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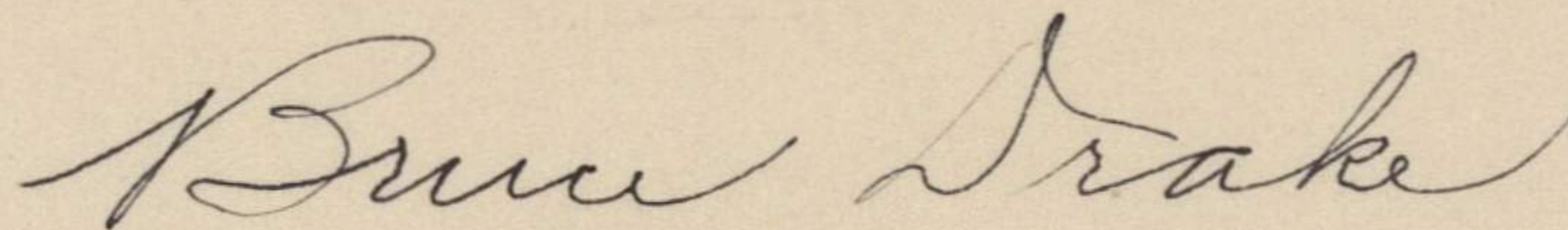
Dear Allen:

Your research on basketboards should bring together some interesting data in opinions. With the invention of this new Bask-O-lite and with the light so arranged that the spectators will register or react simultaneously with the shooting of the basket, we still seem to be at a distant point in bringing those spectators who find seats at the end of the court in a desirable focus of the play^{ing} field.

It might be that glass backboards would solve the problem, using as few supports as necessary to hold it rigid. With wood or steel backboards about all that we can use to increase the visibility directly behind the baskets would be to round the top of the backboards. I say the rounding because of the few times that the ball actually hits the corner of the backboard. Either this or by decreasing the dimensions all the way around. I personally would be in favor of anything reasonable that would make for better seats of the ones at either end of the courts.

Best of luck to you and continued success.

Sincerely yours,



Bruce Drake