 |
| Rent | \$368.90 | |
| Traveling expenses of committee of 4 to Kansas City, and Dr. F. C. Allen to Oklahoma City twice and to San Francisco | 367.26 | |
| Federal tax | 270.22 | |
| State tax | 60.24 | |
| Ticket sellers, doorman, ushers, etc. | 111.69 | |
| John Truesdale to K. C. Mo. | 35.74 | |
| Parke Carroll, Official | 144.23 | |
| A. G. Spalding (balls) | 28.61 | |
| Drake University expense | 746.25 | |
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| Oklahoma University expense | 236.39 | |
| Jack North, Official | 87.66 | |
| Local expense | 50.00 | |
| E. L. Burke, bus driver | 3.00 | |
| N.C.A.A. (To Dr. F. C. Allen) | 91.40 | |
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Lawrence, Kansas
April 26, 1939

Mr. Bus Ham, Sports Editor,
The Daily Oklahoman,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Bus:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter and checks, for which I thank you very much. I am sending the check for \$91.40 to Mr. H. G. Olsen, and am retaining the check for \$49.55 for the balance due on the California trip.

Again I want to thank you for your very fine cooperation.

I am writing Earl Jones for an itemized statement of the \$367.26 expenditure, as I wish to include this item in the report.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.

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

March 17, 1939

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

Dear "Phog":

I wish to congratulate you again on the way you handled the matter of selecting a team in District #5. I know you had a pretty hard nut to crack but I have the feeling you cracked it in a very fine manner. I am glad to know that the play-off held at Oklahoma City was successful from the standpoint of attendance and finances.

I have the feeling, as I indicated to you earlier, that inasmuch as the N.C.A.A. in this first season didn't feel they could guarantee play-offs within the districts, and would, therefore, not assume any financial risk in connection with them, that it is only proper that the teams which do compete should take the major share of whatever money is made by such an event. There is, of course, some reason, I feel, for the N.C.A.A. General Committee coming in for some small cut, because if it were not for the fact that these teams were competing with the end in view of selection of representative for the N.C.A.A. Tournament, of course the play-off in District #5 would not have been held. Under the circumstances, it seems to me that if the N.C.A.A. Tournament Committee were to come in for a share, let us say 20%, of the net profits that that would be a fair proposition. I hope you can handle this matter in that way.

Congratulations again and best regards.

Very sincerely yours,

"Ole"

H. G. Olsen
Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball
Tournament Committee

HGO:M

CC-W. B. Owens, Stanford University

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March 15, 1940

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

Dear Phog:

Yesterday, I had the opportunity to have a nice long visit with Olsen and St. John. We took our hair down and talked the situation over very thoroughly. In talking with Saint, I raised the same objection to my nomination that I did in my letter to you. Saint's answer was a very blunt one indeed. He said he didn't think Dr. Brown counted and that he didn't think any one need worry about his influencing the thinking of any one else on the committee.

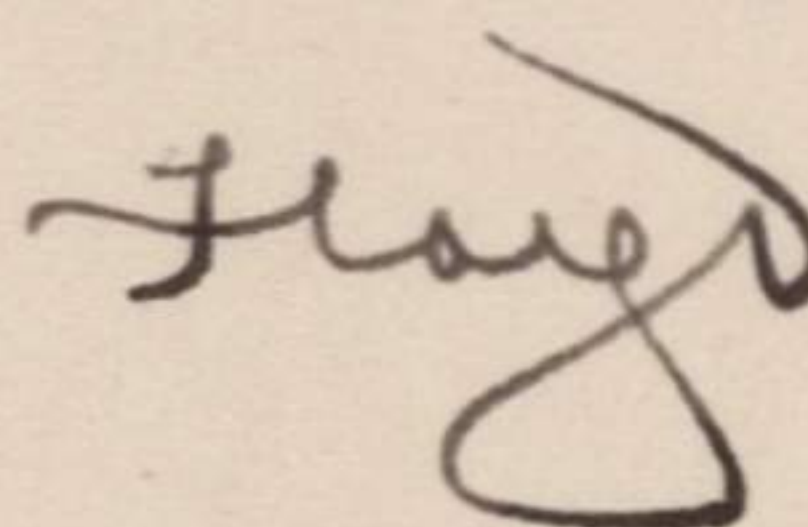
Olie raised the question in regard to your re-appointment and made this statement which I think he had maybe discussed with you. He said he thought you would be more anxious about being re-appointed to the Basketball Committee than you would be to being elected an officer at this time. Both Saint and I said we thought you certainly should be re-appointed because of your value to the committee. That doesn't mean anything so far as I am concerned, but it does mean something so far as Saint is concerned because in his very dry manner, he said, "I am a member of the Executive Committee of the National Collegiate, and if Phog wants to be re-appointed from his district, I am willing to fight for it and will do so." Assurance of that sort from Saint is worth a great deal.

Now then, getting back to the subject of the nominations, wish to say that Saint suggests that the following Nominating Committee be appointed: Olsen, Chairman; McGuire, Crocker, Hickox. He further suggests the slate that Porter indicated in his letter, copy of which I sent you, excepting that Saint outspokenly says he thinks you should be the Vice Chairman of the committee. He thinks that as such, it would be some help in getting you re-appointed as representative from your district another time.

After talking with Saint and Olie, I agreed to go along on the proposition, with the mental reservation that I would await hearing from you. I am hurrying to write you this letter so that you will possibly get it before you reply to my previous letter.

Looking forward to seeing you in Kansas City, I am, with personal regards

Sincerely yours



Floyd A. Rowe

FAR:McG

March 9, 1939

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

Dear "Doc:"

Thank you very much for your letter of March 4. Under the plans which you are following to choose the 5th District representative it seems to me that you should have ample funds left over from expenses to handle the expenses of your trip to the Coast. It would seem to me that it would be logical for you to deduct your full expenses from the net receipts of the tournament in Kansas City. I hope that it does not come so close to the other college tournament that the attendance is affected.

If you do come to the Coast, I hope it will be possible for you to arrive at an early date. I would appreciate very much having some one here from the committee who can devote his full time to promotion work. I find it very difficult to get time from my new job to devote to athletic purposes.

I have recently talked to Olsen and I told him that I thought our general committee should study as much of the tournament play as possible. I also told him I felt that the whole committee should witness the play in Chicago. At that time we shall desire to review very carefully this whole tournament procedure. Our plans for the future will be affected very materially by our reaction to this present venture.

I shall await further information concerning your progress in the 5th District. Thank you for your letter and the enclosures. With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

John Bunn
Dean of Men

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Lawrence, Kansas
March 4, 1939

Handwritten notes:
 Thanks for your letter
 N.C.A.A. shared by N.C.A.A.
 Can shared by N.C.A.A.
 Talked to Olsen by phone + told him so

Mr. John W. Bunn,
Dean of Men,
Stanford University,
California.

Dear Johnny:

Thank you very much for your very enlightening letter of February 28. I can see very clearly now things that I did not know before.

I am sending you a carbon copy of my letter that I have written to "Ole" Olsen and to the members of my committee.

I will see that you get everything possible in the way of photographs and publicity as soon as we make any decision on Tuesday afternoon. Then after the play-off, or during that time, we will plan to give you every possible play up on the winner that is selected, so that your California newspapers will have all available material for their publicity. I know how much more California papers use in the way of publicity and pictures than our locals, so I will anticipate that need by quadrupling our news dispensing force as well as our photographic offerings.

You can count on my doing a one hundred per cent job for you. I am really going to put over this play-off job in this district in the very best possible way that my energies will permit. I can do a better job now that Kansas is out of it, because that reduces my worries to the minimum.

In writing to Olsen, I impressed upon him that he as general chairman should ask that you make arrangements for hotel rates, as well as practice courts for the teams.

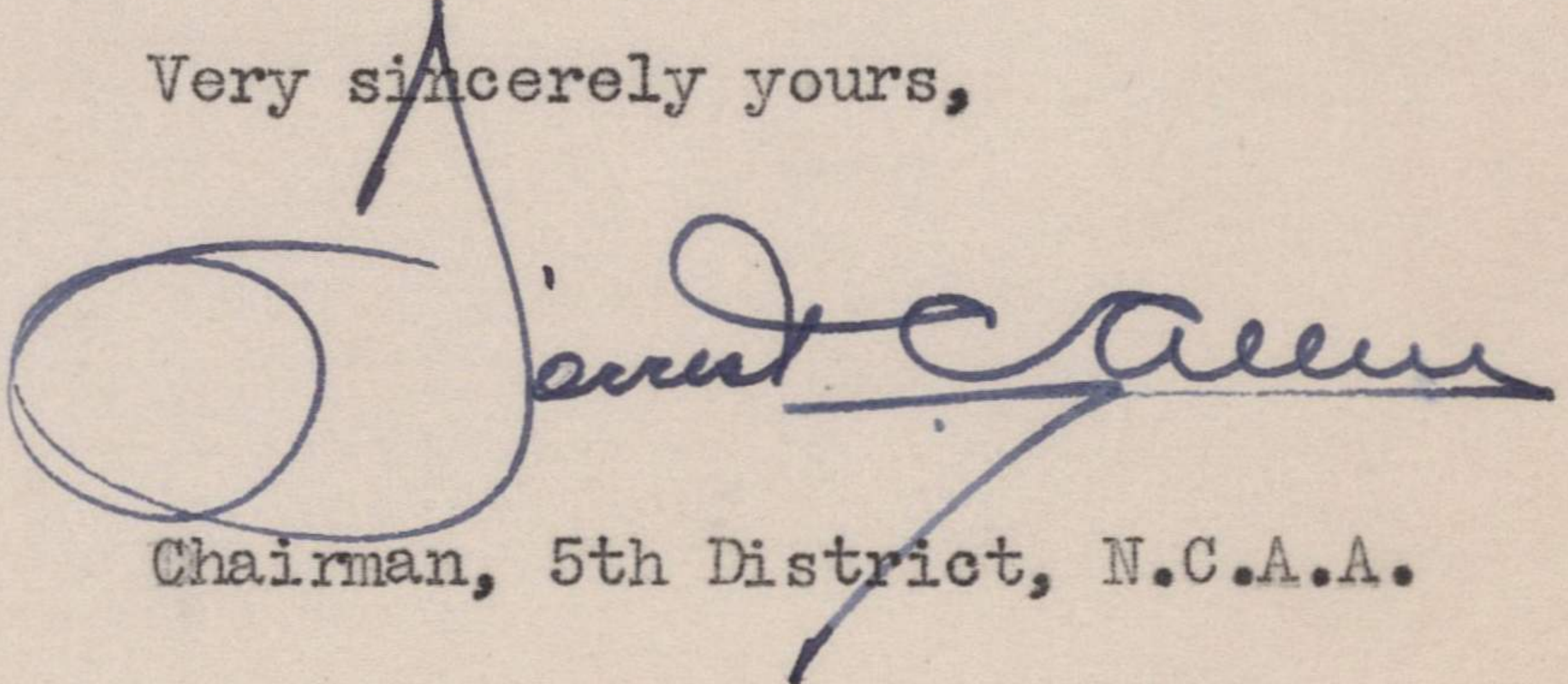
Now I am getting to a point that I mentioned to Ole once, and I think that I should speak very frankly to you about it. I wrote Ole asking if he was planning to have some of the members of the general committee at these play-offs. I particularly referred to myself at San Francisco and to Salmon at Philadelphia. He said of course that we should be there, and you were very nice to mention the fact that you would be glad to have me as the NCAA representative from the general committee. But I am wondering if the income for such expense would be derived from the general income of the N.C.A.A. play-off, or from what source. I frankly believe that we will make enough money from our district here to take care of any such expenses that I mention. But I would appreciate any helpful suggestion or cooperation from you should you write to Olsen to that effect.

I think I mentioned to you once before that the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation is meeting in San Francisco on April 3-6, and it was my thought that if I came out for this play-off I might stay over to attend that convention as well. I realize, too, that the Coaches Association, as well as the Rules Body meeting dates have not been set. It may not be possible for me to even go to your play-off on March 20-21, or to the Health and Physical Education meeting. The University felt so financially embarrassed that they were not able to assist the head of the department of physical education on his trek westward, so it is an individual financial venture so far as I am concerned. I did want to attend our state meeting here on March 24-25 at McPherson, and I am scheduled to read a paper at the Central District Physical Education Association meeting at Sioux City, Iowa, at their meeting on March 31.

So it looks like we have just got too many conflicts, but we will have to meet only the most important ones. I think things will shape up in a few days, though, so that I will be able to be more definite in my selection of important dates.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.

FCA:AH
Enc.

Lawrence, Kansas
March 3, 1939

Mr. H. G. Olsen, Chairman
N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Ole:

I have just returned from Columbia, Missouri, where last night the Tigers whipped us for the Big Six championship. Oklahoma may share the bunting. They are to play Nebraska Saturday night at Lincoln, and their last game is with Kansas State on Monday night at Manhattan. We will not know until after the final game, which is March 6th, whether it will be a tied championship between Missouri, with 7 wins and 3 losses, and Oklahoma, who can have a possible 7 wins and 3 losses if they win both their remaining games. Kansas had 6 wins and 4 losses, so it will be necessary to wait until after Monday.

I talked to George Edwards, a member of the committee, last night. We plan to have a meeting in Kansas City on Monday, March 6th.

It happens that the Oklahoma Aggies have the flag cinched in the Missouri Valley Conference, so they must be considered at an early reckoning. It is for that reason that I am using every possible date advantage to have my committee of George Edwards, C. E. McBride and John Truesdale meet in Kansas City, but it will, of course, be impossible to have the meeting any sooner. I am sure you will agree with the necessity of waiting until we have something to discuss with assurance.

You may rest assured of my early eagerness and my kindly cooperation in bringing the Big Six representative participating team to the front at the earliest date.

Possibly it might have been my letter to John Bunn about a week ago that caused him to set the dates March 17 and 18. I complained rather bitterly that I did not think that the general committee had polled their general intelligence and understanding fulsomely enough before the semi-final and final dates were set. I told John Bunn how unfair it was, say to the representative of the Southwest Conference district #6, and the rest of our people here to play in San Francisco on March 20 and 21, and then to go back to Chicago and meet a team that played in Philadelphia on March 17 and 18 with a short haul and a longer rest to meet that longer traveling team which had gone to San Francisco for the 20th and 21st and then traced back across the continent to play the 25th. I told him that I would be unhappy to be on the general committee and to be held up for criticism by a team which might feel that the dates were made by the general committee which would put a burden on this worn-out team. Of course, I

said, if the 8th district should win it they would make but one trip, but if the 5th or 6th district should win it they would be traveling a distance comparable to making a trip across the entire continent with dates against them, while the eastern district winners would have every advantage from shorter hauls to more rest.

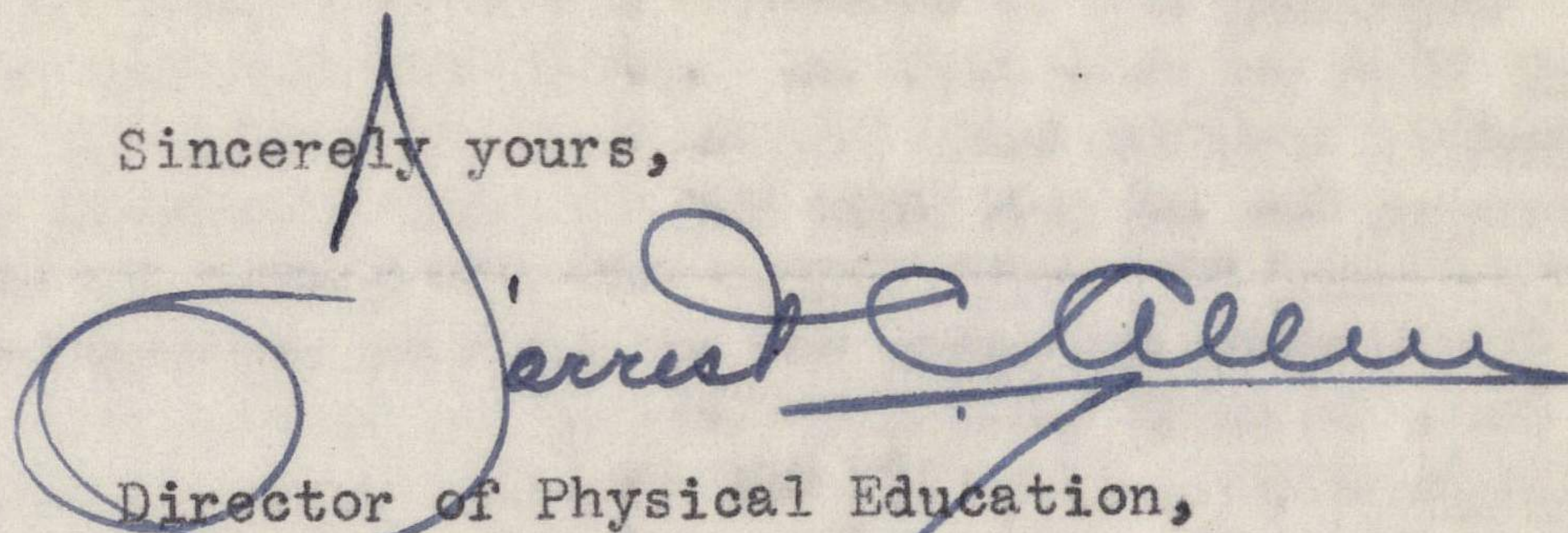
That is all I know about it, Harold, but I voiced my opinion as a member of the general committee, trying to put myself in the place of those people that I was supposed to represent. Frankly I am saying to you that I do not believe that the general committee met or were polled on all these ideas frequently enough.

Again I want to assure you of my loyal cooperation in trying to promote the best interests of basketball, but I want to call your attention to the fact that early in the beginning you talked about the semi-finals in Kansas City, or possibly the finals. I thought we had a possibility, and went to work and got Mr. McBride on the committee and cooperated with you to the point that I thought we would land one or the other. Then you called me from San Francisco saying that you thought the semi-finals for our district should be out there. I happily acquiesced, but I remembered what you and I had said to Mr. McBride. Then without knowing much more, the place of the final play-off was set for Chicago.

Again I assure you of my hearty cooperation, but again I say that the general committee has done too little and has known too little for a general committee. Certainly we can profit by our acts of omission or commission for next year, and it should be a much easier matter for us to obviate some of these embarrassing situations.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Allen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.
Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.