

February 7, 1942.

Mr. Reaves Peters,
Commissioner, Big Six Conference,
342 So. Chelsea Ave.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Reaves:

When Mr. Gene Zachman and I settled up for our game the other night I suggested that a small incidental of \$5.00 be sent you for taxi fare and other expenses that are so common to a man running about town.

This is not a payment in any way for any services rendered, but it might be for a box of candy for the Mrs. or an extra dinner for her and you. Please accept it with our compliments. The check will be mailed to you from the Auditorium.

You did a great job and I want to thank you for your splendid work. You are cooperative, pleasant and efficient, and we appreciate such high grade handling of affairs.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH

February 9, 1942.

Lt. Commander J. Russell Cook,
Great Lakes Naval Training Station,
Great Lakes, Illinois.

Dear Russ:

I want to write and congratulate you on the wonderful exhibition that your boys displayed against us in Municipal Auditorium Thursday, February 5th. I have seen some teams nearly as hot, but no hotter than your splendid outfit. We looked pretty poor, but I think it was in contrast to the wonderful sharpshooting your boys did. Please don't let your boys get tired again. Or maybe I can get my outfit tired once! If I could I would be extremely happy.

Russ, one of the Navy boys after the game came up and wanted a basketball. Perhaps I should have given it to him but somehow I thought it was just one of the boys who wanted a ball. It is unusual for me not to accede to a request, but in college we had discontinued this practice long ago, and I didn't give it to him. However, I am having our trainer mail the ball to you and you can turn it over to whomever you like. It is yours anyhow, but somehow I did not choose to give it to him that night. You will receive it in a day or so.

Congratulate all the boys on the spirit and genteel skill that they employed, together with their high qualities of athletic leadership.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH

January 28, 1942.

Mr. Eugene Zachman, Director,
Municipal Auditorium,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Zachman:

I am sending under separate cover in this mail a photograph of the University of Kansas Band with the director, Professor Russell L. Wiley. You may use it any way you care to in connection with publicity for our game on February 5th.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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

P.S. I have just talked to Mr. Wiley telling him of the request to play the National Anthem and Anchors Aweigh, which he is very happy to do. Is there any particular place in the program that the Navy people want these selections played? If so, Mr. Wiley would like to know ahead of time.

F.C.A.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS
LAWRENCE

DEPARTMENT OF BAND

January 20, 1942

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Department of Physical Education and
Head Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Campus

Dear Dr. Allen:

This will confirm our negotiations regarding the band making the trip to Kansas City for the basketball game on Thursday evening, February 5th. I have taken up the matter with the local bus manager, Mr. Manning, who promises an answer by next Monday. He feels sure that we will have no difficulty in getting transportation. I had a call in for the Chancellor at 2:30 this afternoon but as yet have been unable to contact him regarding taking the band out of school for part of the afternoon. I, personally, would like to do it and we may try to go for a half day which will give us a concert in Wyandotte with ample time for serenading the newspapers on the other side of the river.

You will please let me know the exact time the game is called and we will plan to be seated approximately 45 minutes in advance for lots of balleyhoo before the toss up. Will plan on featuring the baton twirlers at the half and they will include Robert Bellamy, Field Drum Major, Dorothy Nicholson, Drum Majorette, James Berkson in charge of the twirling team, Bob Woolverton, twirler, George Rhoades, who will twirl his metal stick with an additional act with his fire baton, and Billy Sears, who will twirl his metal stick plus an additional act with his two electric batons. This combination makes a fine show with an excellent climax. We will want lights out immediately when the fire baton enters the floor. All plain metal batonwork will be done before this act which will be followed by the electric baton with the lights out.

Will be glad to hear from you regarding further questions on our duties at the game. As you know, we will want to do everything possible to help make the evening enjoyable.

Yours very sincerely,


Director of Bands

Russell L. Wiley
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January 29, 1942.

Mr. Reaves E. Peters,
342 So. Chelsea Ave.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Reaves:

Thank you for your letter of the 25th, and I am dictating this just prior to our leaving for Iowa City and Chicago.

I would rather you get somebody out of Kansas City for the officials. Hinshaw would be fine, or VanReen. The Kansas City fellows officiate there so much that the crowd is on them. I would like to get someone from outside with a name - someone who would be a big drawing card.

Mr. Zachmann, manager of the Auditorium, will get in touch with you regarding the broadcast and other details mentioned in your letter.

Very sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH

cc-Mr. Eugene Zachman.

(Signed in Dr. Allen's absence.)

University of Nebraska
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Office of
Commissioner of Officials

Big Six
Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
342 So. Chelsea Avenue
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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Jan. 25, 1942

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

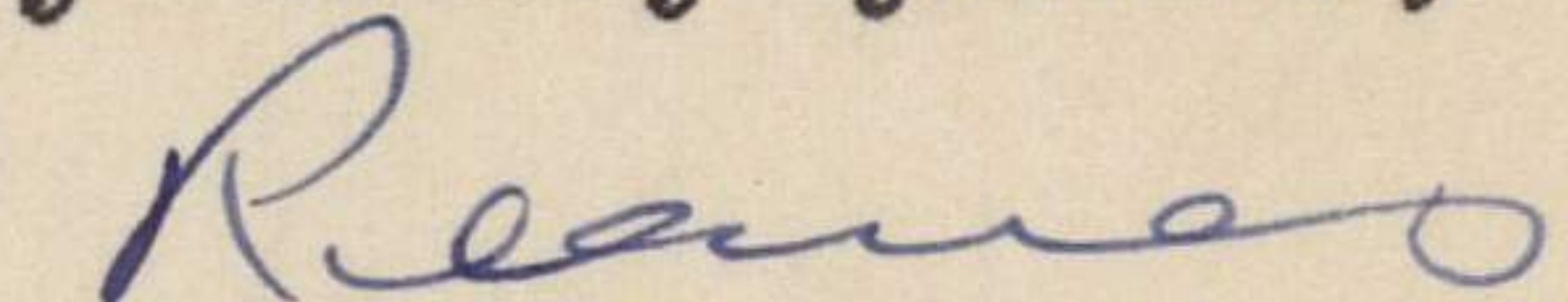
Dear Doc:

Quigley has held off telling me of his availability to work in your game with the Great Lakes here Feb. 5—he is not sure that he should get off from his broadcast that night. He is to let me know by Tuesday. If he is not available would you give me your next choice. I think Carroll and House are available.

Will you have your Timer and Scorer with you for the Feb. 5th. game or do you want me to supply them. If the score for the benefit of the crowd is to be kept it will be necessary to have two boys up in the Crows Nest to handle that. Do you want dressing room at the Auditorium or will both teams dress at their Hotel. Would you like to have Walt Lockman broadcast the game. If there is anything that I can do at this end of the line feel free to let me know. I suppose you will bring a new ball for the game.

Best of luck to you at Iowa City and Chicago this week.

Very truly yours,



R. E. Peters

P.S. Ronald Gibbs of Springfield will be in your Oklahoma Aggie game Feb. 20th., but Volz tells me that he can't get away from another game that night. I imagine that VanReen or Hinshaw would be ok. with you.

January 24, 1942.

Mr. Eugene Zachman,
Manager,
Municipal Auditorium,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Zachman:

I am enclosing copy of a letter I have received from Mr. Wiley, Director of the University Band. I have asked him to send us mats and any additional information he has regarding his specialty acts. All this would add greatly to the publicity.

In regard to Liston, while he is a pretty good business man, I feel that we don't want to go too heavy on expenses, and in my opinion we should have an understanding with Liston about how much it is going to cost us for his game. If it is too heavy we might shift to another attraction.

However, you may have better luck with him than I have had. We certainly don't want to pay a lot for a curtain-raiser. I would rather get two good high school teams. The transportation of the band is going to run into money.

How is the sale of tickets so far? I certainly don't want to lose any money and not make any for the Navy Relief.

I haven't heard regarding the officials as yet. Will you kindly phone Reaves Peters and see what he has done in the selection of them?

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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

January 23, 1942.

Professor Russell L. Wiley,
Director of Bands,
University of Kansas.

Dear Professor Wiley:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 20th
in regard to taking the band to Kansas City on February
2nd.

I appreciate your sending me the names of the
students who will be featured at the half, and I am sending
this information on to Mr. Zachman who is handling all the
publicity for the game. I think it would add greatly to
the attraction if we could have mats of these students, and
perhaps some sketch of their activities. Send us anything
you can on this.

In regard to the evening meal, we can go as high as
50¢ a piece for the band members, if this is satisfactory
with you. This game is a promotional thing, as you know,
and we haven't any advance sale of tickets. We will have
to economize as much as possible.

With appreciation of your fine cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH

January 16, 1942.

Mr. Bill Powell,
Schooley Printing & Stationery Co.,
Walnut at 15th St.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your very good letter of the 14th. The publicity for our game in the Auditorium is handled by Eugene Zachman, the manager, and I have written him asking him to give you every possible break.

I greatly appreciate your offer and certainly we want to call on you for something.

Right this moment we are just back from Columbia and I am hurrying on the floor to get the boys ready for Nebraska. I am leaving a notation on my desk for a follow-up letter.

I wish you would call on Mr. Zachman and Jimmy Nixon, his assistant, to see if there is anything you can do. We hope to throw you some business.

Very cordially yours,

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

FCA:AH

January 16, 1942.

Mr. Eugene Zachman,
Municipal Auditorium,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Zachman:

Mr. Owen Carl, of Carl's Clothiers, Lawrence, saw me yesterday afternoon and wanted to get a chart of the seating arrangement at the Auditorium.

Mr. Falkenstien, of our Athletic Office, has a chart, so it will not be necessary to send him one. He tells me that he has had a number of calls for tickets, so as soon as they are ready he will have some purchasers.

I am enclosing a letter I have just received from Bill Powell, of the Schooley Printing Company. Can you use him in boosting the game, or on any printing publicity? He is a basketball enthusiast, and a fine publicity man, and we would like to help him in any way we can. Of course, I told him that you and Jimmy Nixon handle all the publicity. Use your own judgment on this.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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

January 16, 1942.

Mr. Russell L. Wiley,
University of Kansas.

Dear Mr. Wiley:

When we were in Kansas City discussing plans for the game with the Great Lakes Naval Training Station to be played in the Kansas City Auditorium on February 5th, Mr. Eugene Zachman and Mayor Gage both expressed the hope that the University of Kansas Band could play at the game.

I wrote the Chancellor, and he has approved the trip. Then I called Dean Swarthout, and he said to talk to you about it. Of course, we will pay the expenses of the trip.

I am leaving tonight for Lincoln and Ames, and will be in the office on Tuesday, but I wanted you to consider the matter in the meantime.

I suggested to the Chancellor that you might play at one or two of the Kansas City, Missouri, high schools. However, if this isn't practical I am not presuming upon your prerogatives because you haven't given me your consent that you will play, but I hope you will. In regard to transportation, whatever you think is best will be quite satisfactory.

I thought, also, that it might be well if you could serenade the Star and maybe the Post just before nightfall. They are both giving us lots of publicity on the game.

There will be Army, Navy and Marine officers there to represent the different arms of the service. The game, as you know, is for the Navy Relief, and I am sure we are going to have a wonderful crowd. Between halves I believe they are going to have a drill team from one of the arms of the service, and the band, of course will play before the game, and perhaps some during the intermission.

Whatever you desire to do will be perfectly satisfactory with me.

It might be that we could plan some sort of an economy move, and have the band go down in the morning. I have checked briefly with the Santa Fe, and find that they have trains going down at 6:30 a.m., and at 1:00 p.m. On the return they have a train leaving Kansas City at 10 p.m.

I shall be happy to hear from you early next week.

Sincerely yours,

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

January 16, 1942.

Mr. Eugene Zachman,
Manager,
Municipal Auditorium,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Zachman:

We have the green light from the Chancellor and Dean Swarthout on having the University Band play at our game in the Auditorium on February 5th. But Mr. Wiley, the director, is out of town on a tour, and since I am leaving tonight for Lincoln and Ames I will not get to see him until I return. However, I am writing him a letter, and I am quite sure that everything will be o.k. But Mr. Wiley is the director, and must give his approval.

If the band could get to Kansas City early enough they might arrange to play at one or two of the high schools. Of course we will have to pay their expenses. You know this, but I just wanted to mention it again so that we would not overlook it.

Keep up the publicity from your end. As soon as we get back from Ames we are going ahead with plans here pretty definitely.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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

January 20, 1942.

Mr. Eugene Zachman,
Director,
Municipal Auditorium,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Zachman:

I have just received a letter from Lt. Thompson of the Great Lakes Training Station stating that he has sent you publicity material, etc., for their team, and that he will continue to send you such material from time to time.

We are going forward with plans to have the University of Kansas Band play at the game. I have just talked with Professor Russell L. Wiley, Director of the Band, and he is very enthusiastic about the trip. He will have 105 pieces in his band. They will perhaps play at Wyandotte High School, and serenade the Star and the Journal. However, plans on this are not final as yet.

You mentioned something about a drill team between halves, but I believe with the band we will have something that will be more entertaining for the crowd. Mr. Wiley has a specialty with lighted batons, and with the lights in the hall turned out this is a great spectacle. It lasts about 8 minutes, and I am sure the crowd will enjoy it.

I am getting the names of the performers from Mr. Wiley, and will send any added information on to you.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
Headquarters, Ninth Naval District

GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS

January 16, 1942

Public Relations Office

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

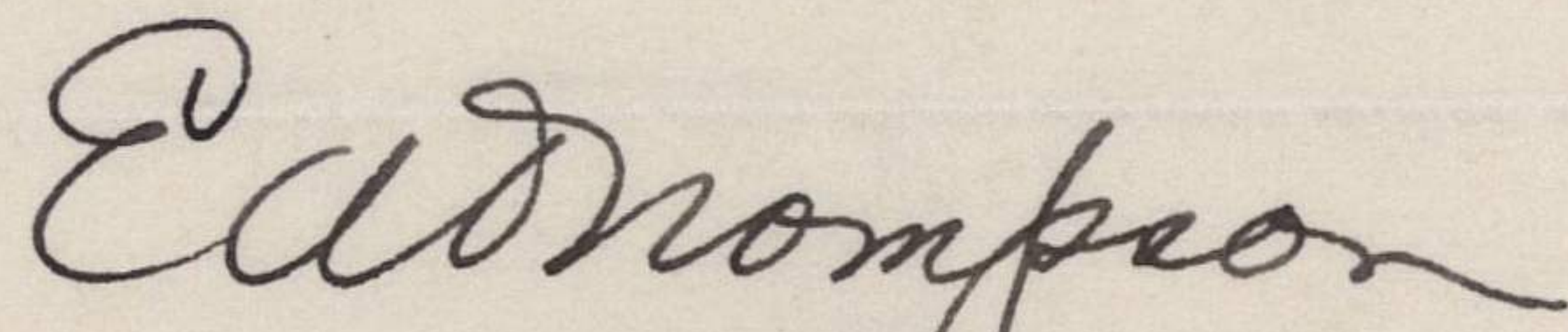
Dear Mr. Allen:

Everyone here at Great Lakes is looking forward with keen anticipation to our basketball game with your K.U. squad, February 5, at Kansas City. It looks like a natural, both from the point of pleasing the crowds and assisting the Navy Relief fund.

I have sent our basketball folder for the season, mats, and glossy prints to Mr. Eugene Zackman at the municipal auditorium in Kansas City. Other material such as follow-up stories and new pictures will be fed to him regularly before the game.

If there is anything further this department can do for you, do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,



EDGAR A. THOMPSON
Lieutenant (jg), USNR
Public Relations Office

January 20, 1942.

Lt. Edgar A. Thompson,
Public Relations Office,
Navy Department,
Great Lakes, Illinois.

Dear Lieutenant Thompson:

Thanks for your kind letter of the 16th instant.

Things are going forward for our game in Kansas City. I have made a couple of trips over there, and will go again soon. We are really moving along with our plans in fine shape.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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

January 9, 1942.

Mr. Eugene Zachman, Manager,
Municipal Auditorium,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Zachman:

I am enclosing herewith copies of the correspondence with Lt. Commander Brown concerning our game with the Great Lakes basketball team.

I shall try to see you soon so that we may make all final arrangements for publicity and use of the Auditorium.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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

EX-HOOSIERS AID GREAT LAKES IN BEATING INDIANA

Menke and Andres Star in 41-36 Victory.

Bloomington, Ind., Dec. 12 [Special].—With two former Hoosier stars as chief gunners, the Great Lakes Naval Training station basketball team defeated Indiana, 41 to 36, here last night.

It was Bill Menke and Ernie Andres night, so-called by the Indiana students, who welcomed the return of the former Hoosier stars, and they responded with 20 points between them.

Navy Takes Lead.

Menke was given a great ovation by the Indiana crowd of 4,000 as he left the floor early in the second half. He was forced out for fouls. Capt. Andy Zimmer of Indiana and George Rung of Great Lakes also were ejected on fouls.

The Navy lads sprang into an 18 to 11 lead with five minutes to play in the first half, but an Indiana rally sparked by Irvin Swanson, Ralph Hamilton, and Dick Wittenbraker, the latter two sophomores, put the Hoosiers ahead, 19 to 18, at half time.

Anderson Leads Way.

Bob Anderson's scoring spree in the second period, aided by Andres' and John Lobsiger's accurate shooting, soon sent the Great Lakes boys into the lead again. They held a 10 point margin with six points to go in the last period when the Hoosiers again spurted, but could not close the gap. Hamilton played an outstanding floor game, as well as leading the Hoosier scoring with 10 points.

Between halves members of Sphinx club presented Menke and Andres, alumni of the honorary social organization, with scrolls of merit for their athletic careers both here and in the service. Lineup:

INDIANA [36]				GREAT LAKES [41]			
	B	F	P		B	F	P
Logan,g	1	4	0	Menke,f	5	1	4
Lewis,f	0	0	0	Anderson,f	3	1	0
Zimmer,c	0	1	4	Lobsiger,c	3	3	3
Swanson,g	3	0	1	Andres,g	0	0	1
Denton,g	2	0	1	White,g	1	0	4
Wittenbraker,g	3	1	2	Rung,g	0	1	2
Hamilton,f	4	2	2	Calihan,f	0	0	1
Driver,c	0	0	1	Baumholtz,f	0	0	0
Wunker,f	1	0	2	Klein,c	0	0	1
Jilby,g	0	0	0	Currie,c	0	0	0
				Van Orsdel,g	0	0	0

January 13, 1942.

Mr. Reaves Peters,
Commissioner, Big Six Conference,
342 So. Chelsea,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Reaves:

As you doubtless know, we are playing the Great Lakes Naval Training Station team in the Municipal Auditorium on February 5th. Will you kindly appoint two officials for this game? This is for the Navy Benefit, but of course we expect to pay the officials because the laborer is worthy of his hire.

We are leaving the selection of the officials entirely up to you, but I know that you will take cognizance of the fact that we are playing a Navy outfit and we want the very best we can get. We want officials who are efficient as well as being an aid to the publicity of the attraction.

As soon as you have selected the officials will you give this to the papers, and notify me at your convenience? Whomever you select will be entirely agreeable.

Sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH

January 9, 1942.

Mr. Owin Henry,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas.

Dear Mr. Henry:

I am enclosing herewith copies of correspondence just received from Lieutenant Commander R. A. Brown concerning arrangements for a game with the Great Lakes basketball team in the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City on February 5th.

I am planning to have a conference with Mr. Zachman, the manager of the Auditorium, and work out a program with him so that the proper advertising and publicity can be had with a minimum of expense. Our agreement with the Great Lakes people is to split fifty-fifty after the expenses of the hall are taken out.

Mr. Zachman is very enthusiastic about this and we believe that we should make some very good money, and it will also bring the University of Kansas in very favorable light, we hope.

From the correspondence enclosed it looks as if the go signal is clear. When I get the Auditorium contract I will submit it to you for your signature.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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January 9, 1942.

Mr. R. A. Brown,
Lieutenant Commander, USNR,
Public Relations Officer,
Navy Department,
Great Lakes, Illinois.

Dear Commander Brown:

Your very generous letter of the 7th instant has been received with enclosures from Rear Admiral Downs, USN Commanding, and Dr. H. H. King, president of the M.V.I.A.A.

I am now communicating with our Chancellor Deane W. Halott, Director of Athletics Gwinn Henry, and the necessary authorities to proceed with this game. I have also contacted Mr. Eugene Zachman by phone and we are to meet at a very early date with a view of working out all details which will give us the maximum of publicity and good will which will add up, we hope, to excellent gate receipts for both the Navy Relief and the University of Kansas.

Yours very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
Headquarters, Ninth Naval District
GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS

Office of Public Relations

January 7, 1942

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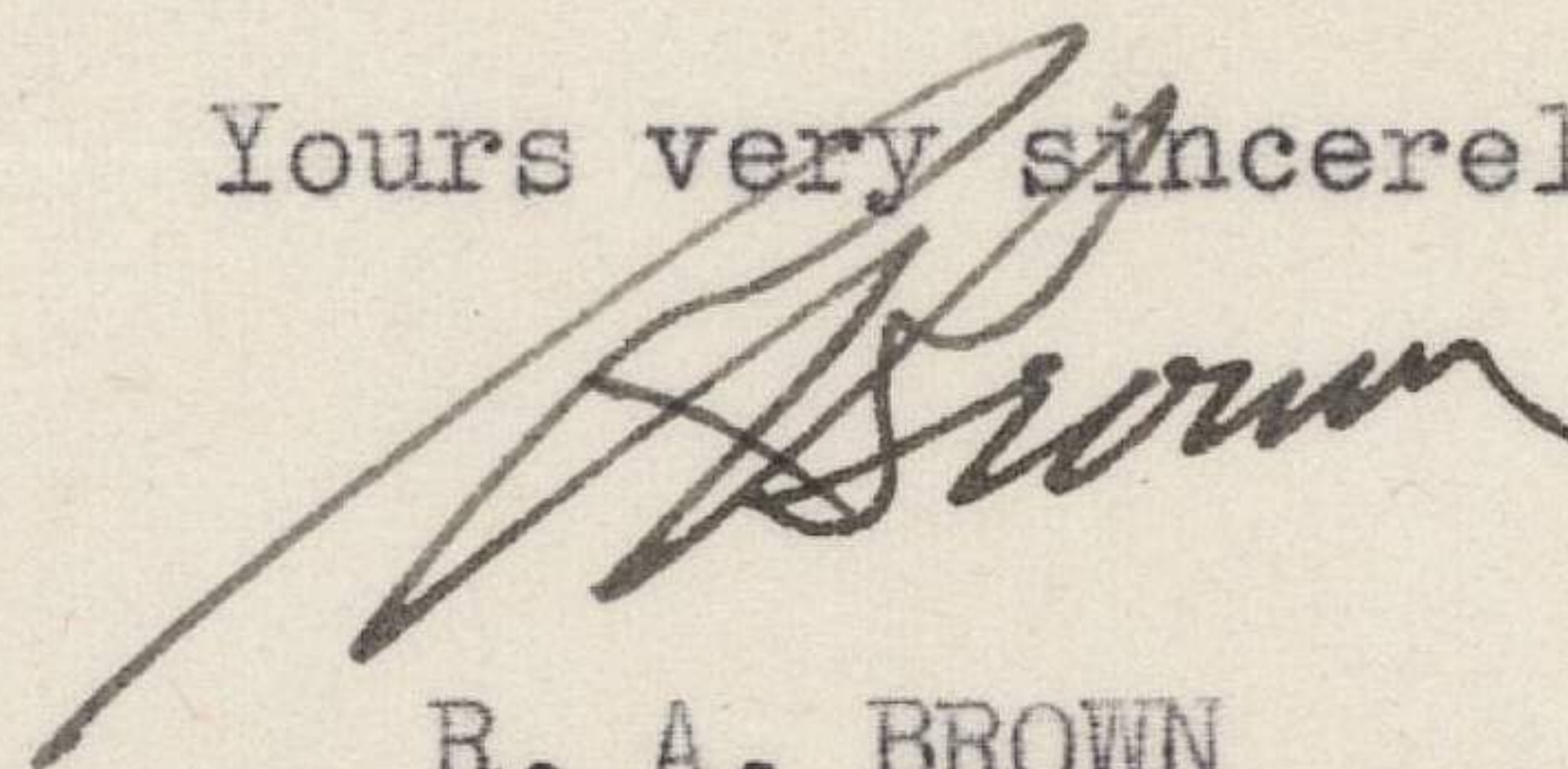
Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Dr. King in which he sets forth his understanding that authority is already granted to play basketball games off campus.

We trust that you and Dr. Davis will agree that this is sufficient authority to you to proceed with the arrangements for a game with Great Lakes basketball team in the Municipal Auditorium at Kansas City on February 5.

We are holding that date open for a game with you pending final arrangements which we hope will be forthcoming soon.

Your cooperation in this respect is greatly appreciated. All of our contacts with your university have been so pleasant that we certainly look forward to an opportunity to meet you in a game at Kansas City.

Yours very sincerely,



R. A. BROWN
Lieutenant Commander, USNR
Public Relations Officer

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U. S. NAVAL TRAINING STATION

GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS

(Copy)

December 23, 1941

Dear Dr. King:

We have developed an outstanding basketball team here at the United States Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Illinois. As you know, it is meeting leading college teams throughout the Ninth Naval District.

Its presentation fulfills two purposes; it brings the Navy "home" to the Middle West, showing the type of man needed for the United States fleet. And, by participating in gate receipts, it directly contributes to the Navy Relief Funds, now more vitally necessary than ever before.

Because the Navy need is so great at this time, we want the Great Lakes team to play in every one of the thirteen states in the Ninth Naval District, and to play to the greatest number of people possible. In some cases, however, campus facilities are previously engaged, or seating facilities provided a smaller attendance than was anticipated.

To insure maximum attendance when the Great Lakes basketball team meets in the Big Six Conference, we would deeply appreciate further relaxing of conference rules to permit the use of off-campus gymnasiums, auditoriums, civic centers and indoor stadiums.

This request is being made with full realization of its unusual nature, but we of the Navy believe you will understand the patriotic need for funds. Play for Navy Relief directly provides wives and children of men who have sacrificed their lives for our liberty. It, also, serves members of families of Navy men sent from Kansas to the front line of our fight for freedom.

I would appreciate a reply at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN DOWNES,
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commanding.

Dr. H. H. King,
Secretary of the Board of Faculty Representatives,
Kansas State College,
Manhattan, Kansas.

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KANSAS STATE COLLEGE
Of Agriculture and Applied Science

Manhattan

Department of Chemistry

Dec. 29, 1941

Rear Admiral John Downes
U. S. Naval Training Station
Great Lakes, Illinois

Dear Admiral Downes:

Your letter of December 23 is at hand. In reply will state that I believe action already taken by our Conference would permit our athletic teams to take part in such participation as you have mentioned in your letter.

The ruling which we passed is as follows:

"In view of the National Defense movement, and in the interest of service morale, each Big Six institution be permitted to schedule such competition as it may deem advisable, and that such competition against service teams be not counted as years of participation against members of a varsity, "B" squad, or freshman team, nor against the limitation of existing schedules."

I feel I am correct in stating that our conference would welcome the opportunity of assisting our armed forces in any way in which would be possible for us to render such assistance.

Very truly yours,

H. H. King
President, M.V.I.A.A.

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Office of Public Relations

Navy Department
Headquarters, Ninth Naval District
Great Lakes, Illinois

January 7, 1942

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University of Kansas
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Lieutenant Commander, USNR
Public Relations Officer

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Kansas State College,
Manhattan, Kansas.