

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE
SWARTHMORE, PA.

ATHLETICS

Dec. 27, 1941

Dear Dr. Allen:

I feel ashamed of myself for not having answered your kind letter of way back in Oct. much earlier than this. However, I feel certain you will understand when I say that moving into a home of our own, the arrival of a bounding baby boy, the intensive fall season we've had at the College due to postponement on account of the infantile epidemic, and trying to shape up a respectable basketball team out of some shapeless material — well, there you have it — and I've been plenty busy. Let's look at each of these causes individually.

Jean & I decided that if we were ever to get settled the time was ripe so we scouted about Swarthmore for a home. But they wanted your

hide as well as your shirt ^{2.} so we seized an opportunity to purchase a very nice place in Springfield, the town in which Heach. As it so happens the house stands directly across the street from where Jean was raised from the age of six to twenty-two. So it was like returning home for her.

Then that second item - and very important - the young fellow! He arrived on Sept. 8th, weighed 7½ lbs. and is just the best little fellow you ever wanted to see. He has a smile ~~for~~ everyone and is a very healthy child - which I trust he will continue to be! He now weighs 16 lbs. 5 oz. and appears to want to talk to you. I sure wish you could see him. I'll have to have Bob + Eleanor see him & let them report for this sounds exactly like a proud papa boasting - and that's exactly what it is!

College was postponed in opening two weeks because of the infantile epidemic. Utmost precautions were taken and, as luck would have it, one of the best tackles on our football team was stricken with it so the college was quarantined and all schedules were called off for two weeks. Then the job of getting all the games in. The football team played three games in eight days

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and the soccer team played its last game on Dec. 31. All this put back the start of basketball which I had hoped to get under way earlier than usual. With but one week of practice we played our first game and were fortunate enough to win because the opposition was weak. The team lost to DePauw from Greencastle, Indiana a night or two later. As though things weren't bad enough fate decreed that we should lose the services of our captain, Stan Cope, the one real basketball player at Swarthmore. You probably will recall him as the lad about whom Bob Reed & I spoke so much when you were east last year. At first it looked like a bad vertebrae (? spelling?) would put him out for the season. X-rays showed an undeveloped, or poorly developed vertebrae and inflammation about it. However, he was sent to one of the best physicians in Phila. who pronounced it a severe back muscle sprain, so I'm now

hoping to have him with us shortly. I am only hoping that he will be able to start practice with us on Jan 1st for we play Penn at the Palestra on Jan. 7th. Tell Bob & Eleanor I'd like very much for them to be my guests at that game if they can come and that maybe Bob would like to console me on the bench that evening. I know he is missing not having another season of varsity basketball to play.

I feel terribly guilty in not having contacted Bob or Eleanor before this but again my only excuse is what I've already told you. I shall certainly get in touch with them and have them out for dinner upon their return from the Xmas holidays.

How goes the season for you? I surely hope you will be able to cop the Championships of your league and wont have to be content with a tie as last year. Perhaps with no trip east to take it out of you, the going will be a bit easier. Tonight at convention hall, where you played, Temple is playing Washington & St. Josephs

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is taking on Colorado. I suppose those Western teams are experiencing exactly what you did last year in these parts. I still contend that basketball rules were written for all sections to follow alike and when various sections of the country allow certain types of plays to be made in violation of these rules merely because it better satisfies the fellow who has plunked a dollar on the line to see the game, the game as a whole is being injured. We find such a difference just within 100 miles of Phila. that it makes playing teams outside your area a distasteful task and not a pleasure as it should be.

Incidentally, at Swarthmore this fall, Mr. Naismith's Grandson entered and although not a basketball player, he is quite interested in the game and is a swell kid.

I have seen Bob Reed several times in Swarthmore and he seems to be in fine shape. He surely is a great basketball fan.

I do not know ~~what~~ the war situation has meant to you at Kansas but to us it has meant many rather unbelievable things. Being close to the industrial area of the Delaware River and the great navy yard, we have already started precautions against air-raids and I am an air-raid warden in my sector. It is terrible to think of and some-thing I never thought would really happen in my life time. But it's here & we'd best take a hitch in the belt and get the job done. Swarthmore is considering doing away with spring vacation and graduating its seniors on May 19th. We hope to continue our athletic program but one can never tell what to expect.

I trust this note finds you, Mrs. Allen and all your family in the best of health and enjoying a merry Xmas season. Jean joins me in wishing to you all, the best that can be for the coming year. Have Bob call me when he gets back. Our address is 144 N. Highland Rd. Springfield and our phone is Swarthmore 3063-W.

Best of luck in the season now under way and may health & happiness be yours.

Sincerely,
Bill Stetson

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

AUGUSTA, KANSAS

April 6, 1942

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach
University of Kansas

Dear "Doc":

I just received your letter and I am deeply grateful to you for considering me to assist you in your recreation program for the summer.

I don't think I will be able to attend summer school this summer, therefore, I will not be able to help you. Thanks again for the consideration. I could think of nothing better to do in the summer than to help you. I have enjoyed working for you in the past summers and maybe some day I can work for you again.

Yours truly,

Dave Shirk

Dave Shirk
Coach

April 6, 1942.

Mr. Dave Shirk,
Augusta, Kansas.

Dear Dave:

Are you planning to be in Summer School at K.U. this coming summer? And if so, would you care to assist with the recreation program as you have in the past?

I am beginning to receive applications for this work, but before I promise it to any of the boys I want to be sure of your plans. Please let me hear from you at your early convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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March 19, 1942

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Dr. Forest C. Allen
Hotel Muehlebach
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Dr. Allen:

I want to tell you how much we appreciate you making it possible to speak at our basketball banquet Friday evening. I will meet you in the lobby of your hotel at 5:10 this evening to bring you to the YMCA.

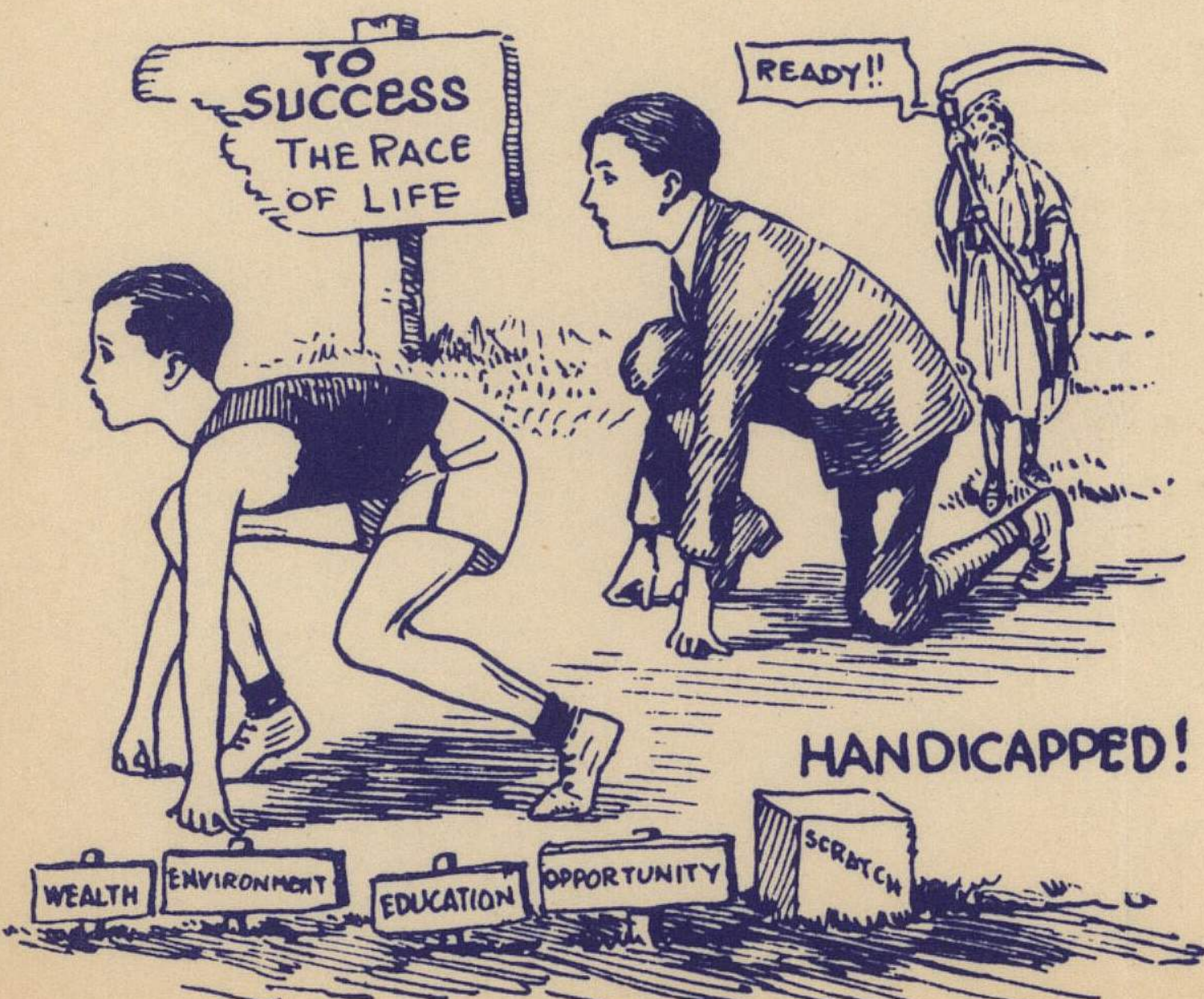
The boys to which you will speak will be a mixed group of boys, high school age, including Italians, Americans, etc.

Thanking you again, I remain

Sincerely yours,

J. B. Schwitzgebel
J. B. Schwitzgebel

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"He who helps a boy become a good and strong man makes a contribution of the first order to the welfare of society."

March 30, 1942.

Coach Everett Dean,
Stanford University,
California.

Dear Everett:

I want to add my sincere congratulations for the tremendous showing of your fine team in Kansas City last Saturday night. I did not get to see you to tell you in person, but I was with my family in a box and you were showered with so many good wishes that I preferred to send mine by mail.

I think you have a grand group of boys and they deserve every honor. Your team was excellently coached and showed the fine effects of efficient and genteel handling.

Please convey to Dr. Davis and the members of the team my sincerest congratulations, and all good wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

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

March 25, 1942.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon,
1301 West Campus Road,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Friends:

The fact that Frosty Cox was a Sig Alph from the University of Kansas makes us doubly appreciate the wire that you sent us at the Hotel Muehlebach.

Although we did not win, there were many in the auditorium who felt that Kansas had a very excellent team and gave a good account of itself. We want you to know that we appreciate the loyalty and support, the like of which no team should desire more.

Sincerely and appreciatively yours,

FCA:AH

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



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LAWRENCE E KANS

KANSAS UNIVERSITY BASKET BALL TEAM

MUEHLEBACH HOTEL KSC

WISHING YOU THE BEST LUCK IN THE WORLD WE KNOW YOU CAN BEAT
COLORADO U WE ARE WITH YOU 100 PERCENT.

S A E FRATERNITY.

March 16, 1942

Mr. Lawrence Servais,
Gove, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Servais:

I am sorry for the delay in replying to your note of the 7th instant. I have been covered up with the mass of details here at my desk, and have been unable to write you sooner.

The best thing to say would be some take-off on experiences you have had with these boys -- their girls, or their studies, or some embarrassing point in a game, or some highlight. Either a smile or a tear is the best basis to start on.

Look at the Reader's Digest and get some jokes, then apply them to your boys.

Sincerely yours,

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

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Gove, Kansas
March 7, 1942

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am enclosing a stamp. Will you tell me something witty to say when I give letters to my boys for baseball and basketball. I would appreciate it very much if you would do this for me.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Servais

March 16, 1942.

Mr. Dale Shannon,
Office of Deputy District Attorney,
Fort Collins, Colorado.

Dear Dale:

It was very nice indeed of you to write me as you did on March 11th. Thank you also for the clipping.

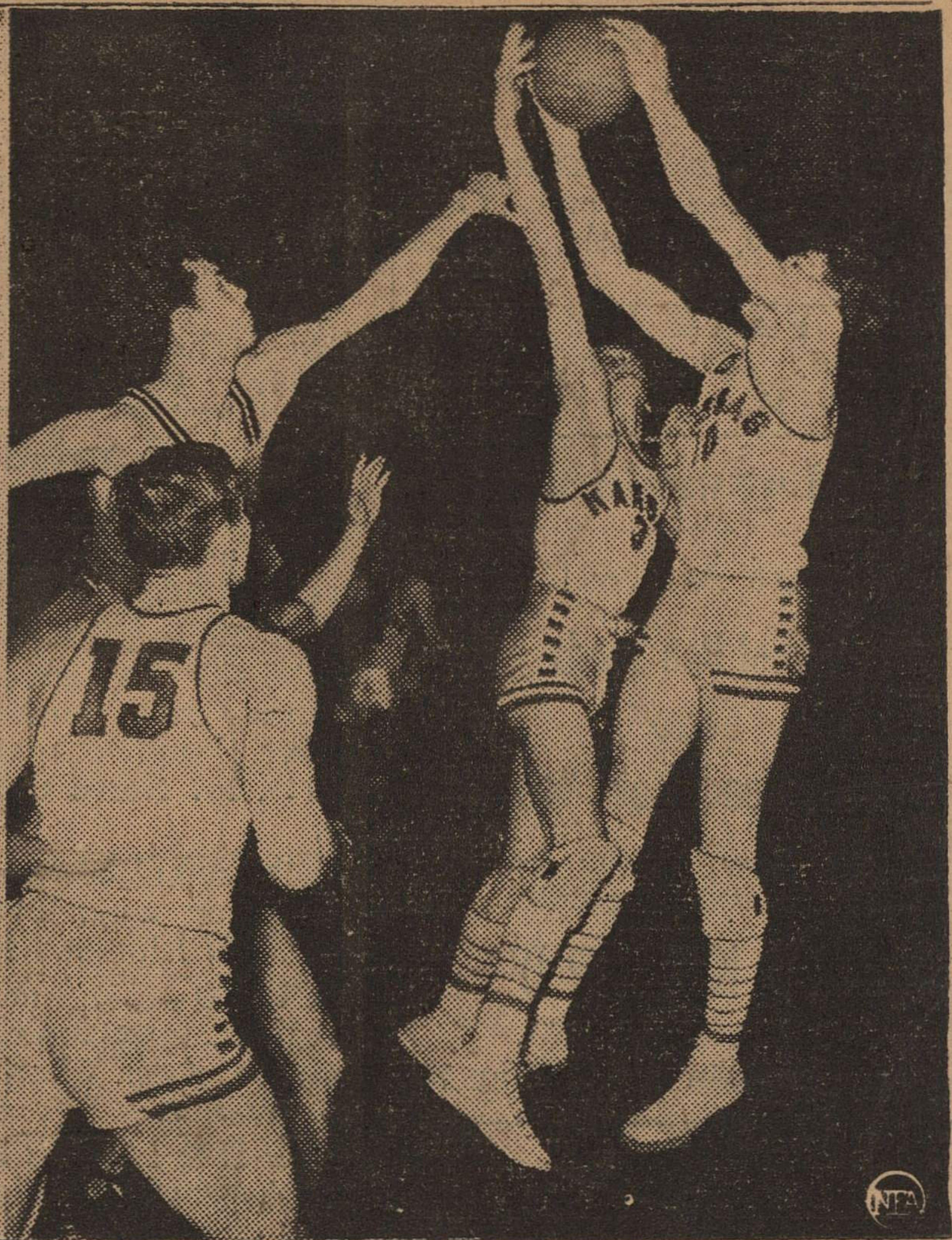
I am glad to pass your greetings on to Bill Hargiss. I know he will be glad to hear from you. The high school track meet will be held here on April 17th, and the Kansas Relays on the 18th. I hope you will be able to get back to K. U. at that time, and that we may have a chat with you.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



KU WINS TITLE — Honoring Coach "Phog" Allen's 25 years of basketball coaching, Jayhawker Star Ralph Miller, at left, presented the noted mentor with a balloon tire for the bicycle he now rides, and a box

of flowers for Mrs. Allen. Jayhawker Black, at right, went high in the air to get the ball as KU won a 67 to 44 victory over the Missouri Tigers to become co-holder of the Big Six title along with Oklahoma.



OFFICE OF
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FOR LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO
FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

March 11, 1942

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

Dear Phog,

Enclosed is a clipping from our local paper. We are able to get the Topeka radio station at times and do in a fashion follow the Bix Six games. I remember how you used to say "co-Champion" to me -- now you know the "co-champs" are as good as the Champs, eh? Congratulations -- and we're proud of you and the team. Saw in the Denver Post sometime back about you telling some of the fellows -- seems to me it was in Chicago, and I told my wife that the paper might be critical of your remarks, but I knew who would be playing a great basketball team in the big six.

Frosty Cox had another fine team at C. U. this year. My boss, that is, the district attorney, was a football, basketball star at C. U. about 10 years ago.

Phog, give my regards to Bill Hargiss -- I am hoping to get back for a vacation sometime after my criminal trial week this month and commencement time. When are the Kansas Relays and the track meets at KU?

Kindest regards,

As ever,

Dale E. Shannon

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Relays '42

March 16, 1942.

Mr. Bill Hargiss,
University of Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I have just received a letter from Dale Shannon,
Fort Collins, Colorado, in which he asked to be remembered
to you. He said that he hopes to get back to K. U. for
the track meets and Kansas Relays this spring.

Sincerely yours,

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

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February 17, 1942.

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

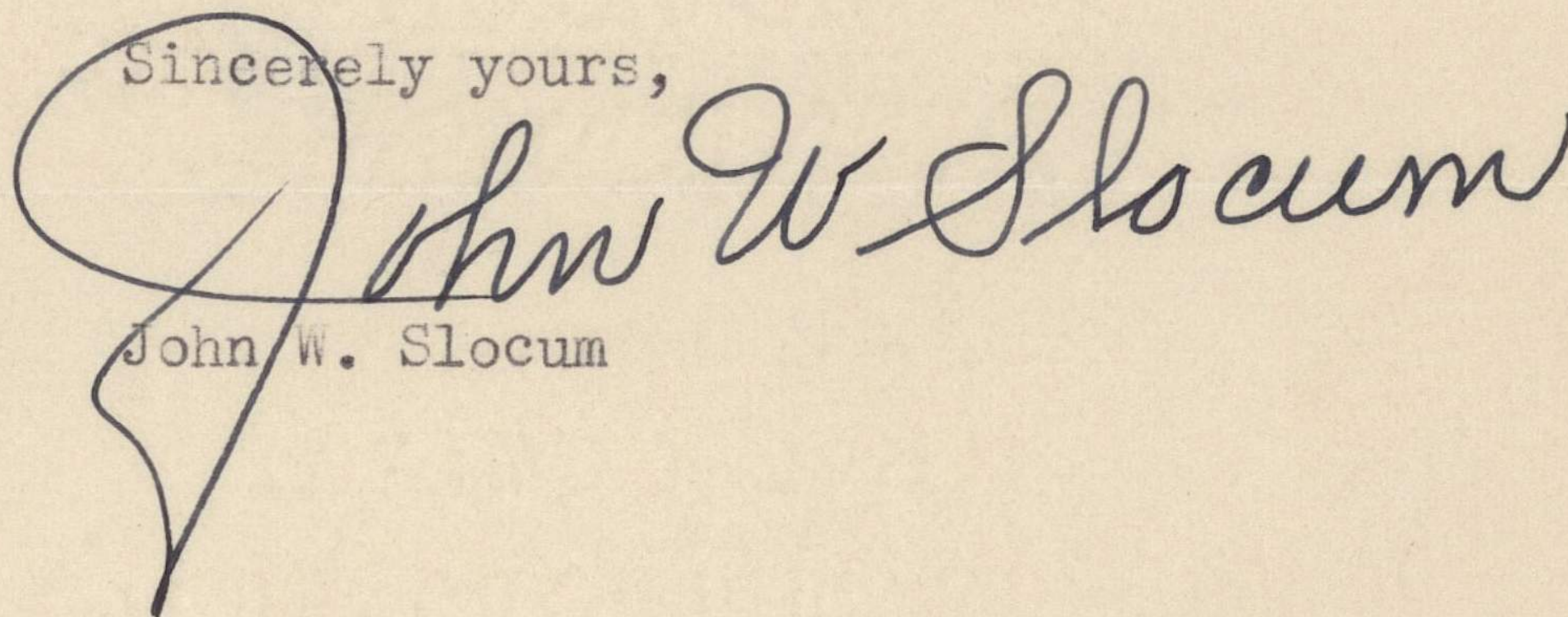
Dear "Doc":

A most sincere THANK you to you and Miss Hulteen for everything you did to make the visit of the Seneca Catholic High boys most enjoyable.

Father Basil was as thrilled with everything as the fellows who made the trip and he wanted me to express his gratitude for your kindness.

The game was grand; the courtesies extended in the Gym and swimming pool were fine; and your meeting the boys after the game made each heart leap with joy.

Sincerely yours,


John W. Slocum

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February 13, 1942.

Miss Melba Schilling,
Department of Physical Education.

Dear Miss Schilling:

It is very generous of you to consent to provide the entertainment for between-halves at our basketball game next Monday night, February 16th.

We appreciate the fact that we are imposing on you, but the fellow who does it in a pinch like that is a salubrity and not a celebrity. There are lots of celebrities, you know, but fewer salubrities.

Thank you so much for your willingness to cooperate.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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February 11, 1942.

Mr. John Slocum,
State Tax Division,
State House,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear John:

I beg your pardon for not replying sooner to your request for admission to a game for the Seneca boys. I am sorry, too, that I was not in the office when you called this morning. I would have enjoyed talking with you.

I took the matter up with Earl Falkenstien, and he said he would write you this afternoon. Honestly, John, we have never had such a demand for tickets. Every game is a sell-out. We just haven't got any seats. Talk about the Aggies needing a fieldhouse - brother, if they need a fieldhouse we need a stadium enclosure in which to play.

I am sure you will hear very promptly from Mr. Falkenstien.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

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THE WORLD'S LARGEST FLEET OF STREAMLINED TRAINS

Dr. Allen --

*Buy Slocums pardon
for not ans. sooner*

John Slocum called from Topeka yesterday afternoon to ask if arrangements could be made whereby the boys from Seneca Parochial School could see a basketball game - either February 16 or March 6. There will be about 20 boys, plus drivers.

Mr. Falkenstien says he might put them in the top balcony on the 16th, but thinks there would not be room on March 6.

John would like for you to write him.

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Mrs. Black called this morning to thank you most sincerely for the tickets to the game.

February 5, 1942.

Mr. Nelson Sullivan,
2208 Lathrop,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Sully:

Thank you for your nice letter of January 28th.

I am interested in what you say about Don Barrington, and perhaps after the game on the night of February 16th there will be a chance to talk to him. You bring him up - I'll be glad to meet him.

Mr. Falkenstien is laying aside three tickets for you for the Iowa State game. I'm sure he will do the best he can in the selection of seats.

We are leaving at 1 o'clock today for Kansas City. Perhaps we will see you at the Navy game over there tonight.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

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2208 Lathrop,
Kansas City, Kansas
Jan. 28, 1942

Dear Doc.::

Congratulations, that was a tough game but you win those kind. Was certainly glad to see you after the game even to just say hello and good-bye.. I know you are a busy man so will make my letter short.. I have a prospect which I think would someday bolster the KU basketball team in a championship fight.. His name is Don Barrington, Tom VanCleave, Jr..might have told you about him, and he is now playing with Kansas City, Kansas Junior College.. The best recommendation I can give you is from the former high school coach of Ray Noble, Herb Conner.. Conner who works here at the Phillip plant told me that he considers this boy of the college calibre that Noble was..

I would like to bring him up to the Iowa State basketball game in a few weeks and let you talk to him for a few minutes.. I have played basketball with him and besides being a good player he is an outstanding and likeable student.. Will appreciate it if you would reserve me three tickets for this game.. I will pay for them and pick them up at the athletic office and then see you after the game.. Good luck in the conference games ahead and will be seeing you after the home ones..

PS Tell Mrs. Hulteen hello

Sincerely,

Nelson Sullivan

Feb. 16

February 5, 1942.

Mrs. Robert I. Simpson,
Ames, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. Simpson:

Mrs. Allen and I acknowledge receipt of the announcement of the marriage of your daughter, Phyllis Meryl, to Lt. Melville Alexander Sanderson. Our hearty congratulations to the fortunate couple! Please convey our best wishes to them.

And too, we are glad that Bob is coming back. If there is any way in which we can help him it will be a very great pleasure.

Sincerely yours,

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

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ingalls Simpson

announce the marriage of their daughter

Phyllis Meryl

to

Lieutenant Melville Alexander Sanderson

on Wednesday, the twenty-fourth of December

One thousand nine hundred and forty-one

Columbus, Georgia

Topeka, Kansas,
January 28, 1942.

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

Dear Doctor:

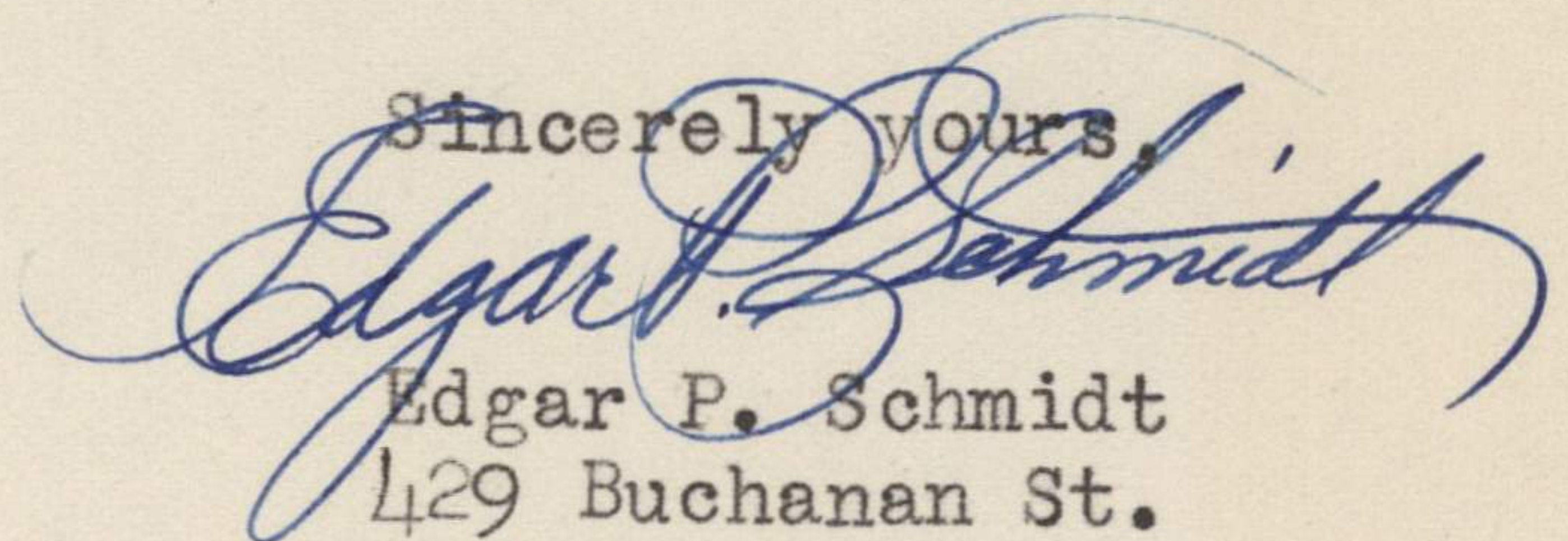
"Kapp" and I should like to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for your splendid efforts which made it possible for us to receive every consideration for enlistment in the Naval Reserve.

As you perhaps know by this time, we were unfortunate in the color examination - I missed the green-gray color charts which made it impossible for us to be given any consideration. I was surprised because I passed the vision test with a 20/20 rating and I had never tried the color tests before.

I trust that you followed your plans to return to Lawrence by train as I waited at the Recruiting office until about four O'clock and called the Municipal Auditorium. The girl in the Manager's Office stated that you had been in Mr. Sachman's office but had left some time prior to my call. Horace Mason volunteered this information as he returned with me. I sincerely hope that I did not cause you any inconvenience.

Again, thanking you for your help and wishing you and the team the best of luck in winning those important road games.

Sincerely yours,



Edgar P. Schmidt
429 Buchanan St.
Topeka, Kansas.

January 22, 1942.

Mr. Edgar Schmidt,
Box 94,
McLouth, Kansas.

Dear Schmitty:

Since talking with you yesterday I have come to the conclusion that Tuesday, February 27th, would be the better day for us to make the trip to Kansas City to see Gene Tunney.

I am chairman of the program committee of Rotary Club, and since we meet on Monday it is desirable that I be here for next Monday's meeting.

I trust this change will be satisfactory with you.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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