

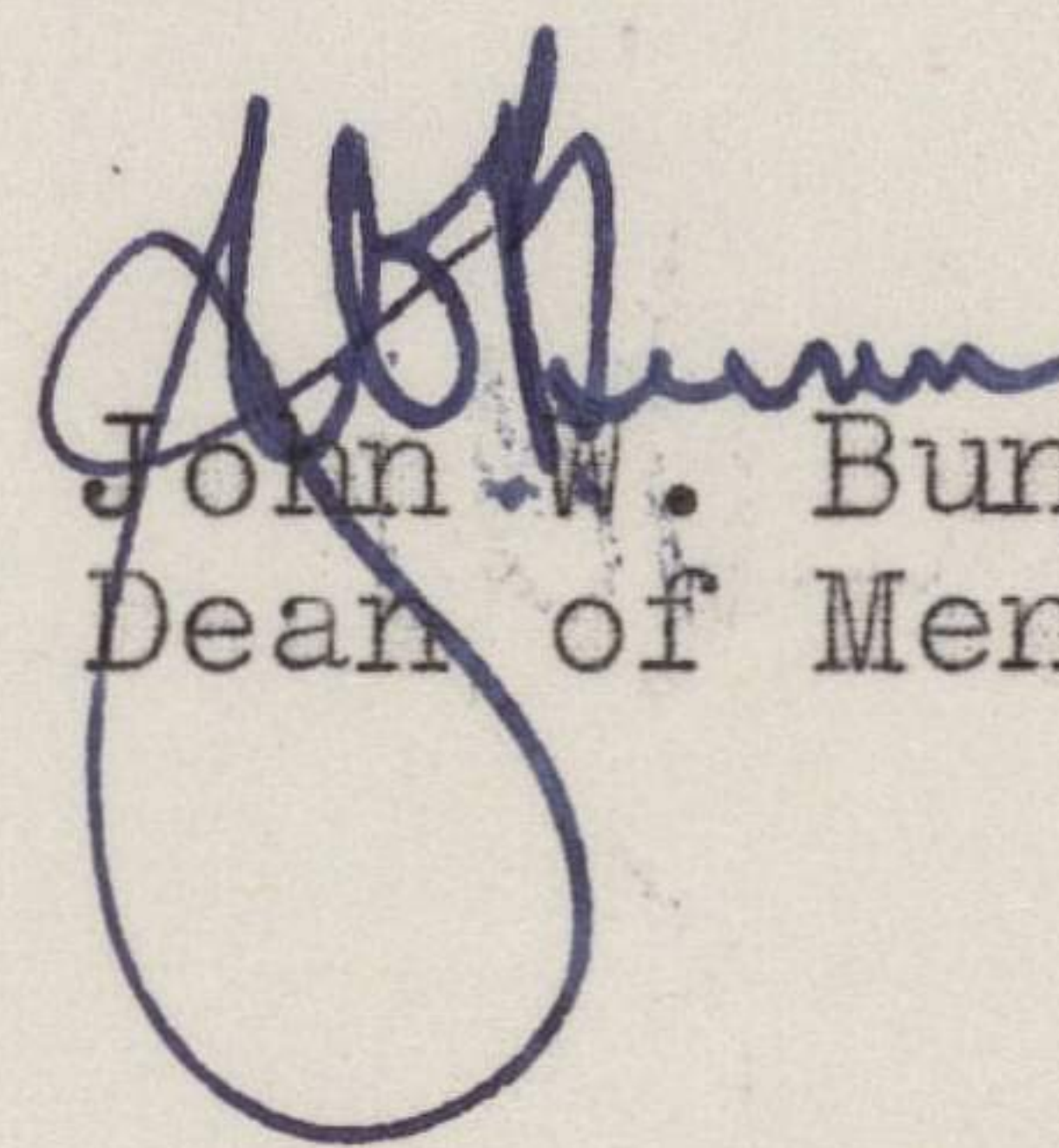
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Bill Owens, while pointing out the NCAA regulations, maintains an open mind with respect to the whole matter and is eager to have representatives from the Basketball Committee present their case at the next meeting of the Executive Committee. It seems to me that this is a very fair procedure, and I suggest that it be carried through in accordance with Bill Owens' recommendation.

You may recall that I was not in favor of the pro-rating of moneys to the competing schools over and above their expenses, but that I agreed to the recommendation in view of the fact that we were attempting to offset the influence of the Madison Square Garden and the Liston tournaments. It was our feeling that when we had defeated these two projects, then we could make other adjustments of our finances. I still hold this opinion.

Now with reference to Kansas' competing in Madison Square Garden. You know, of course, that I have never concurred with your views or those of the Big Six Conference on the matter of competition off of the campus of one of the competing universities. Madison Square Garden represents the only place that many of the schools in New York can play. Regardless of the money angle, so long as expenses can be paid and so long as the games are conducted on a high plane, then I can't see how anyone could object to such competition. My Stanford team received much better treatment in Madison Square Garden than it did in several other places where we competed. The NCAA has no objection to this type of competition. As a matter of fact, Bill Owens told me recently that, in view of the fact that Madison Square Garden represents the home court of those New York teams, he could see no objection to playing there. I know that the members of the Eastern Intercollegiate frown upon this competition and that they refuse to take their own teams into the Garden. This is because they have their own courts and also because they look askance at the personnel of some of the teams in New York City. It is rather interesting to note, however, that some of the Eastern Intercollegiate teams have played in public halls. I have a feeling, therefore, that there is a bit of jealousy and aloofness behind their reasoning.

Cordially yours,


John W. Bunn,
Dean of Men.