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July 3, 1942.

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

Dear Dorman:

Thank you so much for your very good letter. I, too, am glad that mine arrived in time. You are getting the last follow-up from George Edwards. I believe they will realize that they are stymied.

At the same time, Dorman, I am telling you that had they been half-way decent about this proposition I would have felt like going along with them. But of all the vindictive and irksome individuals who have been in our hair, Mr. Hatch has been one of the most persistent. And when I talk with you some time at the first opportunity, so far as I am concerned I still haven't closed the door on them entirely, but I do not want them to feel they have any chance.

What I want to do is make two "Kansas" nights out of it, have the Kansas band and the Jay Janes, and do our University some good. Why should they discover at the last minute that they had pulled a boner, and then try to get into the picture?

I appreciate your friendship and assure you that if at any time you would tell me that certain things are for the best interests of the University I would go along with some untenable bedmates if you thought it was the best thing to do.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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STERN BROTHERS & COMPANY

DORMAN H. O'LEARY
VICE PRESIDENT

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

July 1, 1942.

Dear Phog:

Thank you very much for your letter of the twenty-ninth and the copies of the correspondence which you enclosed.

This came at an interesting time, since we discussed informally at the last auditorium meeting on Monday this basketball situation. Hal Welch is, of course, very much interested in getting Missouri to play here with Kansas, and had called me about it. He was not at the last auditorium meeting.

Jack Grover, Herb Boning, Louis Lower and I did talk about the whole situation, and the unanimous agreement was that you were perfectly proper in your objections to staging a double-header with Missouri one of the participating teams, particularly in view of the fact that they would want to cut in on a share of the profit, to which none of them felt they were entitled. After all, it was your idea and your game.

We did feel, however, that if it were possible to play double-headers on those two nights, it would draw additional spectators. The general feeling is that the people of Kansas City like to see two basketball games for the price of one. Naturally, we would expect that the other two teams playing that night get only a very modest percentage of the gate; in fact, it was suggested that they be given only their expenses.

Of course, the problem is to find two teams. If we could get two Kansas City high school teams, I think it might help somewhat. It is possible that the Gardner Naval Air Base may have a basketball team who could be brought in to play some other local opponent as a curtain-raiser.

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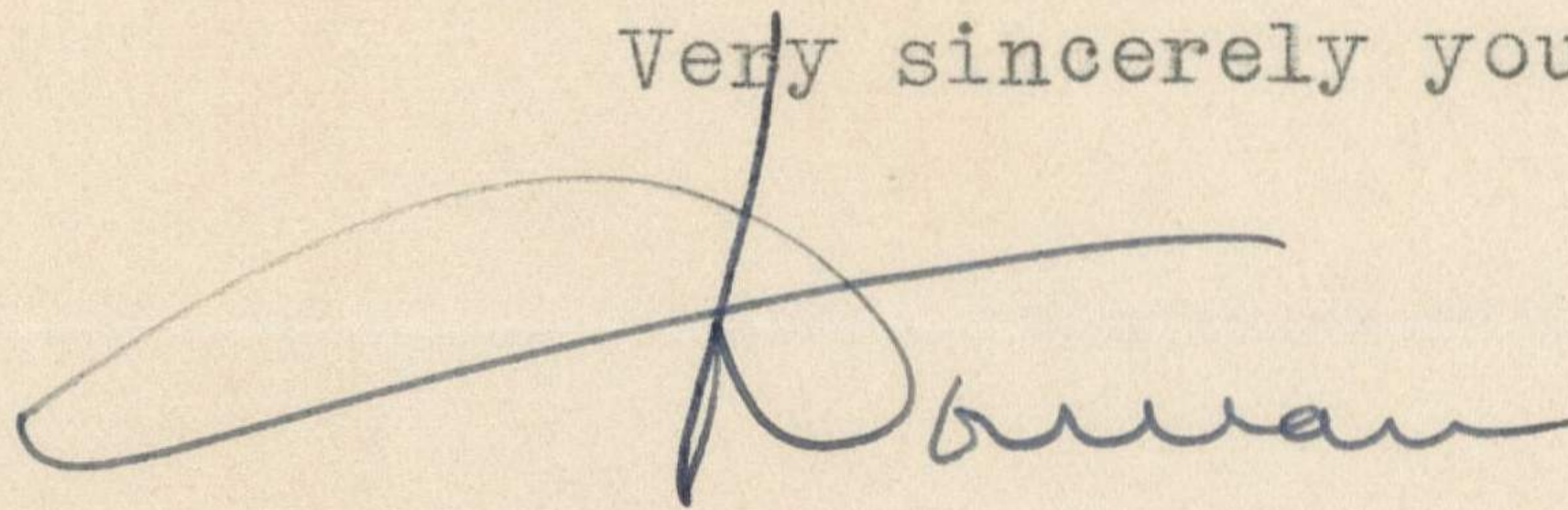
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I was very much interested in George Edwards' letter to Gwinn Henry, and also your reply - for that matter was likewise discussed at our meeting. This whole N.C.A.A. situation, I think, needs a thorough over-hauling. If Edwards can't see that the success of his tournaments, for practical purposes, are bound up in having a Kansas team play in Kansas City, he is crazy, to wit - the attendance on the night when Kansas did play and the attendance on the nights of the finals, both this year and last year.

While Missouri might draw a number of Missouri people, I don't believe they can draw more than 50 or 60% of what a Kansas team will draw in Kansas City; and the boys at the auditorium feel the same way about it.

If there is anything that you want me to do in this situation, I hope you will feel perfectly free to ask me to do it. However, as long as the matter now seems to be quiet, perhaps it would be wisest to let it rest. Should anything develop which comes to me through the auditorium, I will of course look after your interests and will let you know of any developments which seem to be unfavorable to you and to the University of Kansas.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dorman", written in dark ink.

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

DHO:AE

March 13, 1942.

Mr. Ted O'Leary,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Ted:

I am sorry that I have neglected to write you to thank you for the wonderful article that you wrote on the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration. It was marvelous, and I not only appreciate the fine tribute that you paid me but I want to compliment you on the journalistic skill that you displayed. Although I am not a connoisseur of that art, so many compliments have been expressed that I wanted you to know of my appreciation as well as that of my friends.

Thank you so much, Ted.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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December 11, 1941.

*Dr. Edwards
United Service Organization
Burlington, Vermont*

Dr. W. T. Osborne,
United Service Organization,
Burlington, Vermont.

Dear Terry:

I am not now a member of the National Basketball Rules Committee. George Edwards, of the University of Missouri, was named to represent our Fifth District.

The National Basketball Coaches Association asked me to serve as chairman of the Rules Committee, but I declined for reasons best known to myself. Personally, I am not too enthusiastic about some of the boys that are riding in the saddle of the Coaches Association, and I preferred to let them run the show and let them take the responsibility for some of the things they are doing.

For that reason I am out of the administrative end of it of my own free will and accord.

Your material on officiating has arrived, and I find that we use much of this in our system here. However, I shall be glad to study it carefully. Thank you for calling it to my attention.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

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MEMBER AGENCY—THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

Burlington, Vt.
Nov. 27th. 1941.

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

Dear Phog:

Last spring, as you will remember, some of my research material on officiating was presented to the rules committee and then was placed in the hands of the research committee of the rules group for further consideration. This has been such a busy year that there has been little time to devote to further intensive study of it but I am convinced that we have enough data and facts to solve many of the officiating problems that constantly arise.

Not being sure that you have a copy of the outline of the material at hand, I am sending a copy to you under separate cover.

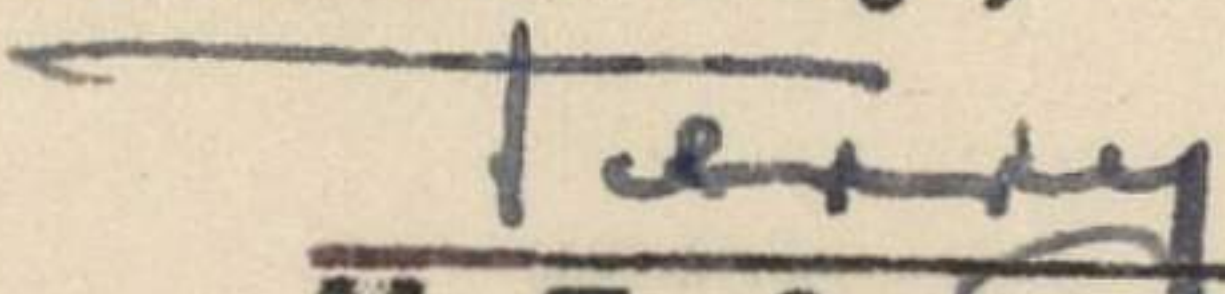
I strongly propose that this method of handling the games be adopted -- at least as an alternative so that a start will be made to improve officiating by means of much more accurate decisions on the part of the referees.

At the present time I am on leave from the University, and have offered my services to the USO and am located in the above city. It is a very beautiful spot and we like it very much. The University of Vermont is located here. The military base is Fort Ethan Allen.

Let me hear from you and I will be glad to hear how your team is shaping up for this season.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,


W.T. Osborne, Ph.D.

WTO/E

June 16, 1942.

Mr. Michael O'Donnell,
7365 Delmar,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mike:

In regard to question 3 in Assignment 15, this has to do with the contract between two schools for a basketball game. I thought you perhaps could write out one of your own, and it was for that purpose that I asked it so that you would be in a position to meet the situation if it was ever presented.

The contract would read something like this:

AGREEMENT

This Agreement or Contract entered into this 16th day of June, 1942, between Central High School of Kansas City, Missouri, and Columbia, Missouri High School, states

THAT the Principal of Central High School agrees to pay to the Principal of Columbia, Missouri, High School the sum of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for a game of basketball to be played at Kansas City, Missouri, on December 5, 1942. The starting time of the game shall be set by the home team.

THAT the game shall be played under the Missouri State High School Athletic Association rules; and

THAT the officials shall be agreed upon by the two schools ten days before the contest.

THAT this contract shall not be abrogated by either party without the consent of the other, and in the failure of the fulfillment of the contract by either party the offending school shall pay to the offended school the sum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

(Signed) Richard Roe
Principal, Central High School

(Signed) John Doe
Principal, Columbia High School

I trust this clarifies the point for you.

Sincerely yours,

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

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Executive Office of the President
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Washington, D. C.

Official Business

June 16, 1942.

Office for Emergency Management,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I would greatly appreciate receiving a copy of
the Atlantic Constitution, if you have them available.
I am particularly interested in the signatories of
all countries protesting against Hitlerism.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
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May 12, 1942

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Miss Hortense O'Dougherty
Kansan Hotel
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Miss O'Dougherty:

Confirming our telephone call of this morning, it has been possible to arrange for you to speak to two different groups of students majoring in Health and Physical Education on Thursday morning, May 14th.

At 9:30 you can meet with the Kinesiology class in Room 202, Robinson Gymnasium. At 10:30 in the same room you can address the First Aid class. Both of these classes are under the direction of Dr. Forrest C. Allen, head of the Department of Physical Education.

If it is more convenient, you can present yourself directly to Dr. Allen's office, Room 105, Robinson Gymnasium, and he will introduce you to the classes. If you prefer, however, you may come to this office, Room 103, Fraser Hall, and I can take you over to Dr. Allen's office.

Unfortunately, Dean Smith is out of town and will not be back before Thursday evening. I am sure he will be sorry to miss your visit to the campus.

Sincerely yours,

Mateel Rich

Mateel Rich
Secretary to the Dean

MR:DH

May 12, 1942.

To Members of the Department of Physical Education:

In cooperation with Dean Smith and the administration, Miss Hortense O'Dougherty will speak on some phase of alcoholic education on Thursday, May 14, at the 9:30 and 10:30 classes in room 202 Robinson Gymnasium.

Physical education majors who do not have classes elsewhere are invited to attend the lecture at one of the above mentioned hours. I trust you will make this announcement to your students.

Sincerely yours,

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

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January 22, 1942,
7403 N. Ridge Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

Perhaps you will recall we exchanged letters in 1937 and 1938. One of the boys in our office plays with a basketball team and has asked me to coach them. I have not been an active participant for the past two years and accordingly I felt that I should refer to your Basketball Bible. When I did so I found that I had retained your letters and I want you to know that it was a great pleasure to read them once again.

Something you wrote in your last letter has made me curious and although I know you are very busy if you do find a few spare moments I would like very much to have an expression from you as to your reaction to the stages through which basketball has passed to reach the present fire engine speed. In that letter you stated that although it was probable that most teams would as soon as given the ball make an attempt to score through use of a fast break - if such fast break was not successful that the teams would go back to use of plays to obtain set shots. Although I have played but little during the past two years nevertheless I see as many games each week as possible. I now work in Evanston and have therefore seen Northwestern play numerous games although I do go out now and then to see Chicago play. We have a fast amateur league in Chicago - The Metropolitan League - most of the teams composed of former college stars. As an example saw the Acme Steel team play the other night - they feature Joe Stampf and Amundsen two former U of Chicago stars. Except for the professional teams I have yet to see the supposedly better grade teams use set plays to any great extent.

It seems that no team spends any time on defense. When I read these 60 to 58 basketball scores I become disgusted with basketball. While I believe firmly that it was a good move to dispense with the old standing guard certainly there must be some value to having guards who do not spend all of their time under the opposing team's basket. As it now stands no player seems to worry about how many points his opponent scores. I may be wrong but I do believe that the player who scores five baskets and holds his opponent to one or two baskets is of far greater value to a team than the chap who scores eight or ten baskets but doesn't know and doesn't seem to care about how many baskets his opponent has rung up.

But to me the most deplorable feature of the game as played today is the fact that the average player does not know the meaning of a set shot from around the free throw circle - and much less does he know about the shooting - with two hands - of such a shot. In game after game I have seen players suddenly find themselves unguarded in a spot somewhere around the free throw spot. Invariably that player will take off with

his right foot and try a one hand push shot. Speaking of push shots - do you believe that the shots are really push shots as they formerly were ? Seems to me the boys simply throw the ball and trust to luck.

Just as you wrote in your letters - now that you must give the ball to your opponent after you score there is little or no chance for a team to make a last quarter drive to tie up the score. I may be in error but it appears that you see a good ball game for three quarters but if one team is ahead by eight or nine points the losing team seems to ease up as though realizing that they do not have much chance to tie up that score. Of course, where the game is nip and tuck the teams battle it out to the final gun but in such games the close score does not correctly show the strength of the opposing teams. In many games a team that on the basis of it's personnel should win handily allows the contest to become a tight game because of wild passing and more or less wild shooting. Certainly it must be admitted that the fast break makes for more wild passes - and that much of the time gained thru elimination of the center jump is lost thru having the ball taken offside because of steps, travelling with the ball, etc. Do you agree ?

Another thing I have noticed in the last year is the frequency with which a referee claims that a ball player has made a running start on his dribble. A few years ago such a thing was unheard of.

While high scoring has found considerable public favor if high scoring in itself is all the crowd wants to see then there is no point to paying from \$1.10 to \$2.20 to see outstanding teams run up and down a court because you can go into any church, commercial or industrial league gym and see ten men trying to wear out the old iron hoop.

Although I attend any and all sorts of basketball games I really find the most pleasure in watching the professional teams. They are apparently the only teams that practice set shots and set up scoring plays.

I am enclosing an article recently published in a popular weekly magazine. Seems Mr. Keogan must have been quite "het up" to utter such scathing remarks.

My work takes me out of town now and then. If I can possibly arrange to do so I'll be at the Stadium when your team plays. If I get out I'll be rooting for you and your boys.

Perhaps you have felt that your Basketball Bible is outmoded. Well to some it may seem that way but I personally feel that teams should spend more time on fundamentals and like it or not they boys I am to coach are going to spend time of fundamentals as outlined in your book.

Cordially yours,


L. H. Olson

AS BASKETBALL coaches go, Mr. George Keogan of Notre Dame is a quiet specimen. Quite unlike the famous "Piggy" Lambert at Purdue, it is not necessary to have strong-armed guards on the bench to keep him from committing hara-kiri during a close game. So it was with some amazement that observers noted words coming from Mr. Keogan's lips during a recent contest. He chewed silently on his unlighted cigar and his words were subdued and unheated. What Mr. Keogan said was:

"A fine game for a herd of buffalo."

Just that. Nothing more. Just that little bombshell left to hang in the air like the menace of sudden death. It had the bitterness of desperation, the sourness of frustration. The point is that, although the Notre Dame teams go on winning their share of games, Mr. Keogan maintains that basketball under the present rules is a farce.

Now, this is serious business because basketball has more participants than any other American sport. There are grammar-school, kindergarten, high-school, college and professional teams. There are factory teams and church-league teams; there are High-Y teams and 4-H teams; there are fat men's teams and girls' teams.

"It was once a game of speed and cleverness," says the quiet Mr. Keogan. "It has now been turned over almost entirely to the giants. They brought this about by the change in rules that elimi-

nated the center jump and established a dividing line on the court. The whole thing is now a parade of goons."

These are sharp words and the Keogan gentleman is likely to get sharp looks from some of his fellow coaches for his frankness, but it will be difficult for anybody to deny that the trend toward taller players has been distinctly marked in the past few years. Arkansas has a team that averages six feet six inches. West Texas Teachers average the same, with their most important contribution being a six-foot-ten center. The very good Oregon team of two years ago averaged about six-foot-four, with the three front men averaging six-foot-six.

"If you'll watch the papers," says Mr. Keogan, "you'll see a line like this any week of the season: 'The game was won in the last twenty seconds when Galumph, the six-foot-seven giant, tipped in a rebound.'"

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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

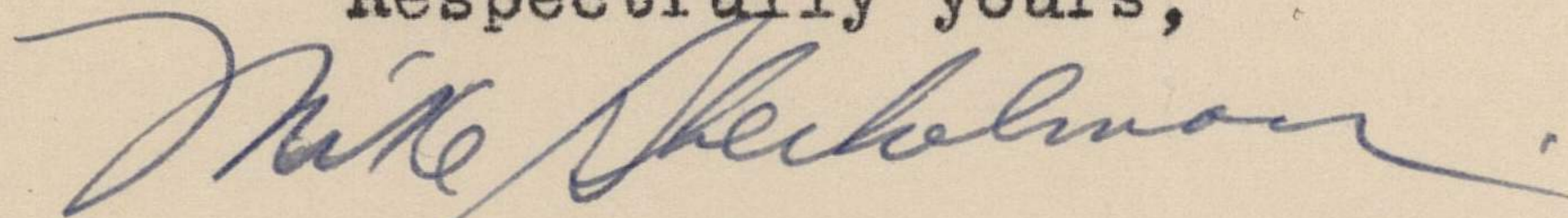
Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of February 14th. Needless to say, it made me very happy.

It has long been my desire to become, some day, a respectable basket ball official. There are of course times, as in every other line, that one feels the breaks are not in ones favor however I have enjoyed very much my association with players, coaches, and others connected with this fine game. I believe I am enjoying a pretty good season and certainly count it a privilege to have included on my schedule this year the game at Lawrence the other night along with two nice assignments to Nebraska.

I trust that I will have the privilege of serving in the same capacity again at Kansas University in the future.

Respectfully yours,



M. C. Oberhelman

Dr. Allen --

Ted O'Sullivan paid Dean nothing.

He offered to take Dean to lunch, but Dean's wife was expecting him so he did not accept.

TED O'SULLIVAN
INSURANCE
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916 WALNUT STREET BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MO.

February 11, 1942

Dr. F. C. Allen
Athletic Department
University of Kansas
Lawrence
Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

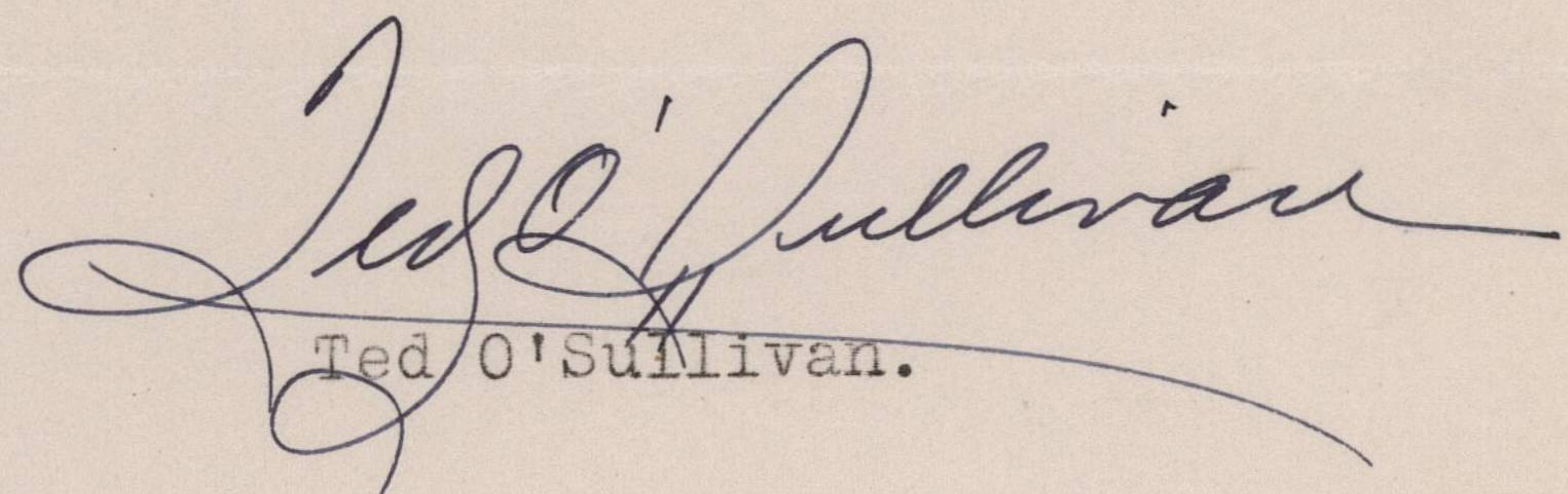
I sincerely appreciate the treatment you gave me for my injured leg. It was very fine of you to give me the time and the treatment as I know you are very busy.

I regret very much that it was necessary for me to ask for a release from my assignment in your Game with Creighton on February 10.

Thanks again for your treatment of my injured leg.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Ted O'Sullivan.

December 11, 1941

Mr. George C. Oldham
1029 24th Ave.
S.E. Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear George,

I received your fine pre-Christmas greeting with the fine photograph of your fine family. That's a grand outfit of Oldhams!

My congratulations to your splendid family.

Sincerely,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

November 21, 1941

Mr. Kalman A. Oravetz,
177 Ellery Avenue,
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Kalman:

Thank you and thanks to Marie P. Sealy and Sidney O. Sklar for your kind invitation on behalf of the K. U. Alumni Club of New Jersey. Our Kansas team would be very happy to visit you if we came east, but we are not doing so this year.

However, if and when we do go east we shall certainly not overlook the K. U. Alumni Club of New Jersey. Please express our gratification to the other members of your club.

We are getting ready for the Missouri game tomorrow. We had a great victory over Kansas State last Saturday, and everybody is almost as happy as if we had won the Big Six championship. The victory was such a welcome one because it was so unexpected.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

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K.U. ALUMNI CLUB OF NEW JERSEY
In Formation

177 Ellery Avenue
Newark, New Jersey
November 10, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

On behalf of the K.U. Alumni Club of New Jersey, we extend to you and to the K.U. Basketball team a cordial invitation to attend a meeting of the K.U. grads of New Jersey in the event that you make a swing through this part of the East sometime this winter.

The Jersey Jayhawkers are still in a formative stage of organization, but the membership is slowly but very definitely gaining in strength with much enthusiasm and every indication of future success. Our plans call for a general dinner-meeting here in Newark sometime in these next months to be attended by as nearly all of the New Jersey grads as can be brought together.

We know that the team has often visited the East-- visits that we always enjoyed. Now we are hoping and wishing that, if you and the team come East this season, you will find it possible to so arrange your schedule that you could attend the meeting of the Jersey Jayhawkers as our guests of honor.

Of course we would call the meeting at such a time as will suit your schedule and will make all arrangements to meet your convenience.

It is difficult to fully express how great a pleasure it would be for us all to meet you again and how much we would enjoy meeting the present members of the team. We hope that you will carefully consider our invitation and will plan to attend if you find it at all possible.

Very sincerely,

Kalman Anthony Oravetz

Marie P. Sealy, c'14
Kalman A. Oravetz, c'40
Sidney O. Sklar, c'41
Co-Chairmen