

January 26, 1939.

Mr. F. Springsing,
Manager, Hotel Sheldon-Munn,
Ames, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Springsing:

It was very kind of you to send your personal check for \$3.00 to cover the error made when our basketball team checked out of your hotel the other day. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

TANGNEY-McGINN

HOTEL RUSSELL-LAMSON
WATERLOO, IOWA

HOTELS

HOTEL SHELDON-MUNN
AMES, IOWA

HOTEL PRESIDENT
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DES MOINES, IOWA

WRITTEN FROM

Ames, Iowa, Jan. 24th. 39

Dr. Forrest Allen
Athletic Dep. Kansas U.
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

We discovered that an overcharge amounting to 3.00 Dollars was made in checking out your basket ball Team, for which amount I am enclosing my check.

Kindly excuse this error of our clerk and thanking you for past favors, I beg to remain

Very Truly Yours
Hotel Sheldon Munn
A Tangney-McGinn Hotel

By... *F. Springsing*... Mgr.

F. Springsing

EXPERIENCE
COURTESY
SERVICE

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September 20, 1938.

Mr. Joe Showalter,
611 S. Kansas,
Chanute, Kansas.

Dear Joe:

Doubtless by this time you have been able to save some money so that you would be in position to repay the loan of \$2.00 which I made to you last fall. I gave you this money to eat on, and it was my own money and loaned to you because you were in need.

I would appreciate your sending me this money at your convenience.

Trusting you are getting along well, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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September 20, 1938.

Mr. Dick Sklar,
Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co.,
1815 Federal Reserve Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Dick:

I am wondering if you are in position to help me out with the small loan that was made to you during your freshman year so that you might go home to visit your folks. Of course, you will recall that was from my own personal income and not from any other source.

Trusting that you are getting along nicely in your new job, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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July 6, 1938.

Dean Frank T. Stockton,
School of Business,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dean Stockton:

I am now enabled to answer your request contained in your letter of June 2, 1938. I wrote you on June 15 that as soon as opportunity presented itself I would submit as complete data as possible concerning the plant needs of physical education.

(1) Women's Building. I am submitting a sketch of the Women's Building, supervised by Professor George M. Beal on a CSEP project, and done by Jim Bounds. This building, with our excellent outdoor playing facilities, will afford the women of Kansas one of the most complete instructional, recreational and social plants in the country. It is an imperative women's need at the University of Kansas.

The Women's Building will provide facilities for many activities that have heretofore been very limited. One of the outstanding features is the 75 foot swimming pool with standard diving boards and equipment. The bowling alleys will introduce an entirely new activity to our curriculum, one which has been very popular in other schools where the equipment has been available. The rifle range, indoor archery and golf cages will permit the introduction of these courses, during the winter months.

The large gymnasium will provide ample space for the gymnasium classes and team sports, such as basketball, volley ball and softball. Intramural games will not have to be played at night, but at 4:30 in the afternoon. On the roof of the two wings as well as on the gymnasium floor will be laid out courts for badminton, darts, deck tennis, shuffleboard and tennis.

The lounge with the kitchenette provides a study room, a place for small teas, parties, committee and club meetings. Adequate airy locker space, dressing booths, showers, toilets and hair dryers have been planned. The corrective room will be provided with the latest equipment for the remedial work of the students. The dance studio on the third floor with its many windows will be set up with a stage and lighting effects for dance programs and exhibitions. The class rooms will be used for the theory classes and lecture work.

(2) Grading Intramural Field. You will recall that I submitted an estimate on grading the intramural field to the Budget Committee. This estimate was made under the supervision of Prof. F. A. Russell, and I believe that the budget committee rather agreed that they would be willing that we submit that as a biennial request to the legislature. You will recall that on this field where the students play their intramural games there is better than a 14 foot drop from the north end of the field to the south end. This not only makes it extremely dangerous, but it is well-nigh impossible to play any game of skill under these conditions.

(3) Concrete Handball Courts. These are to replace the old worn-out wooden handball courts that now stand south of Robinson Gymnasium. The estimated cost of these courts is \$5,000.

(4) Concrete Tennis Courts. Most universities, like Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri, and Iowa State have concrete tennis courts. All of the championship games in California are played on concrete tennis courts. Concrete tennis courts and gravel tennis courts are comparable to concrete highways and gravel roads in maintenance cost. It costs \$1.00 per day to sprinkle, roll and mark each tennis court. We plan to use the unit construction method in building the concrete tennis courts. Each court will cost about \$1,600. We had planned to erect four south of the hill.

(5) Improvement and maintenance of University Golf Course, \$1,800.

(6) Placing floor above beams in basketball court in Robinson Gymnasium. This will provide additional teaching and research rooms for the department of physical education. Skylights can easily be placed in the roof, and dormer windows on the south to give the necessary sunlight. A stairway can readily be built from the running track to the floor level of the sky rooms. When we obtain the Women's Building then the entire space in Robinson Gymnasium can be turned over to the Department of Physical Education for our major's work. The University electrician and I have been working on this new project. I have discussed the matter with Prof. F. A. Russell, but we have no estimate on the project at the present time. This gymnasium was built in 1906 for 1200 students. As it is now, we have the offices of the Athletic Department, all of the gymnasium facilities for the men and women are quartered here, as well as the teaching rooms for our new major work in physical education.

In addition, the gymnasium is used for the state teachers' meetings each biennium, for the W.S.G.A. carnival, the Puff Pant Prom, and enrollment for both the fall and spring terms and the Summer Session.

This new arrangement of flooring above the beams will in no way interfere with the necessary height and lighting of the present ceiling for varsity basketball practice and for intramural games as now carried on. New lighting fixtures can then be installed, thereby replacing the old dangerous and antiquated fixtures that now exist.

(7) Replacing Potter's Lake with a modern concrete swimming pool for University students. With proper architectural and landscaping features this improvement could be made one of the beauty spots on the campus without any of the unpleasant situations accruing. I will reserve further discussions on this until a later time.

(8) Winter Outdoor Skating Rink. This could be built on the intramural field. I have in mind the flooding of a rink area which would be definitely planned on the intramural field. This would provide safety in our winter skating activity.

(9). 160 Acre Golf Course one mile from the University. I have in mind a very definite farm of 160 acres which would make an ideal golf course for the students and faculty of the University of Kansas. I visited the Yale Sports Fields for intramurals, and that is five miles from New Haven and the students go there for their recreation and exercise. On account of the topography of Mt. Oread it is absolutely necessary that land be acquired for play fields for the students of the University. This golf course would be one of the most beautiful in the country and the students will demand it in a short time. I am looking ahead. And my purpose is to get donors to purchase these play fields the same as we ask for scholarships and buildings. It seems just as reasonable to me to provide for the health and recreation of our youth

as it is to plan for their academic training. In fact, I think more so, at times.

(10) Lawn Bowls - Bowling on the Green. This sport is definitely taking the colleges by storm. The only difficulty is to get a flat area on which to bowl. This would be a great early fall, late spring and summer recreation that we should definitely plan for on this campus. We have nearly spoiled a fine golf course by planting trees in the fairways, and unless we have a recreation engineer to work out these things we will be growing everything but strong young men and women.

(11) Bridle paths on the campus. These could follow the roads and by-ways and would be a great source of recreation and enjoyment to faculty members and students.

Dean Stockton, I would like to ask a favor of you - that you read Chapter XIX, my contribution in "Higher Education in America", edited by Raymond A. Kent, and published by Ginn and Company. I would like to call your attention especially to constructive suggestions on pages 594 to 597. This pertains as to how the earnings from athletics could be used for physical education. Of course, this is so remote that it is not possible now. But I would like to call attention to the fact that when the charter of the University of Kansas Physical Education Corporation was drawn up that we had it worded so that the purpose of the corporation was to use the earnings, after the stadium was paid for, for play utilities for students of the University of Kansas. This is in the charter now, and provision is made as to how the money can be used.

I would like to have your reaction after you have read my chapter in "Higher Education in America". I am sending you a book which we have checked out from the library in our name. When you have finished with it please notify my office and we will call for it and return the book to the library.

There is another feature of our department which I would like to mention - that of a service program. You doubtless will get a letter this fall from our department when we send a letter to all departments offering our cooperation and supervision of all recreational equipment. This equipment will be furnished by the Department of Physical Education to other departments for picnics, breakfasts or outings. It is our purpose to furnish ping pong tables, badminton sets, soft ball or indoor baseball outfits, deck tennis, darts, volley ball, horseshoes, basketball, quoits, croquet, archery and bridge tables for the more inactive groups. We will have one of our majors in the department who will be taking some course like Community Recreation to transport this equipment to the location of the breakfast or picnic, set up the equipment, furnish the balls or other necessary equipment, and to supervise any play that is necessary. After the outing is over this material will be gathered up by the student, placed in the truck and returned to the gymnasium. There will be no charge for this service.

I have a very definite plan for rehabilitating Brown's Grove. I have definite ideas as to where we can get any building material we need, and I have already conferred with Mr. Brown. For the School of Education breakfast the other morning we did this very thing I have been telling you about. On the Fourth of July I got the truck and together with Howard Engleman, one of our students, we loaded up all of our play equipment, transported it to Brown's Grove, and set it up. The response was one of the most delightful experiences that I have had.

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I expect to enlarge upon this program, but space forbids at the present time. We have a basketball goal set up there now for the adults. When we interrogate the various school departments for their outings we expect to find out how many adults and children of the different ages will attend. We will put up a 9 foot goal for children of junior high school age and let them use a soccer ball; for the younger tots we will have a goal 8 feet in height and let them use a volley ball for their play. We expect to build toilet facilities, and luncheon tables for serving. We will also have some benches for comfortable resting places. All of this equipment will be furnished by the department of Physical Education and it will be placed at Brown's Grove apart from the old retreat where everybody goes. I want to have it arranged with Mr. Brown that we will have priority on the dates, but of course everybody else may use it when the University departments do not care to use Brown's Grove. I have a notion that this should prove to be a real service that our department can render to the University departments.

Concerning Basketball. May I say that I have discussed the matter with Director Gwinn Henry. I told him that I was less than mildly interested in the building of a field house for basketball. Since the auditorium was built primarily as an auditorium and a basketball court, and then later we were denied the right to practice for our varsity games therein, even for two months of the year -- that if a two-fold project turned out this way then I would consider any other project, when more hands were in it, a very bad omen. The reason that we cannot use the auditorium, even after 5:30 p.m. for practice during the months of January and February, is because of the fact that the organ is rented to the students at the rate of 40¢ per hour.

And again, since about \$900 was spent last winter in heating the indoor track underneath the stadium, frankly I can see no urgent need for a field house at the present time. And too, it is necessary to possess the money for the initial start. With the present basketball set up the Athletic Association is not spending any money on basketball rental; and for the difference on what the Association might make with larger seating capacity in a new field house as compared to no expense at the present time, I am convinced that the Athletic Association would lose financially by a field house venture.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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September 27, 1938

Mr. Vernon Smith
W.R.E.N. Station.
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

After talking to you this morning I decided that I could put in letter form what I wanted to say and it would take less of your time.

I want to say that I am not at all in sympathy with the criticism directed toward Dr. F. C. Allen and his broadcast of the foot-ball game Saturday. I was at home and listened to the entire broadcast. It was a most difficult game for any one to describe. The forward passes of the Texas team came so fast and furious that no man could keep up with them in a description over the radio. I noticed that the other announcer made the mistake of talking about the Nebraska team when he meant the Texas team.

Dr. Allen gave sidelights of the game and little personal interest stories of the players that no other man could possibly recite. His perfect understanding of the game made it possible for him to tell the listeners of little inside matters that were very interesting.

I trust you will not let the criticisms influence your selection of an announcer for future games. Dr. Allen's many, many friends everywhere enjoyed listening to him and hope to hear him again.

I am not sure that Dr. Allen would approve of this letter. I have not mentioned the matter to him, -I am merely expressing my own personal opinion and registering my protest against what I believe to be unjust and malicious complaint against a very competent man.

Very Cordially,

*I sent this letter to
Bing Smith
Restaurant*

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October 7, 1938.

Mr. Vernon Smith,
Station WREN,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Bing:

I am enclosing copy of a letter I just received
from Mr. Neal M. Wherry, principal of the Liberty Memorial
High School.

I thought you might be interested in his last
paragraph which has reference to the broadcast of the foot-
ball games.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE WREN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

OWNER AND OPERATOR OF RADIO STATION WREN

WREN BUILDING

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

VERNON H. "BING" SMITH
PRESIDENT

October 14, 1938

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

Dear "Phog":

I am returning to you the nice letter you received from
Mr. Wherry.

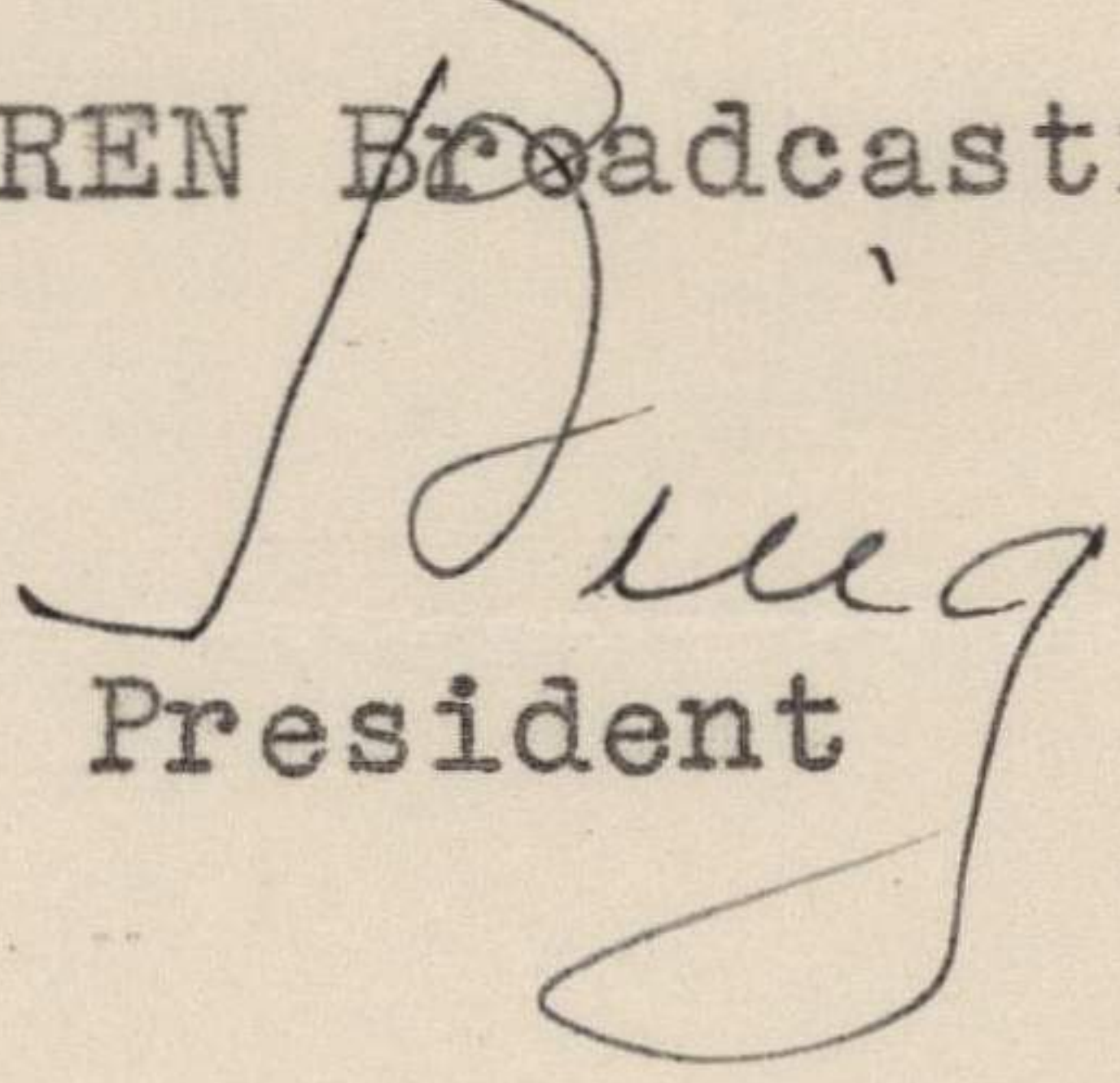
Thank you very much for forwarding this letter to me.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

The WREN Broadcasting Company, Inc.

By


President

Vernon H. Smith:EHF

LAWRENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Please
return
to F. C. A.

C. E. Birch
Superintendent
Neal M. Wherry
Assistant Superintendent

Lawrence, Kansas

October 5, 1938

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

Dear "Phog":

We really do appreciate your kindness in speaking at our assembly last week. The message which you gave was very helpful. I know from hearing what the students had to say that it was.

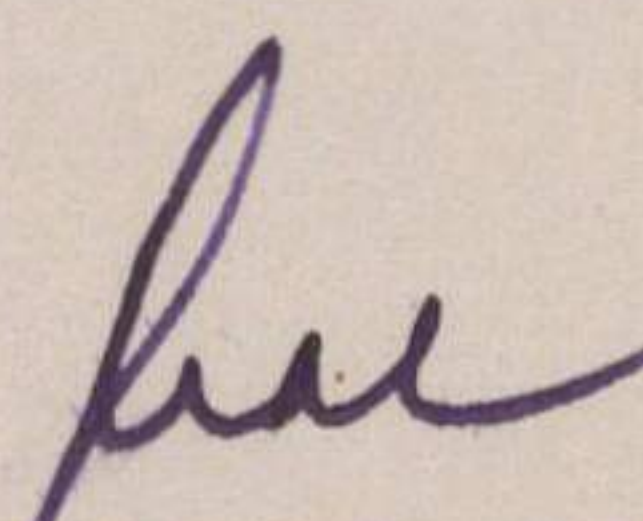
You might be interested to know that the front page story in the Journal-World regarding the assembly was written by one of our students, Kathryn Wise.

May I call your attention to the fact that the Kansas State High School Activities Assn. rules of eligibility, relating both to athletic and to other activities, no longer contain specific reference to smoking. The present rule which comes closest to this states "In order for a pupil to be eligible to represent his school in any inter-school activity, he must be a bona fida under-graduate member of his school in good standing." Fortunately this change which was made about a year ago was not given any great publicity. At the present time our school, and we hope most other schools of the state, are making abstinence from the use of tobacco a training rule.

Different people have spoken to me of their appreciation of your broadcast of the Texas game. One spoke of the feeling that you put into the broadcast. Mrs. Wherry was particularly appreciative of your telling the home address and some of the background of the different boys. This week I will be driving home from a conference at Winfield and will expect a sample of your broadcast first hand.

Thanking you again, I remain

Cordially yours,



Neal M. Wherry

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October 20, 1938.

Mr. Vernon H. Smith,
Station WREN,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Bing:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Mr.
Gwinn Henry.

Regarding your postscript, you can rest assured that
we will always give you any information that is constructive
and helpful in making your broadcasts the very best possible.

You are doing a fine work and we want to cooperate con-
structively.

Cordially yours,

PCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

October 15, 1938

Mr. Gwinn Henry
Director of Athletics
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Gwinn:

Dr. Allen has forwarded me a copy of a letter, dated October 10, from Mr. Chas. W. Steiger of Topeka, Kansas, together with a copy of a letter, dated October 14, written by Dr. Allen to Mr. Steiger.

The complaint of Mr. Steiger has been corrected.

It takes years to build a good sports announcer. It's a tough job, but our sports announcer, Ronnie Ashburn, is constantly progressing and constantly correcting his faults.

We are grateful for Mr. Steiger's letter and for the reply which Dr. Allen sent to Mr. Steiger and will appreciate any further suggestions which may come to your attention at any time relative to football broadcasting.

As already stated, our sports announcer, Ronnie Ashburn, is giving his very best and I'm sure it won't be long until Ashburn is considered an outstanding sports announcer. We have, in our files, hundreds of letters complementing Ashburn on his graphic description of football games and the letter from Mr. Steiger is the first complaint, however, I sincerely agree with Mr. Steiger in his complaint and am surprised that more listeners didn't call this to our attention.

Just a few years ago, Ted Husing was severely criticized and if my memory serves me correctly, Ted Husing was forever

Mr. Gwinn Henry-----10/15/38

banned from one prominent stadium. I merely mention this to give you an idea of the difficulties in football broadcasting and the hazards contained therein; however, rest assured at all times that we want to do the very best for the University of Kansas and we know we have the best man in this part of the country.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

The WREN Broadcasting Company, Inc.

BY

Bing
President

Vernon H. Smith:EHF

Doc
Ch I suggest you let
us know whenever
anything like this
comes up.
Bing.

October 14, 1938.

Mr. Vernon H. Smith,
Station WREN,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Bing:

I am enclosing copy of a letter I have received from Mr. Chas. W. Steiger, of Topeka, and also a copy of my reply to him. I thought you might be interested in his criticisms of last Saturday's broadcast.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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October 14, 1938.

Mr. Chas. W. Steiger,
Insurance Building,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Steiger:

Your very good letter of the 10th instant has been received and carefully noted.

I presume that you are writing me on the assumption that I am Director of Athletics and in control of the athletic situation. First, may I say that I am referring your letter to Mr. Olin Henry, the Director of Athletics. It is my assumption that you would want this brought to the attention of the director.

Secondly, it is my understanding that the radio station purchased from the Athletic Association for a small consideration their right to broadcast. Of course, the firms or corporations who sponsor the broadcast pay for this overhead. It is a cooperative effort between the Athletic Association and the radio station, the purpose being to give the football friends and the radio friends an opportunity to listen in on the proceedings of the game.

Thirdly, may I say that I was not in the broadcasting booth during any of the four quarters save the last minute of the second quarter and the last minute of the fourth quarter, so I did not hear and had no way of knowing the information put out over the air. However, I do wish to say that during the time that I was in the booth I heard the announcer give a very able and graphic description of the game. I also thought it was very accurate as to details.

Mr. Steiger, I do feel that many times the radio stations in their desire to give the public the game are subject to much criticism on account of the fact that major headliners like Ted Husing are used as a basis of comparison with our local radio announcers. This, it seems to me, is rather an unfair comparison. When National, Columbia and Mutual broadcasting stations put on a national hook-up they get the outstanding sports announcers to do the job. Then when a game like the Kansas-Washburn game is put on the air the radio station procures the best man that the expense will justify. Naturally for a small game like this it is not possible to get a man who alone does national hook-up football broadcasting.

I do know very well and can appreciate the point you make regarding the anguish of parents who may hear that one of their sons is seriously injured. The fact that I have six children of my own, and the fact that the three boys of this family have been athletes makes me appreciate what pangs of pain a mother or even a father might go through when the name of their child might be announced over the radio as being injured.

I know Ted Husing very well and have been with him during some of his broadcasts, and I think he is a great fellow and a great sports announcer. The fact that he mentions that "number so-and-so has the wind knocked out of him, or is injured" could also cause great anguish to the parents when such an accident is broadcast because every mother of everyone of the boys on the team would suffer terribly, feeling perhaps that the very number that was announced was the number of her own son. Do you not think that this feature could also be criticized from this angle? I see only a transitory difference between mentioning names of the boys who are injured and the numbers of the boys who are injured.

In your letter you state "I remember that he so broadcast a play in which the player received a broken limb but that he did not cause that information to go out over the air". I take it that you mean that he broadcast the football play but he did not mention the injury. Am I right? It seems to me that if we are going to mention injuries at all it is just as bad to mention the number of the player injured as, according to your argument, it is to mention his name.

Referring back to the part that I played in the broadcast, I might mention that I merely summarized during the half the incidents of the first two quarters. And again at the end of the game I briefly summarized the proceedings of the last half. I remember distinctly that I called attention to the fact that none of the boys were seriously hurt, and the boys who had appeared to be injured were entirely recovered. When I returned home Mrs. Allen asked me about the boys who were injured and I said, "I announced that they were all o.k.", and she said, "That didn't come over the air".

Then I remembered that the university electricians who were assigned to the press box had pulled the plugs, feeling that all the wire connections had been served. They did it rather prematurely but upon discovering the mistake they established connections again. But it was during the time that WREN was off the air, due to this fault of the electricians, that the information failed of its purpose.

I am also sending your letter to Mr. Vernon H. Smith, the president and general manager of WREN. I am sure that he will be very happy to receive your letter protesting certain situations. I know Mr. Smith very well and know him to be a man who is tremendously interested in his patrons receiving the highest degree of pleasure and real service concerning all broadcasting activities.

I might add further that I have no pecuniary interest nor do I receive any remuneration for any connection that I might have in any broadcast. Any activity that I contribute is prompted by a motive to serve our friends who are unable to attend the game.

It would be much more pleasant for me to sit and discuss these situations with you, and I hope at some time I may have that pleasure. Until then we will be forced to make correspondence suffice.

Assuring you that it was a pleasure to hear from you, and for us to refer your valued communication to the right parties, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

cc Mr. Henry
Mr. Smith

STEIGER & STEIGER

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

INSURANCE BUILDING

TOPEKA, KANSAS

October 10, 1938.

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

Dear Doctor:

I have hesitated in writing you all day but I feel that I have given the matter sufficient thought so, therefore, am justified in telling you what is on my mind.

I want to complain most bitterly against the manner in which the announcer broadcasting in the third and fourth quarters told of injuries to Kansas players, not mentioning the names he used, who were the boys actually involved. I will substitute therefor the following: Bill Smith and Bill Jones. This happened in the third quarter.

The young man announcing in this quarter said that Bill Smith was injured, that he was lying on the ground, that he was badly injured, no, I am wrong, I guess it is Bill Jones that is injured and not Bill Smith, but he is badly hurt.

This same chatter was repeated in the fourth quarter. I do not know whether it was the same announcer or not but he related to an injured Kansas player with the same mistake identically as that which happened in the third quarter.

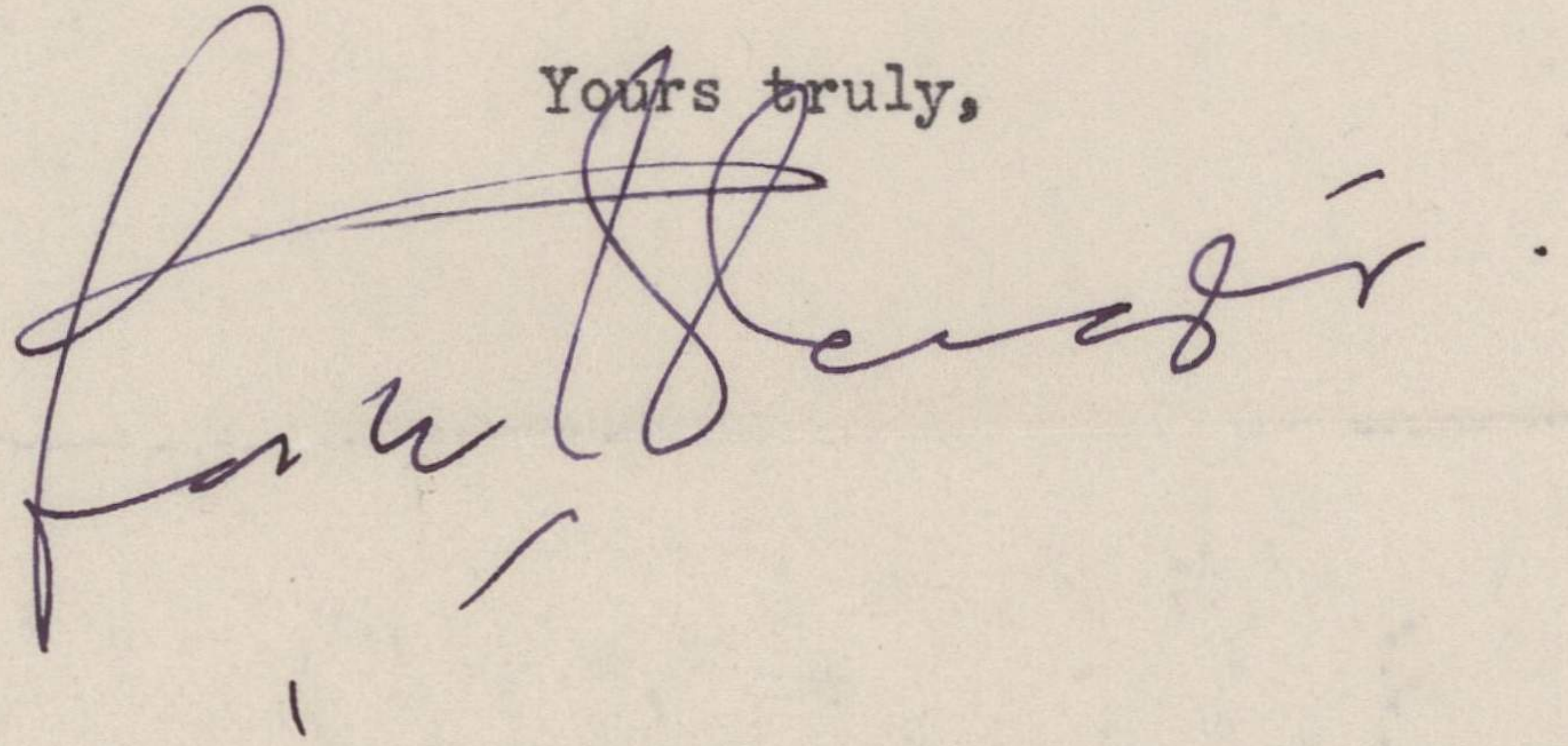
It is needless to call your attention as to the feelings of the parents and relatives of either of these boys, let alone to mention the bonehead of the announcer who announces that a player is badly injured and then find that he has made a mistake and has to correct himself and make the correction. This not only affects the feelings of the parents and relatives of both boys but also raises a possibility in the minds of the other parents and relatives if he did not know who it was in the first place there might have been a possibility that he was entirely mistaken. Your announcer used very bad taste and poor judgment.

Some four years ago I met Ted Husing in Chicago in a hotel. Others were in a group with Mr. Husing and he emphasized the fact that he never in a broadcast of an athletic event, especially football, did he ever tell the audience that any player was hurt let alone badly hurt. He says that he has said, and it can be verified, in every broadcast which he participates in, that No. _____ has had the wind knocked out of him and is all right again. I remember that he so broadcast a play, in which the player received a broken limb but that he did not cause that information to go out over the air.

Dr. Allen-2

I know that these criticisms will be received in the spirit
in which they are given.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul Hensler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "P".

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November 16, 1938.

Mrs. D. H. Spencer,
1014 Mississippi St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Spencer:

I wish to thank you for your good letter of November 8th giving me an option of \$8,000 on your ten acres, more or less, until April 1, 1939.

I do not know where I am going to get any money, but I do appreciate your giving me the option and I would like very much to raise this amount so that we might purchase the land for an intramural field. I am not as optimistic about this feature as I would like to be. However, I thank you and I will endeavor to do something about it.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Lawrence, Kansas. Nov. 8th. 1938.

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

Dear Sir:- In reply to your inquiry about the tract of land lying across from the athletic field, I will give you an option at Eight thousand Dollars (\$8,000⁰⁰) until April 1st 1939.

Following is the description of the field;
SE⁴ of the NE⁴ of the NW⁴ of Sec. 1 Township 13
Range 19. East of the Sixth Principal Meridian,
Kansas, containing ten acres more or less.

Respectfully yours.

Ira L. Spencer.
(Mrs. D. H. Spencer.)

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November 23, 1938.

Mr. Lawrence Stanton,
Page City, Kansas.

Dear Lawrence:

Answering your good letter of the 14th instant, I might say that you are correct in that the guards work from the center of the court when there are none of the other fellows to help them. If there is only one guard back, he is 7 feet from the end line and he works in three directions, using the boxer's stance.

When there are only two guards back they are 7 feet in front of the rear court and the first man fans and the man behind plays his position according to the location of the other fellow. I think you are correct in that. When a guard goes out from a basket this man goes to one corner and the other guard stops in under the basket and the center is out about to the free throw circle or further if necessary, but the center stays back pretty well until drawn out. The forward on the opposite side drops back equidistant between the forward's position where he had been playing and the guard's position who is pulled in under the basket. You do not drop your center back because that leaves a vulnerable point open to attack, and that vulnerable point is that position out immediately in front of the basket.

You are right, if the center does drop back there will be a hole around the free throw territory. If you will take that chapter in "Better Basketball" on individual defense and read it you will see that the defense is built up first from your guard and then when the center gets back the guards drop back in their usual position. You do have this new book, do you not? If you do, then take the pictures in the book and follow them pretty closely together with the exposition.

Yes, you are right regarding the forwards man to man against the guards except when they swing and close. Then we trade off, which we call slide or switch. I always ask the defensive men to station themselves from 3 to 7 feet from the offensive man when the ball is near their man. When the ball is on the opposite side of the court, then draw a line from the ball back diagonally into the other half of the court and that is how far I would drop my forward back on the weak side.

I am sorry that we will not have any practice sessions during the Thanksgiving holidays. The boys have gone home and will not return until Sunday evening. If at any time you will draw some

diagrams and send them to me with your questions, I will be glad to make diagrams to answer your questions.

I am sending you a newsletter, and trust that you and your boys can come in for the clinic and game as both attractions happen to be Saturday afternoon and evening.

I am glad that our discussions proved beneficial to you, and I also thank you for your good wishes for the season.

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Page City, Kansas
November 14, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Our volleyball season ended last Friday with a League tournament here at Page City. We took some time off during the season to work on basketball as our first game is but three weeks away. At that time, December 6th, we play Menlo and she is rated as one of the best in our section of the state.

During the few days of practise that we have held I have tried some of the suggestions that you gave me and they have been quite beneficial. The help on bettering our shooting methods has produced good results in the short time that we practised. At the present time I am especially interested in learning more about your style of defense. From what you told me I gathered that the guards were always to work out from the center of the court and that a guard was to go out from the basket to cover a man in either corner rather than to have the center go over to cover him. When this man goes over to cover a corner man does the other guard fall in under the basket or does the center man drop back? I realize that if the center drops back there will be a hole around the free throw territory. If he does not go back the other guard will have to pull in from his side and this will leave a man open if the offense happens to have a man stationed in either corner with the center also on a side.

Do you advocate playing your forwards man to man against the guards as soon as they break into the defense? How close to the offensive men do you think the defensive men should station themselves when the ball is near their men, when it is on the opposite side of the court?

Do you plan to have any practise sessions during the Thanksgiving holidays? There is a possibility that I will come to Lawrence and I would like to get in touch with you if I do so.

I shall greatly appreciate any suggestions that you may give me on the problems that I have listed. Thank you for your past help. I trust that your present basketball team is progressing as you would want it to.

Yours sincerely,

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