

December 13, 1940

Mr. William W. Egelhoff  
Booking Clerk  
Municipal Auditorium  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Egelhoff:

Of course we are very happy to release Monday, March 17. We had preferred the 17th over the 18th, but under the conditions it is entirely agreeable to release the 17th.

We understand then that you will hold March 18, 1941 for the Missouri Valley N.C.A.A. playoffs.

Very cordially yours,

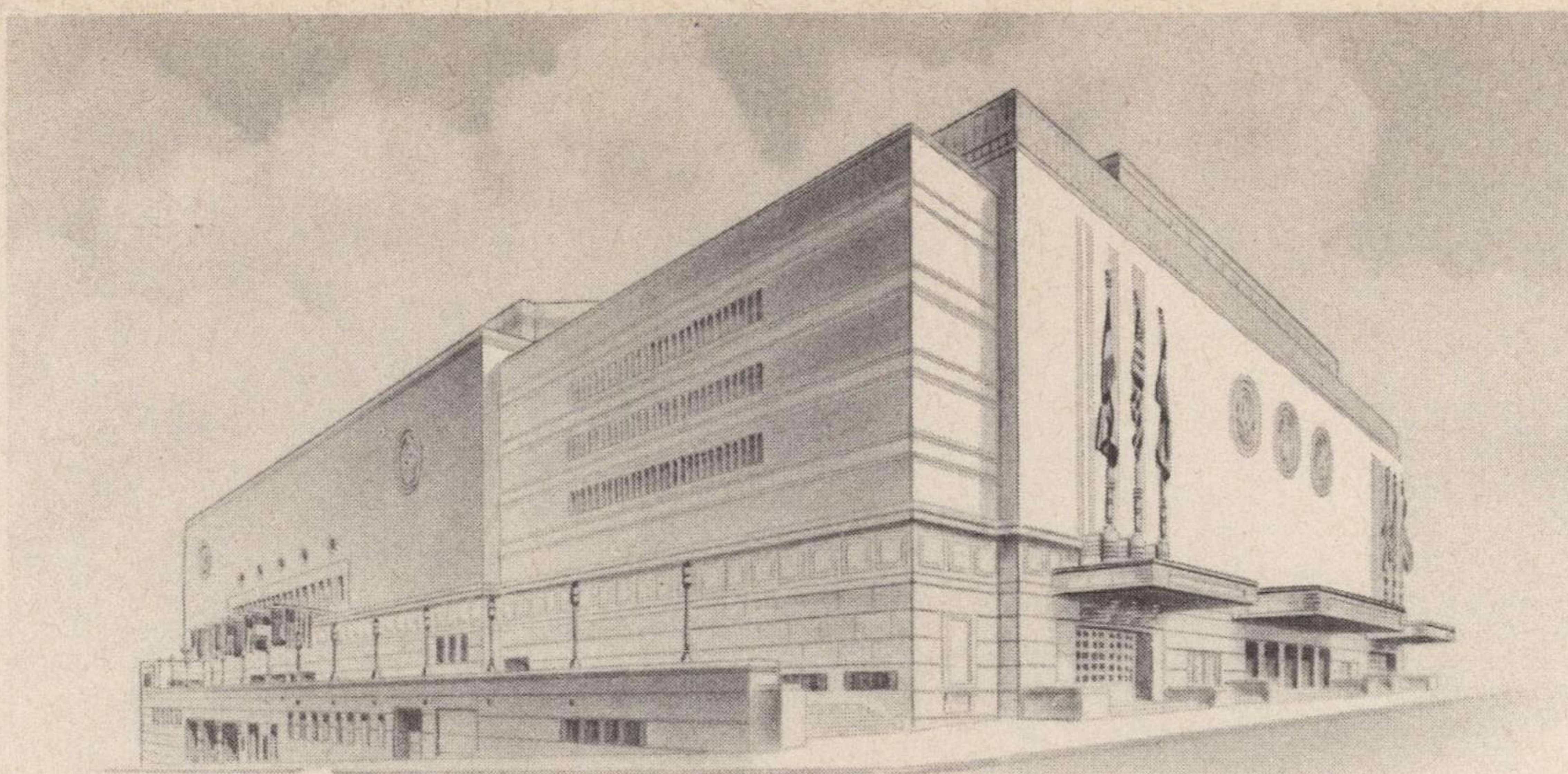
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## KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

EUGENE C. ZACHMAN, Director

December 11, 1940

Dr. Phog Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kasas

Dear Mr. Allen;

We are holding tenatively for the Missouri Valley  
N. C. A. A. playoffs, March 17 and 18, 1941.

Today the opportunity to rent the Arena on Monday,  
March 17, presented itself. If it is possible at  
this time for you to give us a clearance on that  
date, we would appreciate it very much. Please  
let me know your decision in this matter as soon  
as possible.

With every good wish for the coming holiday season,  
I remain

Sincerely yours

*William W. Egelhoff*  
William W. Egelhoff  
Booking Clerk





November 27, 1940

Mr. James H. Nixon  
Municipal Auditorium  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Jimmy:

I was glad to have your good letter of the 26th instant and happy to know that you are very much in the ring again.

I am also pleased to know that you like the Bush and Laube set-up. I told them that I desired to work with you and after I found out you were affiliated with them I felt as if all of us could get along very nicely.

It is nice of you to invite me to be your guest for one of your shows in the Music Hall. Doubtless Mrs. Allen and I might be able to get away sometime this winter. In the event that we do, we certainly will let you know.

With all good wishes, I am,

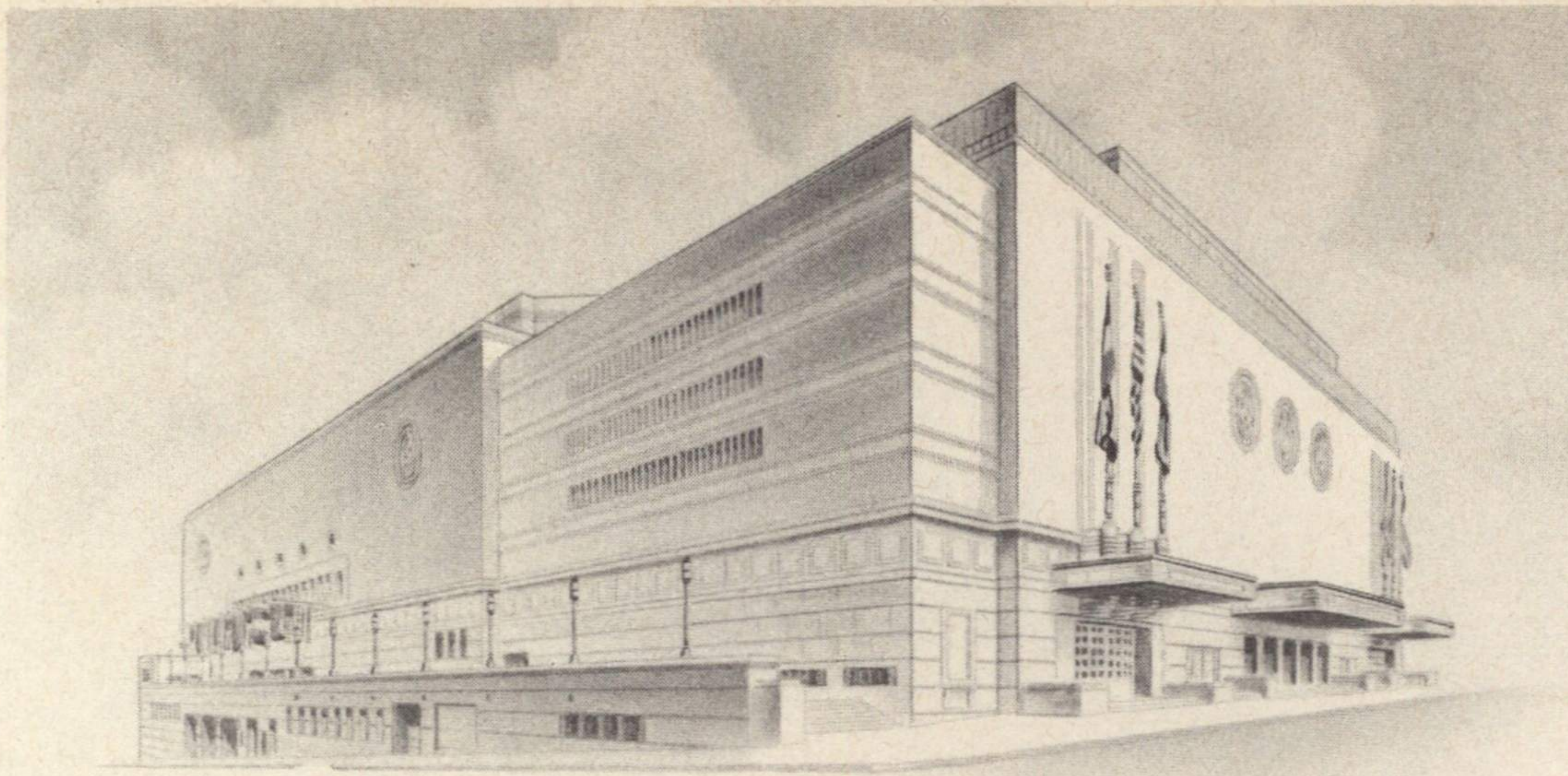
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## KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

EUGENE C. ZACHMAN, Director

November 26, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Many thanks for the very fine letter I received during my recent siege in the hospital. I am very happy to inform you that I am getting along very nicely, and I expect to be back on the job full time, right after the first of December.

Regarding the program for your tournament here this spring, I sincerely hope that you still intend to let me handle that for you, in connection with my co-partners, Bush and Laube, who have one of the finest organizations in this part of the country in a program setup.

I am looking forward to seeing you sometime this winter, and in case you should care to attend one of our shows here in the Music Hall, I would be very happy to have you as my guest.

Thanking you again for your very fine letter, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

*James H. Nixon*  
James H. Nixon

JHN/DS

*Mr Bush is in my office now.  
He tells me seen you yesterday and  
made the deal for the program.*





May 20, 1940.

Mr. Eugene C. Zachman, Manager,  
Municipal Auditorium,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Gene:

Thanks very much for your good letter of the 16th instant. This big boy Olsen of Ohio State is rather difficult to move, or if he does move he moves slowly. And of course he is tied by the National Collegiate General Council which meets at Minneapolis some time in the middle of June. I am writing him so that they will be definitely determined at that time, and then we can get together.

There is one other single date, Gene, that I want to pass on to you. In case there is a Big Six play-off like there was at Wichita last year I would like to play that game in Kansas City, but I doubt if there will ever be a triple tie again. We played those games at Wichita on March 11 and 12. I hardly look for a tied championship in basketball next year, as there has been only two such ties in the Big Six Conference in basketball.

There is one provision, however, namely that the Missouri Valley and the Big Six have a play-off to decide the winner to represent the Fifth District of the N.C.A.A. That game was played this year between Kansas and Oklahoma Aggies, and last year between Oklahoma and Oklahoma Aggies at Oklahoma City. Of course, Oklahoma City and Wichita will want that play-off, but I would like to arrange a single date, if possible, for that play-off to be in Kansas City. If Missouri and Kansas should happen to win the Big Six, then the play-off with the Missouri Valley winner would go big. The date of that play-off this year was March 16 at Oklahoma City. We packed the hall at Oklahoma City and for the Big Six play-off in Wichita we packed the Forum.

Now I am not sure that I will be named the chairman of this district again, as every four years the National Collegiate selects a chairman, and the chairman runs the tournament. So I am just passing this information along more for you to get acquainted with the situation, and



if it would be possible to get a date somewhere in there it would be swell. Of course, I realize Liston's tournament also is entitled to definite consideration, and I would not want to hog the show. However, I know that the play-off between the Missouri Valley and the Big Six in Kansas City would be a great drawing card. For that reason I thought I should mention it. It necessarily wouldn't have to be the 16th - it might be any time that you would have open.

At any rate, when I am in Kansas City within the next few weeks I am going to drop in to have a talk with you and this memorandum will serve its purpose when we get together. Let me know if you are planning on being out of town for any stretch of time within the next few weeks so that I might plan accordingly.

Very sincerely yours,

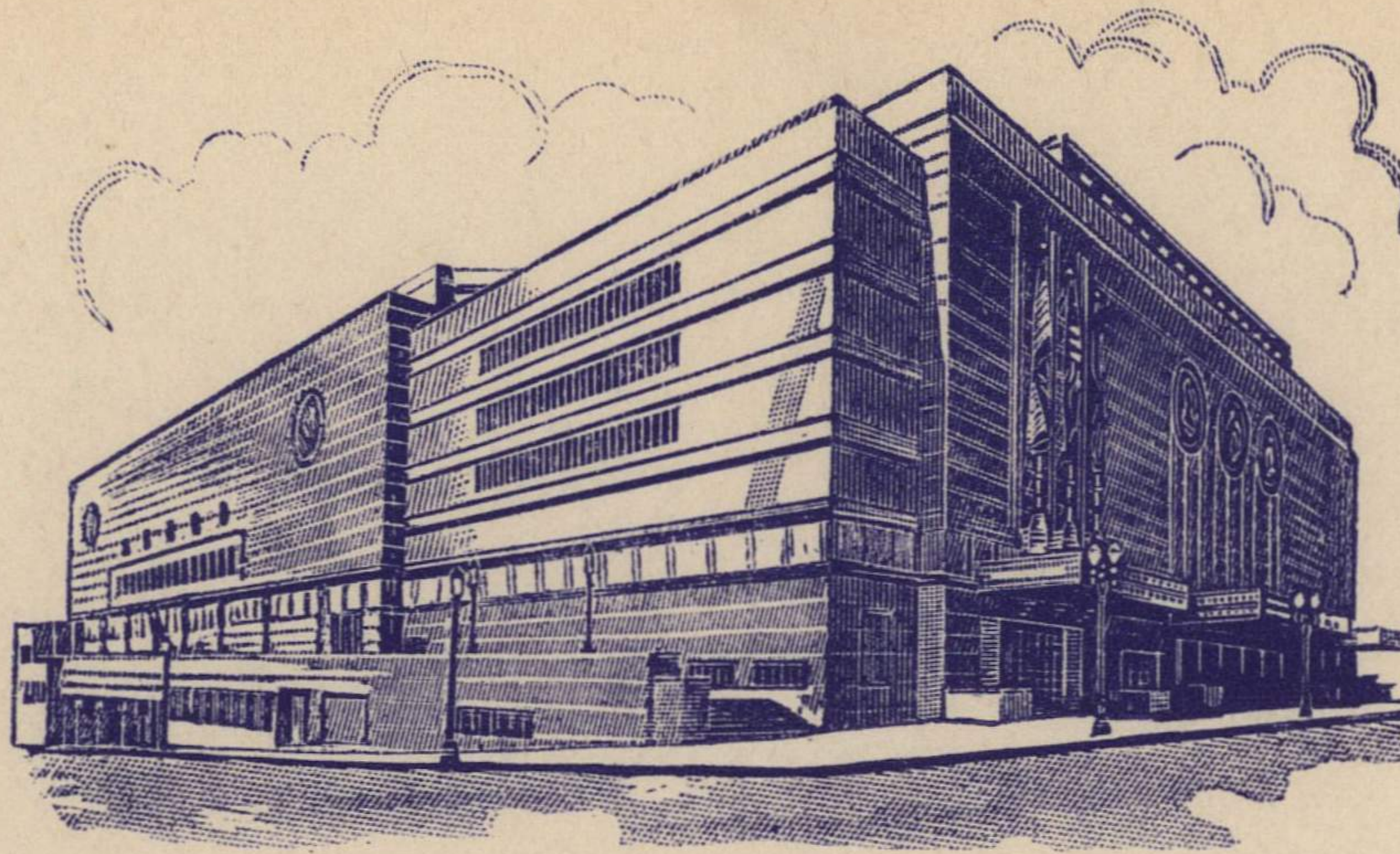
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## MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM KANSAS CITY, MO.

May 16, 1940

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

Dear Phog:

In accordance with your request, we are holding the week prior to March 23rd until such a time as you get a definite date for the Western playoff. Naturally we would like your definite dates as early as possible so that the unused time would be available for other bookings and we know that you will bring the matter to a head as quickly as possible; so we are putting a rock on those two weeks until we hear from you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

  
Eugene C. Zachman, Mgr.  
Municipal Auditorium

ECZ/DS



May 15, 1940.

Mr. Eugene Zaciman,  
Manager,  
Municipal Auditorium,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Gene:

Thanks for your good letter of May 11th. We doubtless will have the Western play-off here in Kansas City, although that hasn't been determined. The National has been set but the Western has not. What we were endeavoring to do was to combine the Western and the National in one week. But that is very uncertain so will you kindly hold the week prior to March 23rd until we get that settled?

You remember that you and Jimmy and I talked about holding both weeks until we could settle this. So will you kindly hold the dates open until I can definitely let you know. We will have to treat this in an expectant manner for a little while because I do not want to rush it. If I appear doubly anxious to put this thing on maybe some of the brothers might want to hold the Western elsewhere. You know the Western last year was on the 22nd and 23rd, and the Finals on the 30th.

I am still for combining the week and we might get it across, but if you can hold these dates it will be appreciated. I will let you know at the earliest possible moment.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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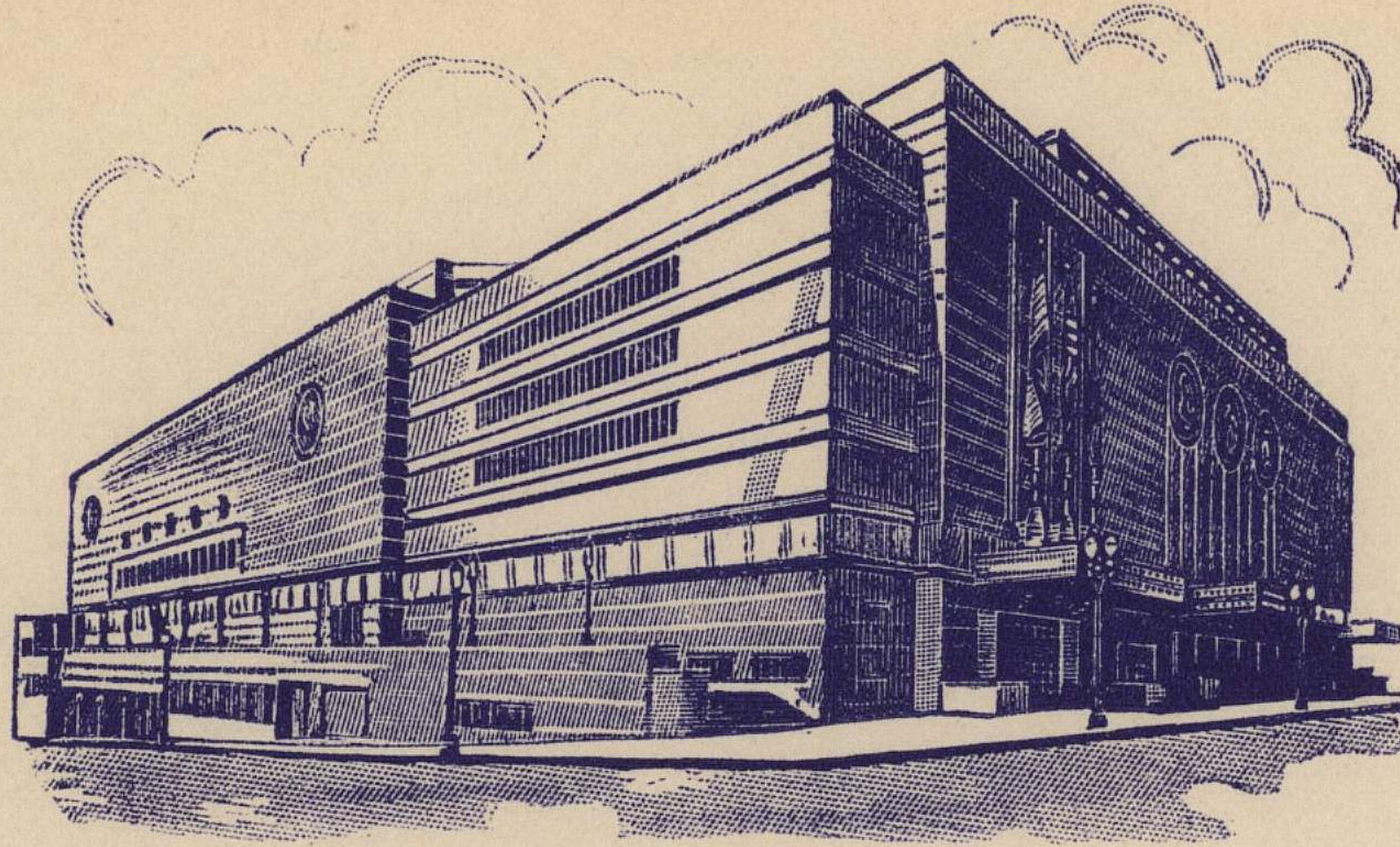
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## MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM KANSAS CITY, MO.

May 11, 1940

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

Dear Phog:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 7th regarding next years meeting of the National Basketball Committee.

In accordance with your instructions we are holding the Arena open for the week of March 23rd to 29th, Inc., 1940, for your tournament next year. If there has been any change in your schedule which would affect the dates we are holding, would you please let me know.

Jim Nixon joins with me in sending best regards.

Very sincerely yours,

*Eugene C. Zachman*  
Eugene C. Zachman, Mgr.  
Municipal Auditorium

ECZ/DS



Lawrence, Kansas  
May 7, 1940

Mr. Eugene Zachman,  
Manager, Municipal Auditorium,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Zachman:

I have just received a letter from Mr. H. V. Porter, secretary of the National Basketball Committee, in which he says:

"To date, no action has been taken relative to the time and place of next year's meeting. Chairman Floyd Rowe reports that a vote of the Executive Committee will be taken as soon as further information relative to related events is available. It has been definitely decided by the National Collegiate Athletic Association that the National Basketball Tournament will again be held at Kansas City on a date corresponding to that for the past tournament. This will probably have an influence on the choice of date and place of meeting for the Rules committee."

I am keeping you definitely in mind, and as soon as the date is set we will communicate with you at once. I am sure that you will pass this on to Jimmy Nixon, because we want you to know that we are pretty fond of the Municipal Auditorium family.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Vice Chairman,  
National Basketball Committee.





KANSAS CITY ATHLETIC CLUB  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

March 13, 1940.

Mr. Forreest C. Allen,  
Kansas University,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen:

As much as we would like to accomodate you in regard to the installation of the backboard you mention, it does not seem possible to tie up our gymnasium for any considerable period that would serve your purpose.

We have three aerial dart courts in our gym which are pretty busy every day. On Friday we have a women's gym class in the morning, a noon class for men and a mixed class in the evening. Saturday mornings are given over to the juniors and Saturday afternoons the dart courts are busy until rather late.

In view of this it would hardly be worth the expense of installing the board for the little time the gym would be available.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Walker,  
Executive Director.

CHW/cd

*Copy sent to  
Roy Beiringer*



Lawrence, Kansas  
March 6, 1940

Mr. C. H. Walker, Secretary,  
Kansas City Athletic Club,  
Hotel Continental,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Walker:

Our National Basketball Rules Committee has been doing some research on a convex backboard, and I am wondering if it would be agreeable to you to have the manufacturers of this board install one in the gymnasium at the Kansas City Athletic Club at the time of our meeting in Kansas City?

This would be a matter of great interest to the coaches and other officials in attendance, and would attract hundreds of distinguished visitors to view the board. If it could be installed in your gymnasium then it would be in position for the coaches to try it out.

The Hedart Manufacturing Company would take care of all arrangements in installing the board if it meets with your approval. I shall be glad to hear from you at your early convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



Mr. C. H. Walker, Secretary,  
Kansas City Athletic Club,  
Hotel Continental,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Walker:

Mr. Robin McGeorge writes me that he has talked with you regarding the use of the K.C.A.C. gymnasium by the basketball teams at the time of the N.C.A.A. basketball tournament in March.

I doubtless should have written you, but I did not know who was the generalissimo in the Club at the present time.

Thank you very much for your courtesy in allowing us to use the gymnasium. We will check with the authorities later and find out when the gymnasium will be free so that we can give this information to the teams desiring to play.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

November Seventeenth

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Dear Phog:

With reference to your letter of November 14, regarding the use of the K.C.A.C. gymnasium for the Basketball Team to work out preparatory to their playing in the Auditorium, wish to advise that I talked the matter over with Mr. C. H. Walker, Secretary of the Club, and he advised me that this would be satisfactory at any time when the gymnasium was not in use for the gymnasium classes, which is usually at noon and around 5 p.m.

I am sure they will have no trouble in arranging for a few minutes work out for the teams whenever needed.

Yours very truly

HOTEL CONTINENTAL

*Robin McGeorge*  
ROBIN McGEORGE

Assistant Manager

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

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KANSAS CITY ATHLETIC CLUB  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

November 24, 1939.

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

Dear Pfog:

The other day when Robin McGeorge brought up the matter of the basketball players using the K. C. A. C. gym for practice during the N. C. A. C. Tournament, I told him we would be glad to cooperate if the practice time could be arranged without inconveniencing our members. I realize this is rather indefinite, but it is the best we can do under the circumstances.

We have three dart courts in our gym and as this game is popular with our members, the gym is in use every night until at least eight o'clock,

If practice periods could be arranged in the afternoon, or after the gym period in the evenings, we will be glad to work with you.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Walker,  
Executive Director.

CHW/cld



November 27, 1939.

Mr. C. H. Walker,  
Executive Director,  
Kansas City Athletic Club,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Walker:

Your letter of November 24th addressed to Dr. Allen has been received during Dr. Allen's absence from the office. He left Sunday for a rules interpretation meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, and expects to return to the office later in the week.

I am sure Dr. Allen will appreciate your efforts in arranging time for practice by the teams participating in the N.C.A.A. tournament in the spring. You will doubtless hear from Dr. Allen at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen.



February 13, 1940.

Mr. Kenneth A. Sells,  
Physical Director,  
Kansas City Athletic Club,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Kenny:

It was very gracious of you to offer to help with our N.C.A.A. basketball tournament. We certainly will make it a point to call upon you for any assistance that we may need, and I am sure that we will need some.

I expect to be in Kansas City in the very near future and I will drop down and see you for a definite chat.

With all good wishes, and thanking you for writing me, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.





KANSAS CITY ATHLETIC CLUB

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Feb. 10, 1940.

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I will be glad to assist in any official capacity with the regional N. C. A. A. Basketball tournament and also with the final championship.

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There is a lot of interest and speculation in Kansas City on what teams will compete in both the regional and final tournaments. I believe both tournaments will be naturals.

Yours very truly,

*Kenneth A. Sells.*

Kenneth A. Sells,  
Physical Director.



Lawrence, Kansas  
March 14, 1940.

Mr. F. L. Schlagle,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Schlagle:

Thank you for your gracious letter of the 8th instant. I am delighted that we can count on the Wyandotte High School band for our N.C.A.A. games on Saturday night, March 23.

I am sending you, confidentially, a copy of the letter I have just written to Principal Wellemeier explaining our set-up in regard to the ticket situation. I do want him to know how much we appreciate his cooperation, but perhaps he thought the tournament was an individual promotion. However, I am only acting as manager of the tournament for the N.C.A.A., and we must abide by their rules.

I will be more than happy to take care of your family, and if there are some board members that you want taken care of we will certainly do that. I had in mind doing something for Tom Van Cleave. Had you in mind some of these tickets for him? I would like to have your suggestions.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.



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F. L. SCHLAGLE  
SUPERINTENDENT

March 8, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

We are glad that the Wyandotte High School Band is able to assist you by playing at the N.C.A.A. semi-finals basketball games in the Municipal Auditorium on March 23. We appreciate the support you have given our schools in the past and welcome the opportunity to repay you in a small way.

If it is possible, I would appreciate having twelve tickets for the games; however, if this is too many, feel free to reduce the number.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

*F. L. Schlagle*  
Superintendent of Schools

S:P



Lawrence, Kansas  
March 14, 1940

Mr. J. F. Wellensyer, Principal,  
Wyandotte High School,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Wellensyer:

We are very happy that we can count on your splendid high school band for our basketball games on Saturday night, March 23. We will do everything in our power to make you and Mr. Schlagle and the boys in the band feel that we appreciate it very much.

I am very sorry that the N.C.A.A. does not permit us to issue complimentary tickets - even to the players participating in the tournament. But we do expect to buy some tickets for you and your immediate family, and for Mr. Schlagle. I am sorry that it is impossible to extend this courtesy to your faculty members and your basketball squad. However, I believe I might arrange some way to use your coaches in an official capacity. If you will let me have the names of your coaches I will endeavor to arrange it so they can have some task, such as timer or scorekeeper, that will not interfere too much with their enjoyment of the game.

The government, of course, checks very closely on talent that is used in the hall for entertainment purposes, and so forth. The band comes in under the talent class.

The N.C.A.A. set-up is under the control of a national body, the same as the National Federation of High Schools, or something similar to the Kansas State High School Basketball Tournament, only much more rigid. The expenses of the competing teams are guaranteed and we



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are paying a very large hall rent. The money spent for tickets is taken out of the gate receipts if the gate receipts are sufficient.

Last Monday and Tuesday at Wichita the boys' families bought their own tickets. This play-off was under the jurisdiction of the N.C.A.A., and the game with the Oklahoma Aggies at Oklahoma City on March 16th will be under the same regulations. The National Collegiate has issued a no-complimentary list similar to the World Series in baseball. Mr. E. C. Quigley told me a few months ago that there is not a complimentary ticket issued in the World Series baseball games; only the players, umpires, Judge Landis and the working press get tickets, and their personnel is cut to the minimum.

I go into this detail to explain our situation so that you will know that not only do we appreciate your fine cooperation, but we insist upon purchasing tickets for your immediate family. If you will be kind enough to let me know the number I will arrange for those tickets. And if you will send me the names of your coaches I will try to arrange some slight tasks for them.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.



WYANDOTTE HIGH SCHOOL

25TH AND MINNESOTA AVENUE

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

J. F. WELLEMAYER  
PRINCIPAL

J. CLYDE HUME  
VICE-PRINCIPAL

March 9, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Yes, you are right. Our band boys are glad to participate in the tournament Saturday evening, March 23. I shall expect further details from you regarding the plan.

As regards tickets for the game, I am sure my rather extensive coaching staff here and members of our first basketball squad would appreciate admission tickets. Could you spare me as many as forty or fifty? Be perfectly frank with me in this matter since I don't want to impose on you beyond what you are able to agree to. Superintendent Schlagle tells me you also have in mind providing some sort of "feed" for the members of the band. In that case, I am sure the youngsters would be willing to literally blow their heads off for you.

I shall expect to hear from you regarding final plans.

Very cordially,

  
PRINCIPAL

JFW:FS



March 5, 1940.

Mr. F. L. Schlagle,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Schlagle:

Through Mr. Tom Van Cleave I have learned of the availability of the Wyandotte High School band for our N.C.A.A. semi-finals in Kansas City on March 23, at the Municipal Auditorium.

I have written Principal Welleneyer telling him of our very sincere desire to have this splendid band, and I want to assure you that we will greatly appreciate it if this band can play for us on that date.

We will be happy to give the boys a good meal, and I am sure they will have a very enjoyable time.

I will be glad to provide you with tickets for this game - and any of your faculty who desire to attend - if you will so advise me.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

PGA:AH



March 6, 1940.

Mr. J. F. Welleneyer,  
Principal, Wyandotte High School,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Principal Welleneyer:

I have just learned through Mr. Tom Van Cleave, of Kansas City, Kansas, that there is a possibility the Wyandotte High School band will be available for the semi-finals of our N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament in Kansas City on the evening of Saturday, March 23.

This pleases us very much, and I am writing you to confirm our sincere desire to have your splendid band appear on this occasion.

The tournament will be played in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri. I shall be glad to advise you later regarding details such as time, and so forth.

I shall be happy to provide tickets for this game for you and any members of your faculty who desire to attend, if you will so advise me.

With kind personal regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



March 6, 1940.

Mr. C. S. Robinson,  
Assistant to Superintendent,  
Kansas City Public Schools,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear C. S.:

Thank you for your two letters of March 2nd and 4th. I greatly appreciate your efforts to secure a band for us, and regret that your Board of Education does not permit a high school band to play at such an event. However, I believe that we will be able to secure some group to play for us.

C. S., I am going to see if there is some slight task that can be assigned to you and Gerald so that you will be able to see these tournament games. There are no complimentary tickets as the tournament is in charge of the N.C.A.A., but I will definitely keep you in mind as I am sure that we will want to use you and Gerald.

Again thanking you, and with best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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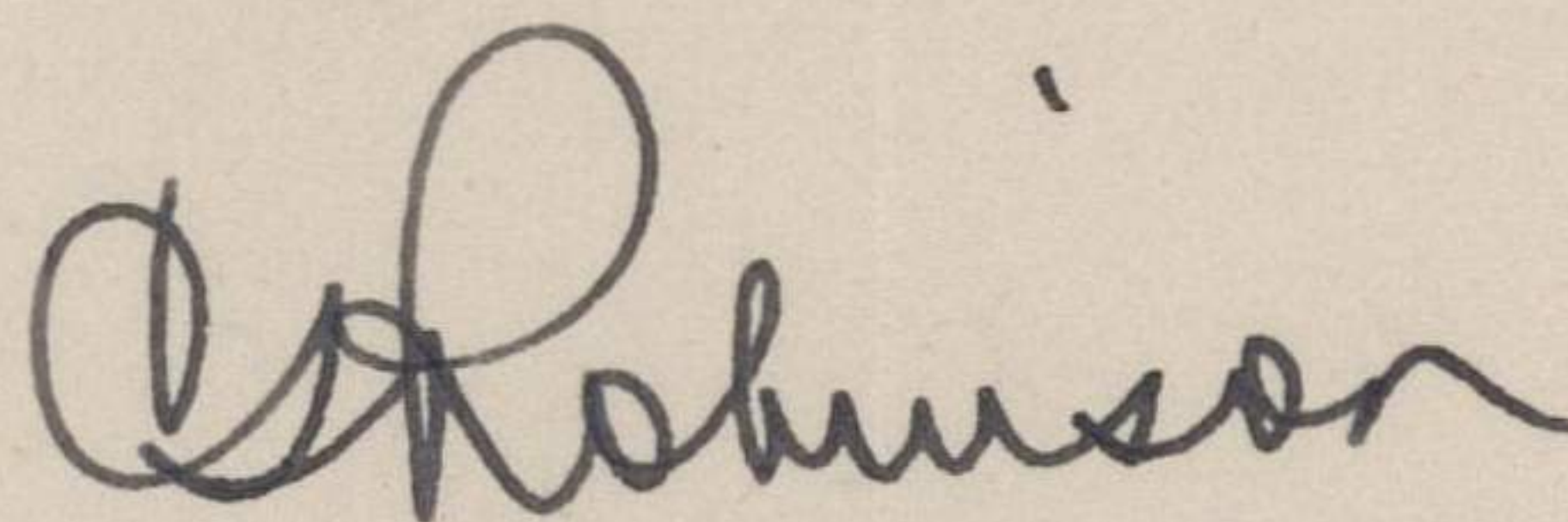
Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Director  
Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

When I wrote you last Saturday morning I reported that your recent inquiry concerning a band had been referred to Mr. Melcher. He has requested that I write you and report that the rules of the Board of Education will not permit a high school band of this city to play at other than high school programs.

With kind personal regards, I am

Respectfully,



C. S. Robinson  
Assistant

CSR:MG

It is possible that I should see one or two of these tournament games. What other than a band - could you request to let me in? I carry water - OK D ESR



Public Schools, Kansas City, Missouri

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C. S. ROBINSON  
ASSISTANT TO SUPERINTENDENT

March 2, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Dir. Physical Education and Recreation  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

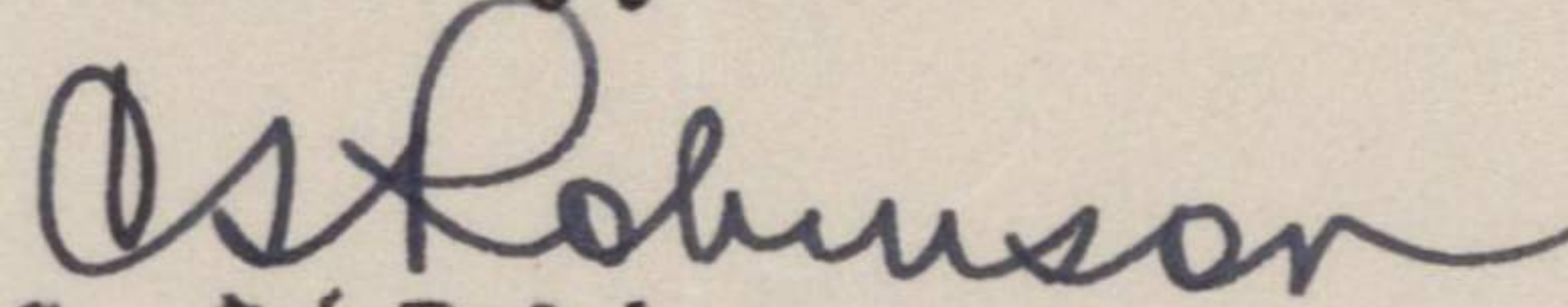
Your inquiry concerning a band for March 22 or 23 was waiting for me when I returned from the Superintendent's convention in St. Louis.

I regret to report that for some months there has been a growing feeling in the musicians union of this district that our high school bands should not be permitted to play at any pay entertainment unless it is definitely a Kansas City Public School activity. However, I am referring your inquiry to Mr. Melcher today.

Since the University of Kansas band is playing on March 30, I am wondering if some other group that will be represented in this tournament might not furnish a band for March 22 or 23. Through such an arrangement you would bring no criticism from the musicians union.

I congratulate you on the excellent way in which you have handled the team this year and have confidence that you will come through at Norman next week.

Sincerely,

  
C. S. Robinson  
Assistant

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