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Dear Dr. Allen:

Sometime ago Butch Grover wrote me asking that I substitute for Frank Root on the convention committee of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Your letter requesting some suggestions and ideas has been the first call for service on this committee. I only wish there was something I could suggest that would make a contribution.

My personal feelings are that this program should be more of a serious nature and in keeping with the ideals and objectives of the educational institution that we represent, rather than too much of the fun side for which all conventions are severely criticised. This angle could best be left to each individual for his entertainment.

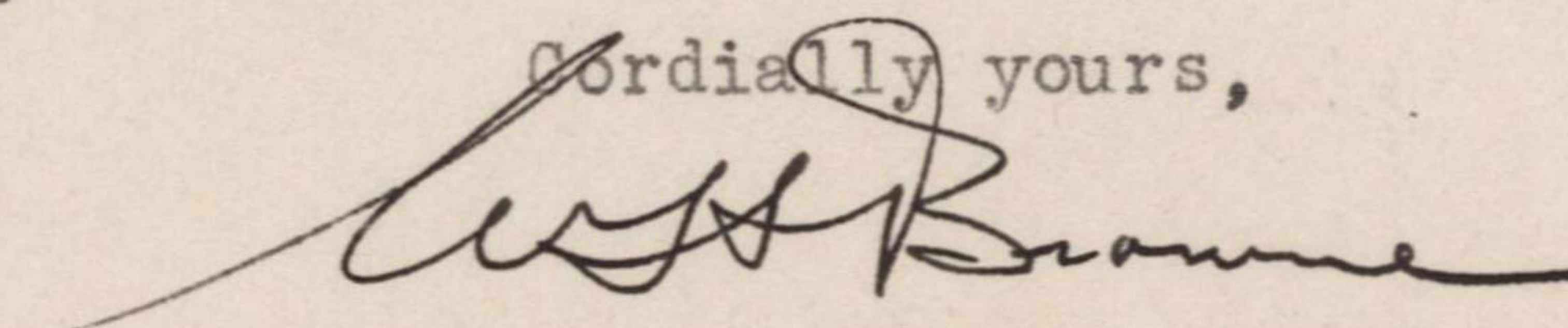
I think your idea of trying to secure Mr. Atherton an excellent one. I hope that you will be able to work out some kind of ~~of~~ an arrangement whereby his services can be secured. In lieu of his appearance my next thought would be to secure a speaker whose standing and reputation in the academic world is unquestioned. Surely there are some educators who are also sympathetic with the program of physical education and athletics, of which in theory at least, basketball should be a part. If there is a man in athletics of national repute whose standing with the academic people has been accepted, he would be my third choice. Along this line I have in mind such a person as D. X. Bible. I have no one in particular at the present moment to suggest in the academic field.

Now in regard to the work of this committee. Just how much time do we have for programs? Is our work considered completed when we plan the arrangements for the one big banquet similar to the ones that has been held in recent years? If you could give me a little information as to what is expected of this committee, I will try to make an effort to be of some service.

It would be fine if we could get together and talk over this program, as correspondence seems so futile in trying to work out different ideas when we would like to have as many suggestions before us to consider as we could possibly get.

I doubt if this letter has made much of a contribution, but I assure you my heart is in the right place.

Cordially yours,



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