

OUTLINE OF ACTIVITY PLANNED
FOR BASKETBALL GAMES ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
JANUARY 29 and 30

1. After the teams warm up, Kansas University band plays "Crimson and Blue" and "Anchors Aweigh" from a position in the center of the arena floor.
2. Color Guard from Olathe Naval Air Station marches on the floor to the beat of "Anchors Aweigh" and takes a position in the center and in front of the Kansas University band.
3. At the end of "Anchors Aweigh" the band plays the "Star Spangled Banner".
4. At the end of the Anthem, the Color Guard is drummed off the floor and the band goes to their seats.
5. When the drumming stops, house lights go off and the spotlight goes on. Starting lineup of Kansas and Olathe are introduced.
6. House lights go on and the game starts.
7. The Official Olathe Band will march during the half and close with several swing numbers from the center of the floor.
8. Second half of the game is played.
9. Between games, the Kansas University Band and the Olathe Official Band can split the time with musical numbers.
10. Just before the second game, the house lights go off and spotlights on as the Missouri University lineup is introduced. Then the Great Lakes team is introduced.
11. House lights go on and the second game begins.
- *12. Between halves, Cadets from the Olathe Naval Air Station will drill.

* The second night, Saturday, January 30, the program will be the same except for introduction of the players (the order will be changed) and the Cadets will show examples of athletic activities (hand-to-hand combat, boxing, wrestling, etc.)

In reply address not the signer of this
letter, but Bureau of Naval Personnel,
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
Refer to No.

P-2443b-ij

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 28, 1943

Dear Phog:

I am taking this opportunity of answering your letter which you sent to Commander Tunney in behalf of Glenn A. Oatman. Since Oatman is in the Navy, it will be necessary for him to make any transfer through official channels which I have explained to him.

It is good to see your name again, as I watched the progress of your Kansas team through the East at Christmas.

The next time you meet Henry Iba of Oklahoma A. & M., give him my best regards.

Very truly yours,

Max Farrington
C. M. FARRINGTON,

Lieutenant Commander, U.S.N.R.

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

January 14, 1943.

Mr. Dorman H. O'Leary,
Stern Brothers & Co.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dorman:

I thought that you would pick the flaw in the plan to have Kansas play both games first. This is how it happened.

Jimmy Nixon called me and said that he hoped we could arrange it so Kansas would not play Great Lakes until Saturday night because if Kansas played Great Lakes Friday night the crowd interest would be over and we would not draw half as well as if we could arrange it the other way. I realize that playing Great Lakes the second night will impair our chance of winning over Great Lakes, but Missouri had their arrangements to play Great Lakes first at Columbia, and the fact that Great Lakes had asked that they play the first night's game last, and their second night's game first to allow them to catch an early train caused me to accommodate them.

So it was just a series of circumstances, plus Jimmy Nixon's business acumen that prompted the arrangements. I did not explain all those things to everybody, but certainly Missouri is favored in every angle and Kansas, being supposedly the top team, is taking a deferred place. So the most rabid Missourian can only wonder why we are so courteous! This is the inside information which you need not pass on.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

STERN BROTHERS & COMPANY

DORMAN H. O'LEARY
VICE PRESIDENT

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

January 11, 1943.

Dear Phog:

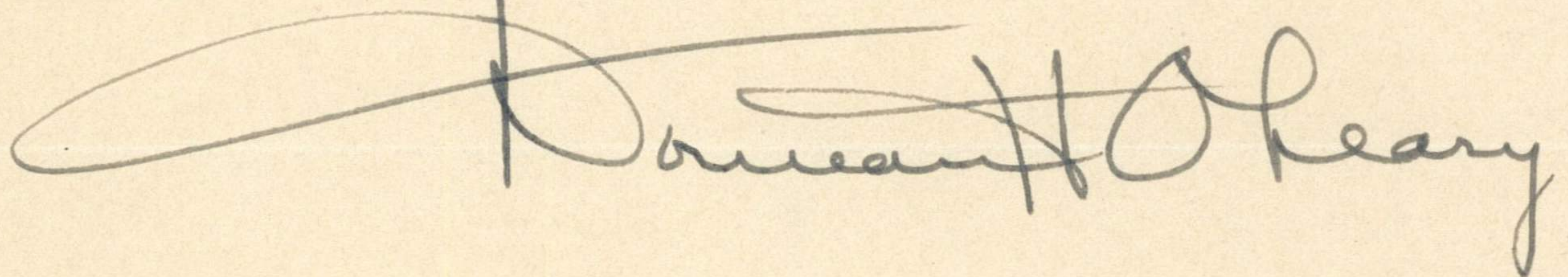
I am sorry I have been slow in answering your letter of the sixth, but I have just gotten off the Grand Jury which took a good deal of my time.

The only thing I see about the schedule is the fact that Kansas apparently plays both games first. You may have some good reason for this and if it is satisfactory to you, the program looks all right.

My very best congratulations on the way the team has been going! Theodore says he thinks it is the finest Kansas team he has ever seen - which is going some.

I am looking forward to seeing them the next time they are in Kansas City.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dorman H. O'Leary". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D" and a long horizontal flourish.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Athletics,
The University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

DHO:AE

November 17, 1942.

Dr. R. I. Canuteson,
Director,
Student Health Service.

Dear Dr. Canuteson:

Thank you for your letter concerning Robert Oberfell. I heartily agree with you that he should be excused from further participation in the physical conditioning course. Thank you for your fine cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
HEALTH SERVICE
WATKINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

November 11, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Allen,

On further observation of Robert Oberfell,
I believe it is advisable to excuse him from the
required physical conditioning courses.

Yours very truly,

Ralph I. Canuteson
Ralph I. Canuteson, M.D.
Director

RIC:k
cc to Mr. G. G. Oberfell,
Dr. E. G. Hyatt,
Mr. A. J. Mix.

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cc to Mr. G. G. Oberfell,
Dr. E. G. Hyatt,
Mr. A. J. Mix.

November 10, 1942.

Dr. R. I. Canuteson, Director,
Student Health Service,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dr. Canuteson:

Thank you for your letter of the 9th instant concerning Robert Oberfell. I appreciate your giving me this confidential information, and it will be regarded in such light.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
HEALTH SERVICE
WATKINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

November 9, 1942

Dr. F. C. Allen
Department of Physical Education
University of Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen,

Confirming our telephone conversation of November 7, I suggest that Robert Oberfell be permitted to start physical conditioning now, rather than next semester, if you can give him a little special help. He should not do any swimming or apparatus work, but can participate in marching, calisthenics and games.

Sincerely,

Ralph I. Canuteson, M.D.
Director

RIC:k
cc to: Mr. Oberfell
Dean Jakosky
Mr. A. J. Mix

Dr. Allen
Since dictating this letter, I have had my "hunch" confirmed, - this boy is an epileptic. He had a seizure in the hospital this A.M. In view of this finding I suggest we just keep the matter to ourselves, and give the boy very limited exercise. This note goes only to you.
Ralph Canuteson

G. G. OBERFELL
BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA

Nov. 2, 1942

Mr. Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

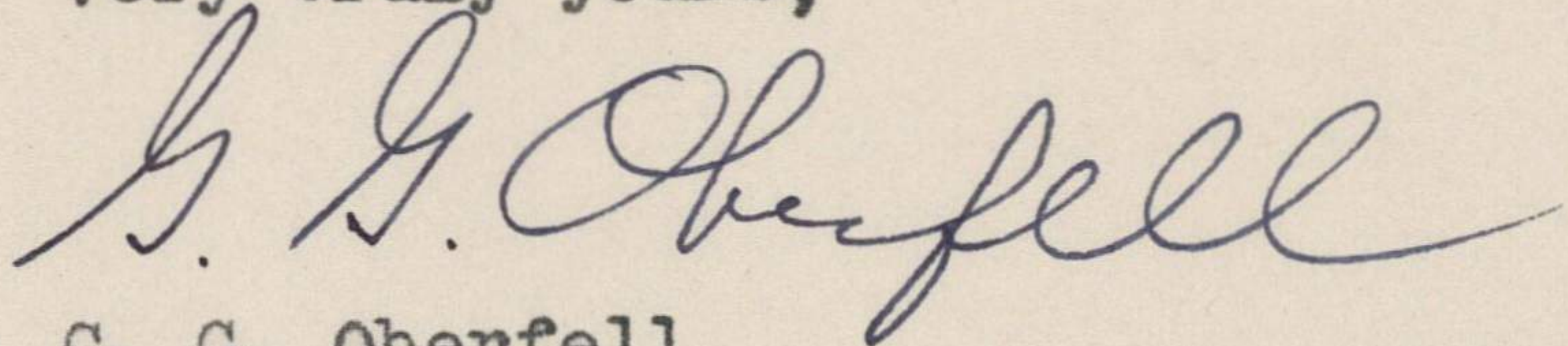
Dear Mr. Allen:

Many thanks for your letter of October 29, 1942. Had I known that you were the person to whom I should have written, I would have addressed you directly instead of sending my letter to Dean Jakosky.

You can rest assured that I know you have the welfare of the boys in mind and will do everything you can for them. I wish to explain that I was not complaining about your physical education courses. On the contrary, I had learned that Robert had been excused from the courses and was, therefore, not receiving any benefit from class activities which are so well needed by boys of his age. Consequently, I wrote with the idea of being sure that he did have the opportunity of taking just as much work as the doctor would approve.

Again thanking you for your letter and expecting to have the pleasure of seeing you again in the near future, I remain

Very truly yours,



G. G. Oberfell

GGO:LW

October 29, 1942.

Dr. Ralph I. Canuteson,
Director,
University Health Service.

Dear Dr. Canuteson:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 27th instant regarding Robert Oberfell, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. I had the pleasure of meeting both Robert and Mr. Oberfell.

I am sure that we can work this out very satisfactorily and I agree with you that these people should be advised, as I have advised them, as to the proper procedure, namely that any excuse should come from you.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

October 29, 1942.

Dr. E. G. Hyatt,
The Springer Clinic,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Dr. Hyatt:

The enclosed letter is self-explanatory. The University ruling is that these students can be excused from physical conditioning only if they have a letter from Dr. Canuteson. If you will correspond with Dr. Canuteson I am sure he will be very happy to cooperate with you, as we will also.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH
Enc.

October 29, 1942.

Mr. G. G. Oberfell,
Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Oberfell:

I received yesterday a copy of your letter to Dean J. J. Jakosky regarding your son, Robert, who is enrolled in the Engineering School at the University of Kansas. We are very happy to write to Robert's physician, Dr. E. G. Hyatt, of the Springer Clinic at Tulsa, giving him a synopsis of the work that the students in his class in physical conditioning are undergoing.

We have been very careful not to make the work too strenuous, but since Robert was passed on by Dr. Ralph I. Canuteson, the Director of the University of Kansas Health Service, we have considered him capable of taking the work that other students are taking in the physical conditioning classes.

I want to assure you that we have been endeavoring to round the boys slowly and not do anything that requires strenuous exertion. We have wanted to build up, and not tear down, and it is my idea that this is the best way to get a man in condition rather than to give him too strenuous a program at the start.

Our class activities consist of eight to ten minutes marching tactics, ten minutes of calisthenics, then some game such as mass soccer, basketball, volleyball, cage ball, or running through the obstacle course. This routine varies with each week, but we are careful not to overdo.

May I say, Mr. Oberfell, without having you feel that we do not appreciate your son's physical welfare, that the Senate of the University voted that the physical fitness of the student shall be passed on by the Director of the Health Service here at the University of Kansas, and I believe it might be a fine thing if Dr. E. G. Hyatt would correspond with Dr. Ralph I. Canuteson. If Dr. Hyatt can give Dr. Canuteson a statement of Robert's past medical history it will enable Dr. Canuteson to safeguard Robert's health.

It was a pleasure to meet you at Rotary and the football game and you may rest assured that we will be always zealous to do everything in our power for the students of the University of Kansas and also your son on account of the added interest that we have in him and in you.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH
cc-Dr. Canuteson
Dr. Hyatt

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
HEALTH SERVICE
WATKINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

October 27, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Allen,

Dean Jakosky referred to me a letter from Mr. G. G. Oberfell of Bartlesville, Oklahoma relative to his son Robert. Mr. Oberfell requests that an outline of the physical conditioning course be sent to Dr. E. G. Hyatt of the Springer Clinic at Tulsa, Oklahoma, who has been Robert's physician for several years. This seems to be somewhat of a reverse procedure since we prefer to have information from the family doctor relative to the ability of the student to participate in the program rather than to outline for him the program and let him decide what part of it the boy may be able to handle. I will appreciate it greatly if you will see that Dr. Hyatt gets an outline of your physical conditioning course and I have asked Dr. Hyatt in return to give us a statement of Robert's past medical history. His present examination reveals nothing which would interfere with ordinary physical exercise.

Sincerely,

Ralph I. Canuteson
Ralph I. Canuteson, M.D.
Director

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G. G. Oberfell
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

October 19, 1942

Dean J. J. Jakoski
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dean Jakoski,

As you know, my son, Robert, is attending the engineering school at the University of Kansas. There has been some question as to whether the gymnasium work is too strenuous for him.

Dr. E. G. Hyatt of the Springer Clinic at Tulsa, Oklahoma has been Robert's physician for several years. Dr. Hyatt desires to have full information regarding the gymnasium work in order that he may pass judgment on this matter. Since he did not know to whom to write it is my understanding that he has written a general letter for Robert to give to his physical director requesting that he discontinue gymnasium work pending an investigation of the matter.

Will you please have the physical director write Dr. Hyatt furnishing him with the required information pertaining to the exact nature of Robert's gymnasium work. Early attention to this matter will be appreciated since it is desirable to have Robert resume his gymnasium work as soon as possible providing the course is adaptable to his situation.

I am sorry to bother you regarding this matter but I did not know to whom else to write.

Sincerely,

G.G. Oberfell

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November 4, 1942.

Mr. G. G. Oberfell,
Research Department,
Phillips Petroleum Company,
Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Oberfell:

I will be very happy to see you Saturday morning,
November 7th, at my office in Robinson Gymnasium. It will
be a pleasure to have a visit with you.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA

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November 3, 1942

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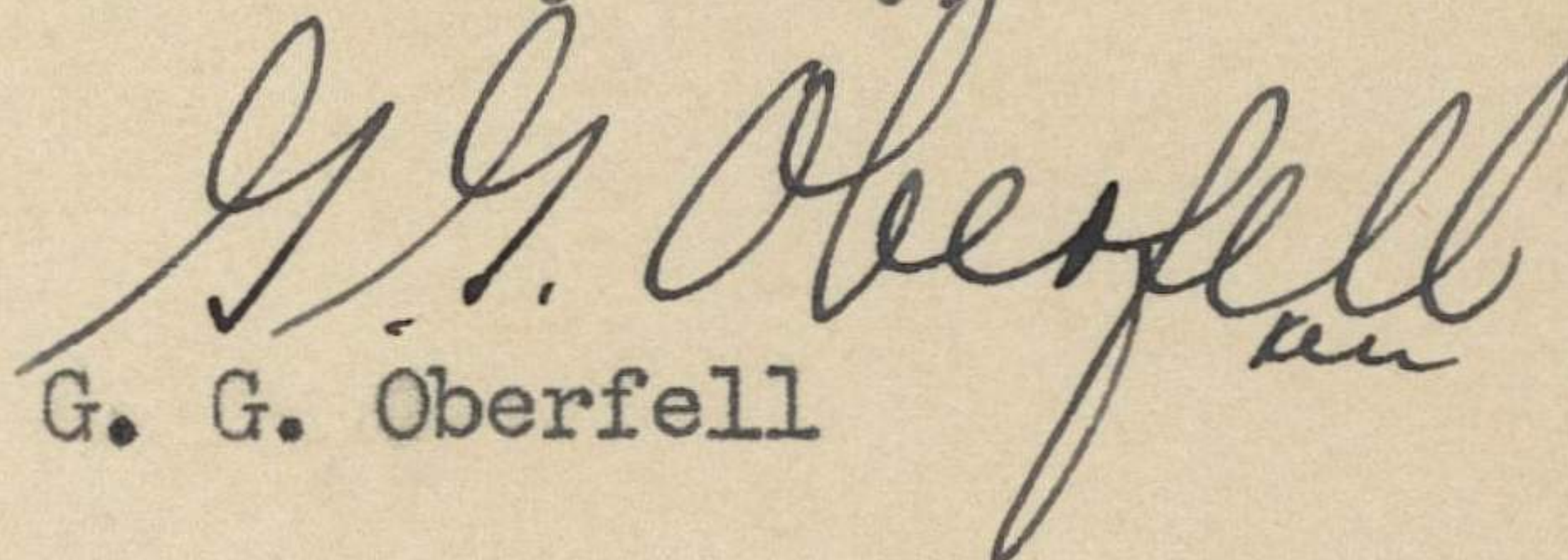
Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

I expect to be in Lawrence Saturday morning, November 7, and if convenient to you, would like very much to see you. I will call when I arrive and hope that arrangements can be made for us to get together.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,


G. G. Oberfell

GGO:ESk



HARVARD UNIVERSITY

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

GEORGE F. BAKER FOUNDATION

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

SOLDIERS FIELD

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

September 29, 1942

Mr. Forrest C. Allen, Director
Department of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

On behalf of the Committee on Admission I would like to thank you for your letter recommending Michael P. O'Donnell for admission to the Business School. Although he is applying for admission to the February class and will therefore not be considered by the committee until sometime in November, I am sure that your letter will be helpful to the members of the committee in making their decision.

If we can be of assistance to you at any time, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Yours very truly,

Florence K. Glynn

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For the Committee on Admission

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VICE PRESIDENT

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

September 9, 1942.

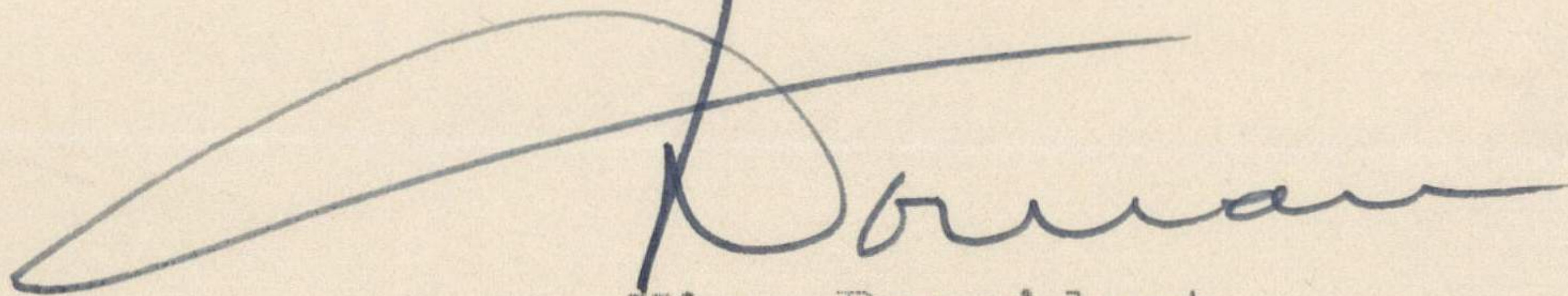
Dear Phog:

I know you will understand why I have not answered your letter of the twenty-sixth when I tell you that I have just returned from my vacation.

I very much appreciate your keeping me up to date on the situation with respect to the basketball games, as this matter is frequently discussed at Auditorium Board meetings. I quite agree with you about George Edwards. I never saw such silly letters as he has written about this matter.

I am looking forward to seeing you shortly.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dorman", with a large, sweeping flourish that extends to the left and underlines the name.

Vice President.

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

DHO:AE

September 24, 1942.

Mr. Michael O'Donnell,
1902 Continental Bldg.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

I have your good letter of September 21 and I assure you it was a pleasure for me to write a recommendation to Harvard University for Mike's possible graduate work there.

Mike is a fine young man and we are always happy to help a young man help himself.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. O'Donnell, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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M. E. O'DONNELL
1902 Continental Bldg.
ST. LOUIS, MO.

St. Louis, Mo.

Sept. 21, 42

Dear Mr. Allen:

Just received a letter from my son, Mike,

stating that he spoke to you in reference to writing a letter to Harvard concerning his entering that school. Mr. Allen, anything you can do or say that will help Mike will be very much appreciated, not only by Mike but by Mrs. O'Donnell and myself.

We feel that it have been a privilege, indeed, for Mike to attend Kansas University and we are very happy with the progress he has made. Again we want to say, everything you can do for Mike will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for this favor.

Sincerely yours

Michael E. O'Donnell

September 24, 1942.

Committee of Admission,
Graduate Business School,
Harvard University,
Soldiers' Field, Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I am very happy to commend Michael Peter O'Donnell,
of our University of Kansas, who is applying to your school
for admission.

I have known Michael O'Donnell for two years and have
had him in my class. I find him to be an enterprising,
energetic, cooperative, intelligent young man. He has a
splendid personality and an aggressive attitude toward
the pursuit of his studies.

I am glad to recommend him without reservation.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

September 16, 1942.

Mr. Glenn Oatman,
3710 Warwick Blvd.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Glenn:

I am glad to write the enclosed letter of recommendation to Gene Tunney in your behalf. I hope it does the job.

I enjoyed the game with you Monday and was happy to have a visit with you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

PCA:AH
Enc.

September 15, 1962.

Lt. Commander Gene Tunney,
U. S. Navy,
Norfolk, Virginia.

Dear Commander Tunney:

I desire to recommend to you Glenn Oatman, a graduate of the University of Kansas, whose present address is 3710 Warwick Blvd., Kansas City, Mo. I have known Glenn Oatman from childhood. He started as a caddy at the Lawrence Country Club when he was working his way, endeavoring to obtain an education. He went through high school and worked his way through college supervising our abbreviated University of Kansas golf course.

Oatman played on the varsity golf team and in his senior year captained the team. Later he coached the golf team for two years and made a fine record. In addition to that he won the Missouri Amateur one year and the Kansas Amateur Golf Championship the second.

He is a graduate of the School of Business here at the University and has always been a very studious young man. His success is not of the mere accidental type but is founded upon experience and study. He has the ability to handle young men and I am sure that if you would see fit to give him an opportunity for training under your direction he will acquit himself with much credit. He is clean, resourceful and loyal. He has no bad habits that will interfere with his success.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Letter of Rec. to

Lt. Com. Tunnay for

Glenn. Oatman,

3710 Warwick Blvd.

Kansas City, Mo.

March 14, 1942.

Mr. Glenn Oatman,
Ellison Hotel,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Glenn:

I am returning your postcard which I received this morning, and I want you to look at it carefully. You apparently have not learned the first rule of business procedure. I could not write a letter of recommendation to Gene Tunney on the strength of such a hastily written postcard.

If you care to sit down and write me a neat, business-like letter, stating what sort of a recommendation you want, I will write to Lt. Commander Tunney. But you have not dignified yourself by scribbling on this post card.

Unless somebody tells you where your weaknesses are you will never gain strength.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

November 10, 1942.

Mr. Dick O'Neil,
Box 66,
Oil Center, New Mexico.

Dear Dick:

I acknowledge your letter of November 1, and am sorry that I have delayed in getting the information to you. Roland Logan is at the Naval Pre-Flight School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C. He is the trainer for Jim Crowley's pre-flight football team.

I have had a number of letters from boys asking the same information that you are asking and I have been unable to give them any information. However, Murray Brown, who assisted me as freshman coach last year, a graduate of Warrensburg Teachers College, and now coach at the Topeka High School, was down last night and told me that he had a chance to get into the physical education set-up. I did not get a chance to talk to him about that matter as he left soon thereafter, but I have written him asking that he write you directly and give you the information. His address is 1423 West 10th Street, Topeka, Kansas. If you do not hear from him right away I suggest that you write to him. If I can help you in any way I will be glad to do it.

Dick, I am reminded of your letter of February 14, 1941, written from Hobbs, New Mexico, in which you mention that you had not forgotten the \$45.00 that you owed me and that you thought perhaps you could send it within the next two months after you wrote the letter. I am sure that you know I would appreciate an effort on your part to liquidate at least a part of this indebtedness. I have raised a family and I can appreciate the situation that a man with a family has. At the same time, a creditor always appreciates it more when he receives some payment on a loan. I loaned you this money, of course, out of my own pocket to help you defray your expense of staying in school, and I would appreciate a workable reciprocity from you.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

Box 66
Oil Center, N.M.
November 1, 1942

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

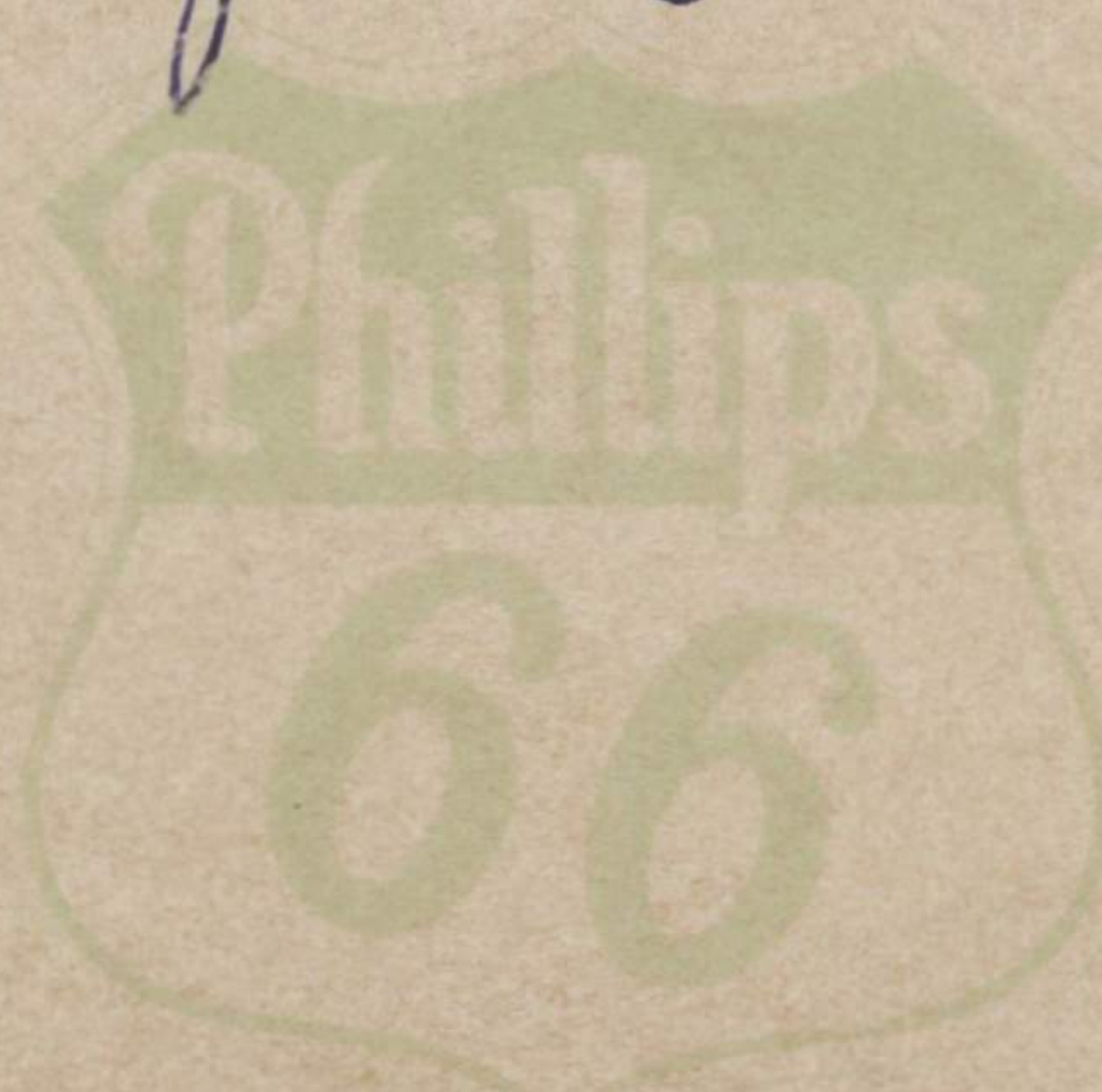
Dear Doc;

I am wondering if you know how I may get lined up in Physical Education work somewhere in the Armed Forces?

At present I am deferred on account of my job but the Draft Board has told me that they will put me back in 3-A if I get a chance to get into the work that I want.

Do you know what steps I could take to apply for this work? I would also like to know if you happen to have Roland Logan's address? I will appreciate a reply from you & I thank you in advance for your attention to my request.

Very truly yours,
Dick O'Neil



Dick O'Neil

Lettered in football in '31, '32,
and '33; in baseball in '32.

March 20, 1941

Mr. R. T. O'Neil
Drawer PP
Phillips Petroleum Company
Hobbs, New Mexico

Dear Dick:

Your good letter of February 14 has been received. I want to thank you for writing and assuring me that in the near future--perhaps within the next two months--you will be able to make some payment on the loan.

Dick, I appreciate this very much because this was my own personal money that I loaned you and I did it with the confidence that you would pay it back, knowing that the money went to you for your tuition which enabled you to stay in school.

I can appreciate the high cost of living and doctor bills that naturally are incurred when a man has a family. This is especially true when you say that you made three moves in the last three years. You know I can appreciate the fact that when a man has a family he incurs obligations because we have had six children of our own and we now have four grandchildren, so it is not difficult for me to realize the facts set forth in your letter.

Thank you for your good wishes regarding our basketball season. I am glad that the game has not only been a source of pleasure to you but a source of revenue. It is always a pleasure to me to see some of my boys succeed. I take a great interest in them and it is a pleasure for me to read of their success.

Last week I had the pleasure of meeting two F.B.I. men inquiring into your fitness and capabilities. I gave them an A No. 1 recommendation; told them that you were an intelligent fighter, that you never gave up and once when you set in quest of anything you kept doggedly after it until you acquired it. I trust that these words of mine will be part of a contribution that will give you what you desire.

My best wishes for your continued success and ultimate happiness. I trust you and your family are well.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

Drawer PP
Hobbs, New Mexico
February 14, 1941

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

Dear Doc:

No doubt you will be surprised to hear from me ^{after} ~~have~~ so many years of silence. I wanted to let you know that I have not forgotten the \$45.00 I owe you and that I think that I can send it to you before very long---perhaps within the next two months. I know you wonder why I have been unable to repay it before this but I can assure you that it has not been possible for me to do so. I have had a steady job but it doesn't pay enough for a person to get very much ahead. Living expenses are very high out here and coupled with a few Doctor bills for my wife and three moves in the last 3 years has made it hard for me to save enough to pay even such a small debt.

I have followed your continued success each year and I have been very proud of having had the opportunity to learn the game of basketball under you. I guess I wasn't much of a student in action but I did learn the game. Using your system I have coached and played on the best independent teams in three different areas in three different years. I have taken squads of Texas and New Mexico college graduates, taught them your system and made believers out of the players, opponents and fans in the West Texas area. I wish you continued success and will ~~put~~ be pulling for you in all your remaining games. Once in awhile I get to hear them on the radio although it is hard to pick up stations in that locality out here.

I have been trying to come back to school to do some more studying and perhaps I can make it next year.

Sincerely yours,

R. J. O'Neil



January 7, 1943.

Mr. R. T. O'Neil,
Box 66,
Oil Center, New Mexico.

Dear Dick:

After I had returned with the basketball team from Buffalo, New York, Philadelphia and St. Louis, I came back to my desk to open my Christmas mail. I found your and Katherine's beautiful Christmas greeting for the holiday season. And when I opened the letter I beheld another greeting that made me very happy and proud - happy that you had sent me a check in part payment for the loan that I advanced you to permit you to continue your college education.

I am proud of the fact that although you were not blessed with too much of the world's goods at present and doubtless burdened by sickness and other debts, you apportioned your earnings to enable you to make a payment on that debt. I sincerely thank you for the check and I hope that you have a very happy New Year and a successful and prosperous one.

Our best wishes to your good family.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH