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- (Loren Florell) - 1001 W. Hills
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- OK 30 - Herbert Hartman - 1540 La.
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- OK T. P. Hunter - 1200 La.
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- (Lester Kappelman) - 1130 Ky.
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September 14, 1939.

Mr. Steve Ranko,
900 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mass. St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Steve:

I am enclosing a letter that I have written to the varsity basketball team, and trust that it will be of interest to you.

Hope you will stay eligible through both the football and basketball seasons, Steve.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

September 29, 1939

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Dear Varsity Men:

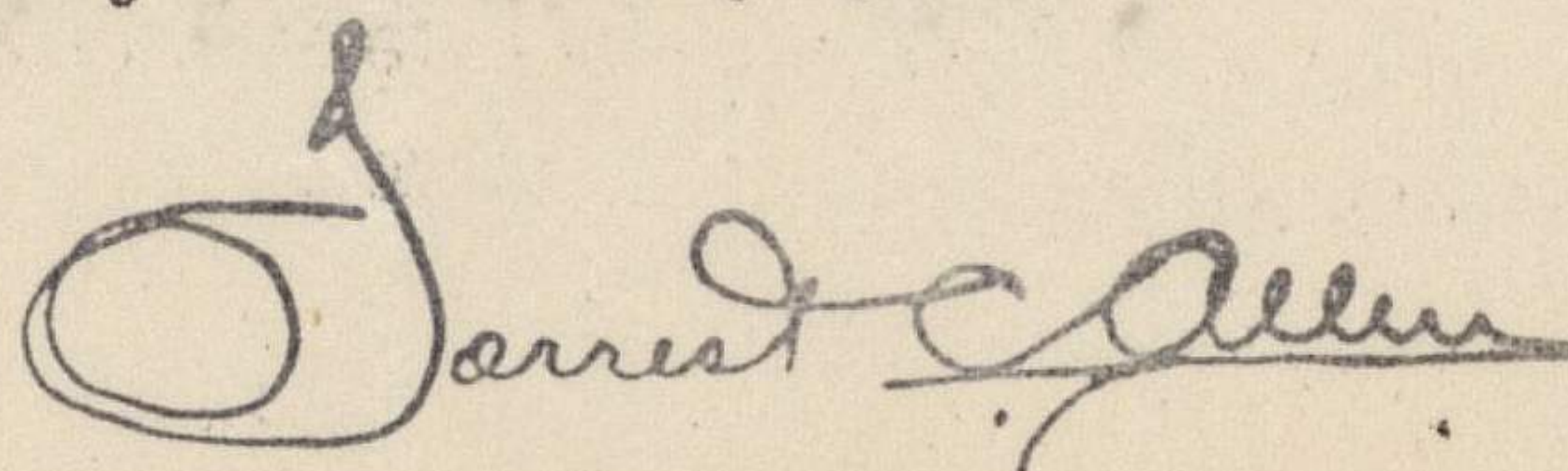
I want to make a statement regarding varsity basketball practice. We will hold our practices on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30. The locker room will be open at 2:30 for those who do not have classes and have caught up on their studies, but the regular practice will start at 3:30.

During October we will practice on three days a week. In November we will step it up to include Wednesdays and Fridays, and in late November we will practice Saturday because we play the Oklahoma Aggies here on December 5th.

Last year we permitted the varsity men to play touch football. So many of the men were injured and there were so many absences on account of practices and games that we did not fare very well. Consequently, I am making a ruling now that none of the varsity men who come out will be permitted to miss basketball practice nor will they be permitted to compete in intramurals during the basketball season.

Our first practice is Monday afternoon, October 2. I trust that we will see you Monday afternoon, with the exception of the varsity football men.

Very sincerely yours,



Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Dear Varsity Team Members:

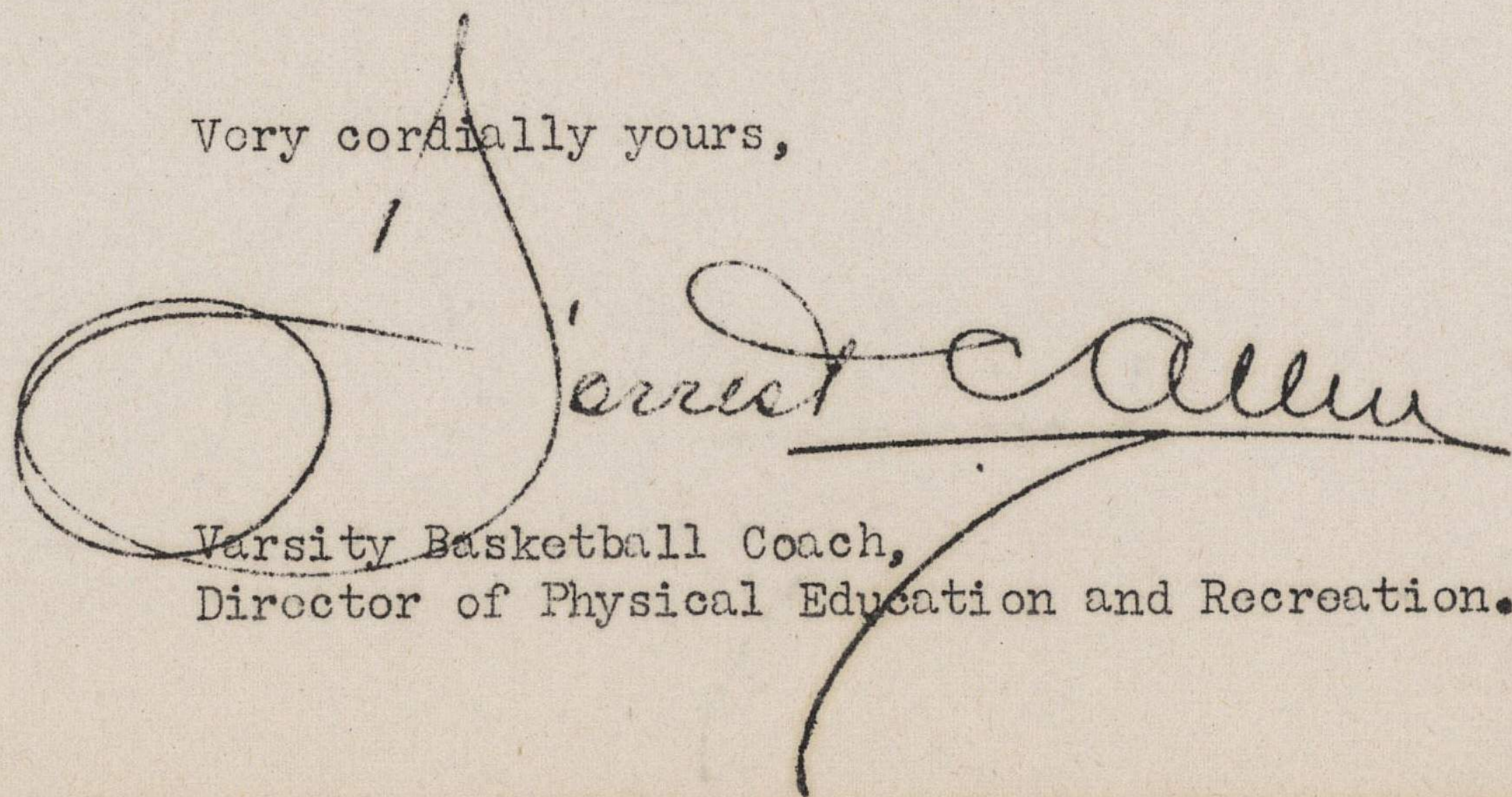
On September 11th I wrote you a very lengthy and informative epistle regarding our aims and desires for a successful season, 1939-40.

Already I have observed a break-down in training among some of the members of the squad. This is the final warning. When any of you men come on the floor and I plainly detect that you have been smoking I will immediately ask you to check in your suit. This will be for the season and there will be no begging back on the squad.

I have always told every team that I have coached that I do not want players on the squad who dissipate. I only want those who are willing to pay a price. Remember, I do not dismiss you from the squad -- you dismiss yourself from the squad by not obeying training rules. There are rules that you are supposed to follow and when you break those you would dismiss yourself if you had the courage to do what you are supposed to do.

No one on the team or outside of the team has given me information on your failure to keep training rules. I detect those myself and take nobody else's word for it. This is final.

Very cordially yours,



Robert Allen

Varsity Basketball Coach,
Director of Physical Education and Recreation.

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