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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

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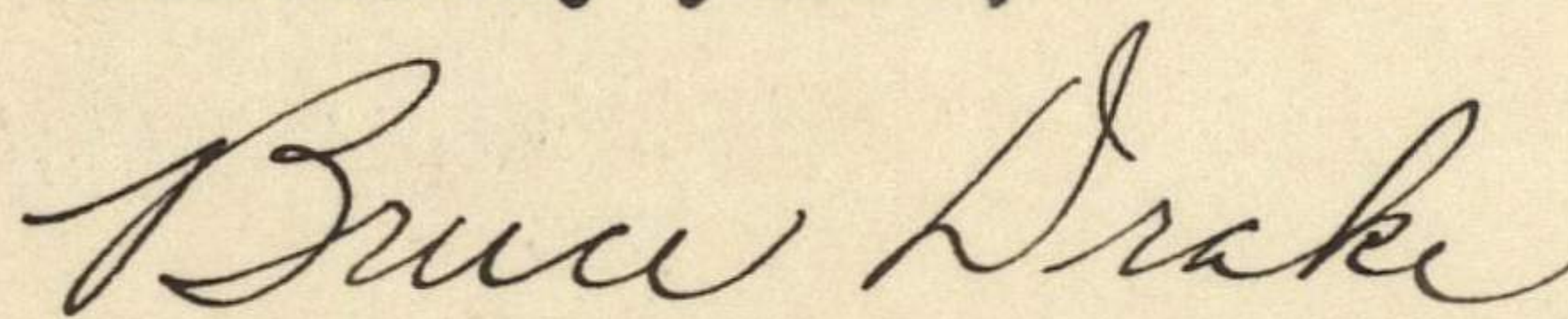
Dear Mr. Allen:

Thanks to you for your congratulatory epistle and your well wishes for me and my "Scatters" for the coming year. Yes I do inherit a nice bunch of boys but from the reports that are coming out of Lawrence I understand that you have the finest crop of yearlings that you have had in years so don't you come out and make a prediction for this freshman coach his first year.

I was more than pleased with my new assignment here as basketball coach and think that we (yes I can say we altho it sounds a little boastful) have a swell bunch of men heading the destinies of basketball in this conference. I have always been one of your admirers and consider it a real pleasure to match wits with the "Phog", the wizzard of this comparatively new indoor sport. I have been a little diásapointed in the somewhat bitter feeling that seemed to prevail between you and ----- . I feel this way, that if I can't treat my competitors as gentleman and feel that I have a friend in them, then I'm in the wrong profession. I do believe as we all do that to battle for whatever is right. I hope that in my old age I may look back on our relations as fond memories of years of keen clean competition; of games where sportsmanship was a credit to the game and a genuine friendship with that coach.

Yes Oklahoma and Kansas have had some red-hot basketball games as I well know but as far as the crowds are concerned we could fill the Field House any day of the week and so could you at Lawrence, so I don't think we need any build-up. I would like to make my debut against you here in Norman Jan. 6 or 8th. The first home game under the new coach ect. It would be a swell setting for a record crowd. Let me make my appreance against you in my first conference game at Norman and then you can have the other game the latter part of the season at Lawrence late in Feb. I will be in Lincoln Thursday nite and we can talk this thing over before the huddle is called..

Sincerely yours,



Varsity Basketball Coach

I forgot to include examination date. Jan. 20 thru Jan. 26th.

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