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Lawrence, Kansas
June 1, 1940

Mr. Jim Reed,
Sports Desk,
Topeka Daily Capital,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Jim:

When returning from one of my commencement addresses last weekend, I picked up the Topeka Capital while I was eating breakfast and noticed your comments on post-season football games and basketball games as considered by the Big Six faculty representatives.

I desire to take no chips in the discussion, only to give you some information which I think doubtless you failed to receive. If I can be helpful in giving information that will clear up any points of controversy, then I am happy.

The N.C.A.A. district play-off, the semi-finals, and the finals are not considered post-season games by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Its officers, at a meeting in New York, decided that they would have a basketball championship the same as the N.C.A.A. has a track championship at the end of the summer. There are eight collegiate districts in the United States, as you know, we being in the fifth. There are four east of the Mississippi River and four west. Professor William Owens, of Stanford University, is president of the N.C.A.A. The officers control the national activities of this organization the same as the national officers of any organization.

Two years ago when the officers of the N.C.A.A. decided to have a national championship in basketball under their auspices they took the matter up with the various districts, and both the Missouri Valley Conference and the Big Six Conference, with their faculty representatives, approved the suggestion of the national body, and by that approval they gave permission to these schools to play in this N.C.A.A. play-off. This is a document that does not require annual action, but as long as the order remains unchanged we will have a national basketball championship and these play-offs will not be considered

in the nature of post-season games, such as the "Bowl" games are because the football organization is not operating under the national sanction the same as the basketball play-offs. If the National Collegiate decided to have a national football championship under their auspices, then those games would not be considered post-season, but a part of the National Collegiate participation the same as the National Collegiate track meet which takes place in June this year at the University of Minnesota.

It so happened that there was a three-way tie in the Big Six this year, and as a part of the N.C.A.A. play-off the triple tie was played off at Wichita. Then, by the same token of authority given by the N.C.A.A., the Big Six Conference voted, as did the Missouri Valley Conference, to play a game to determine the district winner. In many collegiate districts there are not two conferences like the Missouri Valley and the Big Six, so play-offs were not necessary. But the Eastern play-off which was held at Indianapolis this year, and the Western play-off in Kansas City, were a part of the scheme, and of course the Finals came later.

I thought perhaps you might want to have this information, as few people outside of the officers of the organization know the set-up.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:ABA

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

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April 15, 1940.

Governor Payne Ratner,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor Ratner:

Confirming our conversation of this morning regarding your gracious invitation to dine with you and Mrs. Ratner at the executive mansion on Wednesday evening, I am sending you the personnel of the group. I am also giving you the residences of the boys, thinking you might be interested in this information.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen
Bob Allen, Lawrence
Don Ebling, Lindsborg
Howard Engleman, Arkansas City
Dick Harp, Kansas City
Bill Hogben, Kansas City
T. P. Hunter, Centralia, Ill.
Bob Johnson, Kansas City
John Kline, Hutchinson
Ralph Miller, Chanute
Jack Sands, Lawrence
Bruce Voran, Pretty Prairie
Dean Nesmith (trainer), Lawrence

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

March 2, 1940.

Honorable Payne Ratner,
Governor of Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor Ratner:

I read your wire to the boys last evening, and everyone of them greatly appreciated it. They particularly admire your fine spirit of democracy.

The fact that you can step down from your high office as Governor of Kansas and rub elbows with the boys was the thing that pleased them most.

We were happy that we could win for you and for the other loyal supporters. Your message was a great inspiration to the boys.

With deep appreciation and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Dr. F. C. Allen and Kansas Basketball Team:

All Kansas is pulling for the team tonight.
My family and I will be there to help root.
Regardless of who wins we all know Kansas will do
her best and that the state will be proud of your
fighting spirit and fine sportsmanship. Good luck.

Payne Ratner,
Governor of Kansas.

March 5, 1940.

Mr. Floyd A. Rowe,
Board of Education,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Floyd:

I have been ashamed of myself in promising you this letter so many times that I have returned to the office tonight to take care of this detail for you. I hope, however, that it has not been so long that this information will arrive too late for your purposes.

Answering your questions in order:

1. There are 640 colleges playing football, so I imagine that it would be safe to say there are 1,000 colleges playing basketball as a minimum. This is not counting the junior colleges. The coaches, trainers, caretakers, and so forth, for varsity and freshmen would number at least 10 or 12, so I would say 12,000.
2. The highest salary paid any college basketball coach in the Big Ten, I believe, is \$7,500. I do not know what Clair Bee or some of those promotional type of coaches receive, but I believe \$7,500 would be considered the top. I am frank to tell you that my salary here is \$5,200 as director of the Department of Physical Education. Incidentally I coach basketball, and \$2,100 of this \$5,200 that I receive is paid for basketball coaching. So you see I have never taken basketball as my main vocation. I have been offered goodly sums to coach basketball alone, but I have never accepted one of those jobs. The average salary in this league is about \$4,500 for basketball coaching. The better coaches could draw more. I would say the average salary all over the country would be about \$3,000.
3. Frankly, I believe that basketball has been the cause of more building in the way of field houses and gymnasias than any other sport. Of course, I am not counting the stadia, but when it comes to buildings, then basketball is primarily responsible for field houses that may incorporate other things besides the basketball court. I believe that \$300,000 a field house would be a very modest sum. College gymnasias cost anywhere from \$150,000 to \$300,000. So I have multiplied these one thousand edifices by \$300,000, which amounts to \$300,000,000.

4. Last year according to the Department of Commerce report over eighty million people attended basketball games. To make an average charge of 25¢ per person, then the gross gate receipts for college basketball would be \$20,000,000.

5. Of the number of people outside of high school and college basketball who are making a living out of basketball, I believe there are at least 330,000 people. This is the way I arrived at this figure -- Kansas City is a city of 365,000 residents. Counting the industrial and municipal leagues, plus the Sunday School leagues that require the services of people gainfully employed, I reckon there are at least 365 people in Kansas City making a living out of basketball, other than college and high school. According to that ratio there would be one to every one thousand people in Kansas City making a living from basketball. One thousand out of 330,000,000 people in the United States would make 330,000. I believe that is a fairly close estimate.

6. The allegedly amateur teams who are earning their living out of basketball, teams who are earning their living out of basketball by securing soft jobs on their ability would be, I believe, less than any other group. Denver has the "Denver Nuggets", Oklahoma City has its team, as well as the "Phillips 66". I imagine that you would have 1,000 teams over the United States that would be getting a part of their living from playing basketball.

7. These out and out professionals who are making a considerable amount of basketball, either as players, promoters, or coaches, I believe you could lump them all at about 5,000. I am guessing on this, but I am thinking of these different promotional groups that are springing up all over the country and this is my best estimate after making a survey of contacts that I have made or know about.

Floyd, I am not sure whether this is at all accurate, but I have given you the best that I could from my experience after studying it pretty carefully and estimating from all angles within my reach. It is very nice of you to say the things you do regarding my knowledge of basketball, but when you put these questions to me you really made me look like a pigmy.

Now, regarding the championship game at Kansas City. You certainly are within your rights in presuming that the members of the Rules Committee will be complimented with tickets. I will see that you have a pair of tickets in the balcony at approximately the corner of the court so that you can make your survey. I am making a special notation of your desire and I will see that you get the location that you want in the way of ticket arrangement. I am very happy to have you write me, and I assure you that anything that I can do for you at any time will be an extreme pleasure.

We have had a hectic time this basketball season. I have had two problem children that have really driven me to distraction at times. On our northern swing we were successful in coming back with a record of eight wins and one loss, and then we whipped Missouri last Friday night to at least gain a tie in the conference race. If we win at Norman, Oklahoma, next Friday night we will have an undisputed Big Six title, but if we lose it will be a three-way tie between Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas. So I am happy to have gotten as far as we did this year, realizing that Missouri and Oklahoma had an entire senior team and we possessed juniors.

With kindest regards to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 12, 1940

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

Dear Phog:

At the present time, I am in the throes of preparing a paper on the vocational aspects of competitive athletics in both high school and college.

As a background for the proper presentation, I should like to have some of the following facts which I believe you can give me in general. The facts do not have to be particularly accurate; I would like them, however, to be sufficiently accurate as to withstand criticism. Please be sure that in presenting these facts, I will give credit to the individuals who have been kind enough to furnish them to me.

I should like to know:

1. How many college people are interested professional in basketball? That means coaches, trainers, caretakers, etc.
2. The highest salary paid any college basketball coach, and the average salary for college basketball coaches.
3. The approximate number and capital cost of field houses, gymnasiums, etc. erected primarily to house college basketball.
4. The approximate gross receipts of college basketball.
5. Your opinion would be better than any one else's, I know, on the number of people there are outside of high school and college basketball who are making a living out of basketball. (I am thinking of fellows like Needles and that outfit who are without question making the major portion of their living out of handling alleged "amateur" teams).
6. Would you have a reasonably good idea of how many of these allegedly amateur players there are, and what percentage of them are really earning their way out of basketball by having secured jobs on the basis of their basketball ability?
7. There is another group I would like to have your best estimate on - the number of men who are out-and-out professionals who are making a considerable amount of money out of basketball, either as players, promoters or coaches.

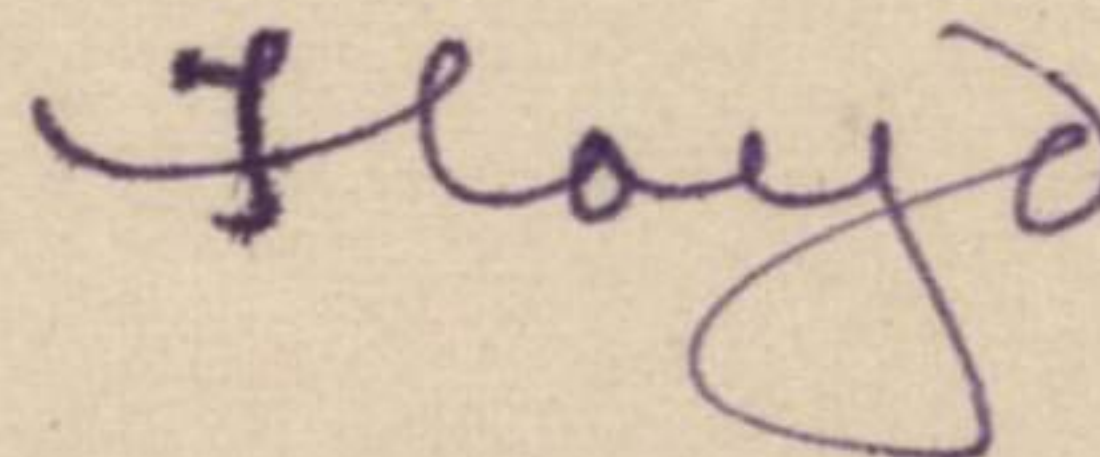
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I appreciate the fact that this is a pretty big assignment, but if there is any one man in the United States whose answers to the above questions would be accepted as reasonably accurate, you are the fellow. I don't know of anybody (and I don't think any one else knows of any one) who has as wide a general knowledge of basketball over the United States as you have. This is not the bunk just to kid you along to get the answers. I am telling you what I actually think.

At the time of the championship game at Kansas City, I presume members of the Rules Committee will be complimented with tickets. While I don't want to be different, and don't want to cause any trouble, if I could have a pair of tickets in the balcony at approximately the corner of the court, I would be made quite happy. I find it bothers me to get as much out of a basketball game as I should, sitting on the same level as the players and at the center of the floor at the sidelines. If I can be near the corner of the floor upstairs where I can look down on the players and where I can see both backstops, and where it isn't necessary for me to keep turning my head to follow the play, I get a lot more out of the game. If you don't have anything to do with the tickets and will let me know who does, I will bother him directly with my request.

With personal regards and looking forward to seeing you, I am

Sincerely yours



Floyd A. Rowe, Directing Supervisor
Bureau of Physical Welfare

FAR:McG

February 26, 1940.

Mr. Floyd A. Rowe,
Board of Education,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Rowe:

Dr. Allen has received your letter of February 12th in which you ask certain questions pertaining to the vocational aspects of basketball. Dr. Allen has been out of town much of late on basketball trips, and at the present he is in Ames, Iowa, where they play tonight. He will return to Lawrence tomorrow.

Before he left Dr. Allen asked me to tell you that he expects to write you a fulsome letter in a very short while, and he trusts that this delay has not greatly inconvenienced you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen.

March 6, 1940.

Mr. Vic Rogers,
Schweitzer Building,
Winchita, Kansas.

Dear Vic:

Your letter of March 4th wishing us luck in the Oklahoma game Friday night is greatly appreciated.

We realize this game is going to be mighty tough because it will be the sixth game in seventeen days for our "pony express". But the boys have already far exceeded my fondest expectations.

Fraternally,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Night letter

March 5, 1940.

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March 4, 1940

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

Dear Phog:

Best of luck in your game with Oklahoma.

Fraternally,

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March 12, 1940

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

Dear Phog:

First of all, let me thank you for your dandy letter in regard to the information on basketball. I think you know me well enough to know that I don't kid people very much - that is, excepting when everybody knows it. What I am trying to say is that I really meant what I said about your being the best posted man in basketball in the United States, in my judgment.

I am coming to you for advice again, because I think that the affairs of the National Basketball Committee and their proper functioning are of more importance than the personal interest of any single member of the group.

Under date of September 27th, I wrote St. John, voicing my mind and displeasure at the way "June" Salmon failed to respond to correspondence. Under date of February 13th, I suggested a change in chairmanship of the committee another year, and said that Porter and myself, in talking the thing over, had agreed that you would be a highly satisfactory chairman, and further that because of your long years of service in basketball, you had the honor coming to you.

In response to that letter, Saint said he agreed with me thoroughly in that you would make an excellent chairman and that you had the honor coming to you. However, he went the next step and said that while he was for you and always had been, he felt that your election to the chairmanship might establish a precedent which should be discouraged - namely, that of having as chairman of the committee, an active basketball coach. I suggested to Saint that I would like to see either you or John Bunn elected chairman - probably Bunn, because of his being Vice Chairman, and of your being elevated to that position because of your long service in basketball.

March 12, 1940

Some time later, in response to that letter, Saint wrote that John Bunn and Salmon would not be on the committee another year, and that while he was for you and always had been, he doubted the advisability of establishing the precedent of electing an active basketball coach to the position of chairman of the committee. He suggested at that time that St. Clair would make a good chairman, and then wrote what I took to be a complimentary paragraph in which he said that so far as he was concerned, he would like to see me chairman of the committee. My response to this letter was that St. Clair would make a good chairman, and that all I wanted in a chairman was some one who would reply to correspondence, would give service to basketball throughout the year, not just preside effectively at its meetings, and concluded by saying that I thought St. Clair might be a happy selection.

Copies of all this correspondence I sent along to Porter, because of the fact that we, between us being the only two remaining officers, had to handle the preliminary organization meeting in Kansas City.

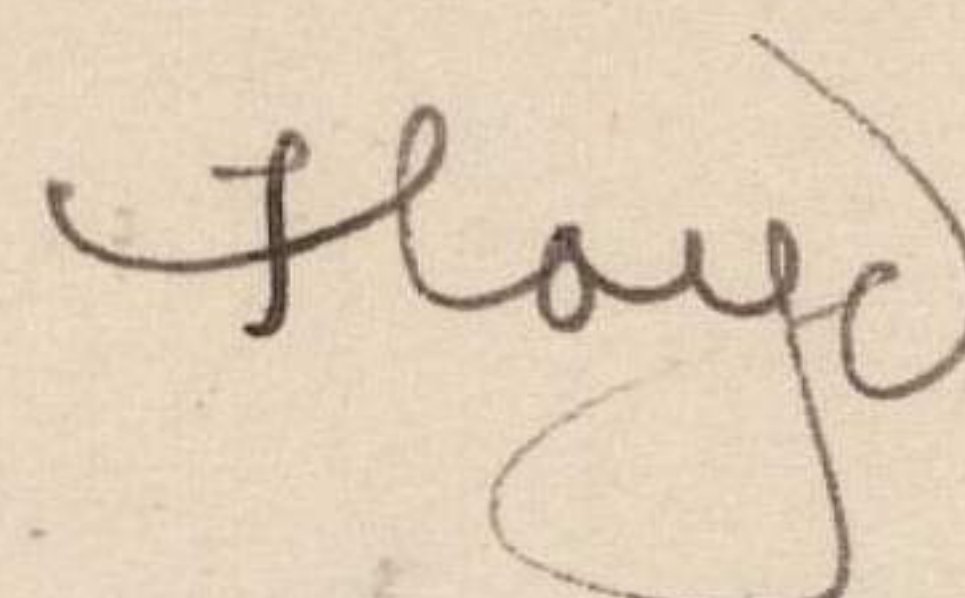
Under date of March 9th, Porter wrote me as per attached copy.

Now, I would like to have you be very, very frank in this matter, as I am sure you will. To propose my name as chairman of this group will draw the open and active enmity of John Brown. Whether that will carry over to any other members of the group, I cannot say. This being the case, I am raising the general question as to whether or not it is advisable to go forward with this suggestion of St. John's, in view of the fact that the election of some one else to the chairmanship might suit all members of the committee better.

Please be very frank about this, Phog, because while I am highly appreciative of Saint's suggestion and with Porter's acceptance of it, I wouldn't want to be chairman of the committee at any expense at all to the service of basketball.

With personal regards and many thanks for your good advice, I am

Sincerely yours



Treasurer

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NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

March 9, 1940

Mr. Floyd Rowe
Board of Education
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Rowe:

Yesterday I had a conference with St. John. As a result, I have a slightly different slant relative to the matter of officers for the National Basketball Committee. When I wrote you I had a notion that the collegiate group would probably insist on choosing one of their number for chairman. For that reason I suggested that if it met with the wishes of the group that you and I continue in our present offices and that one of the collegiate representatives be made chairman. St. John is of the opinion that enough of the collegiate representatives will be open-minded in this matter to warrant proposing you as chairman. I am in hearty accord with this proposal, if there is a reasonable chance of securing the support of some of the college men. With this in mind, I am suggesting as a plan of procedure that you open the meeting on Saturday morning and immediately appoint a Nominating Committee. Probably a good committee would be Olsen, Maguire and Hickox. At any rate, I suggest you give this slate a little consideration. It seems to me that a good line-up would be yourself as Chairman, Allen or St. Clair as Vice-Chairman, Schwarts as Treasurer and, if it meets with the approval of the group, I might continue as secretary. Tower would be continued as editor.

You will note that I have suggested a new member as treasurer in case you are moved up to the chairmanship. I do not know Schwarts but St. John is of the opinion that he would be a good man for this and there would be the advantage of being fairly certain that he will be on the committee for a period of at least four years. St. John is planning to confer with Olsen and I have asked him to write Crocker since he has worked with him for many years. It is my understanding that Crocker will not be present but he will send his assistant to represent him at the meeting.

Let me have a line from you relative to your reaction to these proposals.

Yours truly

(Signed)

H. V. PORTER

Secretary

HVP/j

Copy to: F. C. Allen
From: Floyd A. Rowe

March 13, 1940.

Honorable Payne H. Ratner,
Governor of Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor Ratner:

Again we are deeply grateful to you for your loyal support of the basketball team. Your thoughtfulness in sending the wire to us at Wichita meant a great deal to the boys.

With sincere appreciation and best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

P.S. I appreciated also your wiring us at Norman. I had Cob Burnside, Bob Lynn and other Kansas alumni with me, and I passed your wire around to them. It was greatly appreciated by a number of Kansans.

F.C.A.

Public Schools, Kansas City, Missouri

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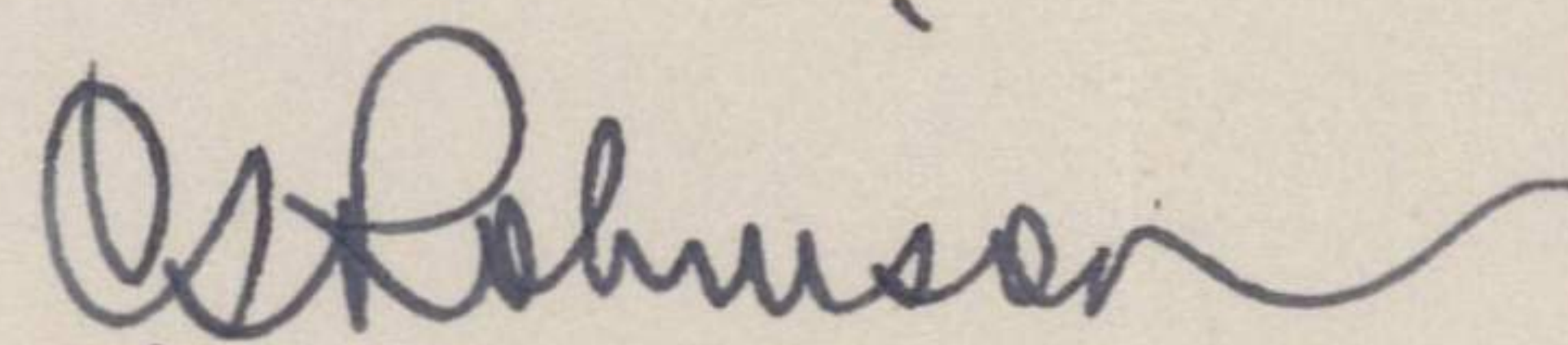
Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Director
Physical Education and Recreation
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

I want you to know that I did not go to sleep immediately after sending my last letter to you. One of our high school band directors is also director of the American Legion band of this city. In an attempt to secure the services of this American Legion band I contacted Mr. Ryder, the director. I was astonished to find that the musicians' union had refused to permit even this band to appear in civic programs. The American Legion band was scheduled to play at the track meet Monday night and a few hours before the track meet was called the American Legion band was removed from the list and the musicians' union placed a band at the Auditorium.

Still trying to serve you, I am

Sincerely,



C. S. Robinson
Assistant

CSR:MG

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March 21, 1940

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

My dear Phog:

Thank you very much for your letters; the one written on the train and the one written March 18. It is really heartening to receive such enthusiastic and prompt response.

It would seem to me that through Ole and Saint you ought to be able to do something with "Skippy Hindman" on the situation you mentioned. I am sure that Saint will do whatever he can when the right time comes.

There is another angle to the situation: I have known Chester Brewer a good many years and while I can not say that he owes me anything, still our friendship is one of long standing and I would not hesitate to write to him, after the Kansas City meet, and say that you have been of invaluable service to the basketball committee and that I would deem it a personal favor if he would see what he could do to retain you on the committee from that district.

Harry Newman is working on the problem at Collinwood and will have some reactions which I will have him send by special air mail so as to give him as long as possible to finish up his work.

It will certainly be a load off your mind to get the \$2500.00 out of the red and it will also be something about which you should be congratulated.

Trusting that you get through the western semi-finals and play-offs and are in on the finals because that really would insure a capacity crowd, I am, with many thanks for your statement of confidence and with personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Directing Supervisor
Bureau of Physical Welfare

FAR-IE

Lawrence, Kansas
March 27, 1940

Mrs. Lottie Reber,
1519 E. 51st Street,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Lottie:

The "K" tickets are not honored for this National Collegiate play-off, but I am very happy to send you this "working press" ticket for Saturday night. There is no tax on this, and it will admit you to a seat on the floor. I want to do this much, at least, for Bonnie.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH

Kansas City, Missouri

March 26, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen

Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog :

Are you issuing any 'K' tickets to the Kansas-Indiana game here in Kansas City next Saturday night? If so, I should like very much to have one in Bonnie's name.

You are to be congratulated upon your splendid work there at K.U., Phog, and upon the team of clean boys playing for you. Say "GOOD WORK" to Bobbie for me.

May I hear from you if my request fits in with the policy of handling tickets for this game?

Sincerely yours,

Lottie Reber
1519 E. 51st,



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PAYNE RATNER
GOVERNOR

March 27, 1940

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

Dear "Phog":

I am one of the many countless Kansans who has followed the fortunes of the Kansas University Basket Ball team throughout the season with keen delight at the splendid record they have achieved. I am writing you on the eve of their final game of the season where I know they will again make Kansas proud of their efforts as they battle for the national basket ball championship.

I should like to have you and the members of the team for dinner at the executive mansion on whatever date you and the team members think best. I assume that this should be after the final game. If it is possible for you to come and you will let me know what dates are convenient, I shall be glad to work it out with you.

Sincerely,

Payne Ratner -

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

Dear "Phog":

Congratulations! Have been following
all of it with interest.

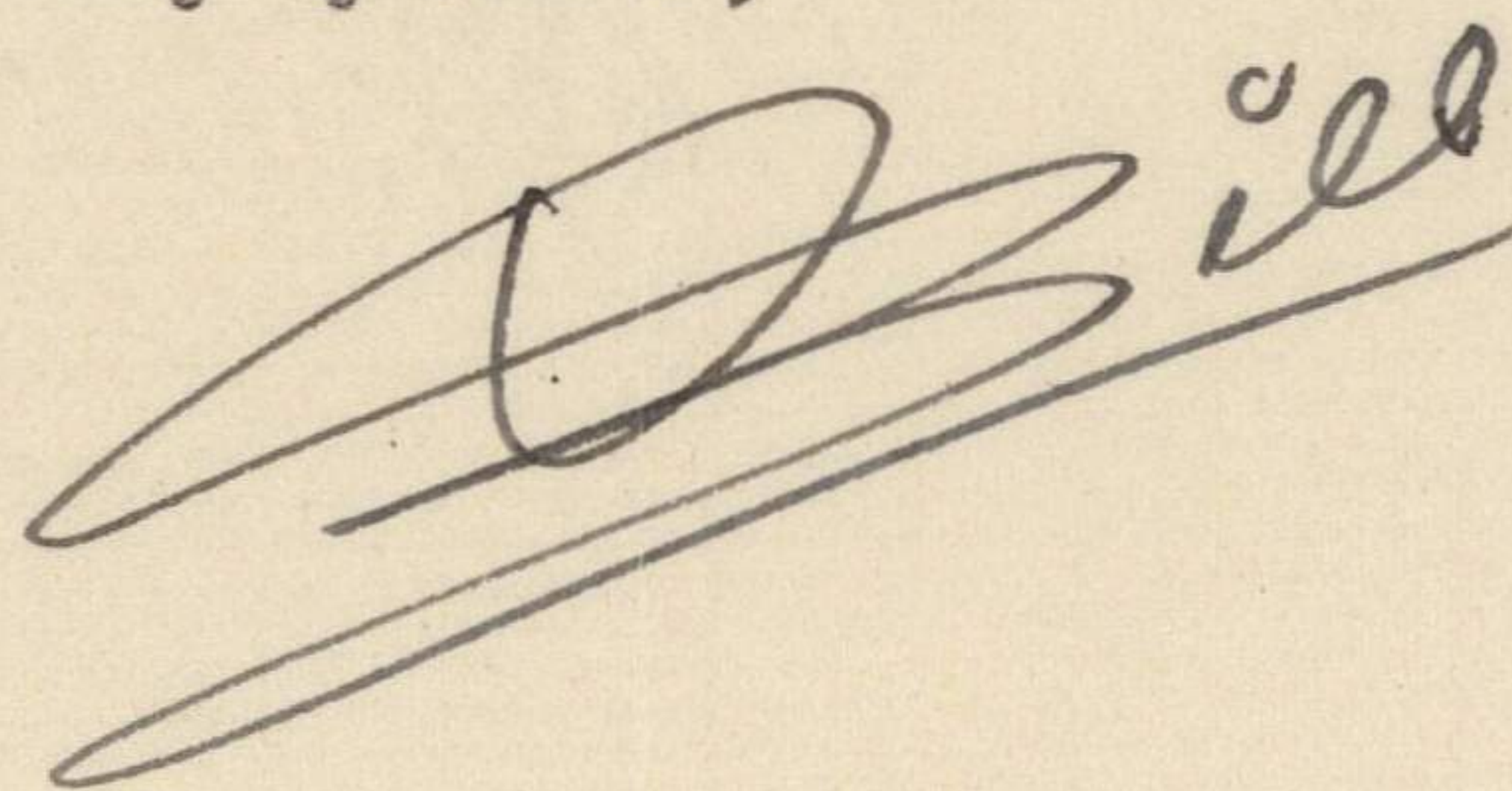
To sum it up, it's just another case
of "Phog Allen".

Wish I could be there next Saturday
night to lead cheers and do my bit as I tried
to do thirteen or fourteen years ago. I'm sure
mighty proud of you and Kansas.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs.
Allen, I am

Sincerely yours,

William O. Rice

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill", written over a horizontal line.

Lawrence, Kansas
March 27, 1940.

Mr. C. S. Robinson,
Assistant to Superintendent of Schools,
Library Building,
9th and Locust Streets,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear C. S.:

I am enclosing a couple of "working press" tickets for you and Gerald for the game Saturday night. There is no tax on these tickets, and they will admit you to a seat on the auditorium floor. I hope that you will enjoy the game.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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

Public Schools, Kansas City, Missouri

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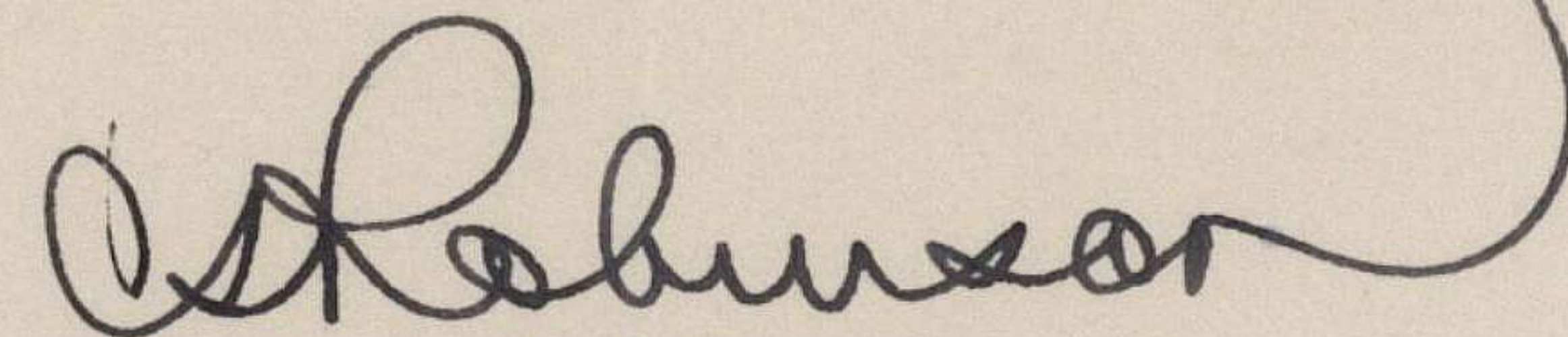
March 26, 1940

Dr. F. C. Allen, Director
Physical Education and
Varsity Basket Ball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc.:

I want you to know that no nicer favor has ever been granted to Gerald and me than the one you extended to us last week end. Please find a way for us to partially return the favor.

Sincerely, ^



C. S. Robinson
Assistant

CSR:RT