

January 4, 1940.

Mr. Bus Ham, Sports Editor,
The Daily Oklahoman,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear "Buster":

I am afraid that you, like other people, believe everything that you read in the newspapers. You should know better than that, Bus, being a newspaper man.

No, Bus, everything has not been awarded to Kansas City and when I give you my word it is still good, even though I am not chairman of this district play-off this year. Dr. H. H. King, of Kansas State College, is chairman, but I am on the committee and I am very sure that Dr. King will listen to some kindly advice and will lend an open and sympathetic ear to your territory when the play-off takes place.

I have no doubt that Oklahoma will have the Big Six and Missouri Valley representatives, and if such is the case, I would be one thousand per cent for putting it on in Oklahoma City. The only thing that is certain for Kansas City are the finals on March 30, and the play-off of the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts, - the thing that was held at Treasure Island last year. It was felt that that could be better held in Kansas City with a large auditorium than it could in any of the smaller towns, since the four districts are involved. Last year the eastern play-off was held at the Palestra in Philadelphia and the western in Treasure Island.

Anyhow, the play-off between the Big Six and Missouri Valley Conference, so far as I am concerned, will be held in Oklahoma City, if the two Oklahoma teams are in, and then I would fight like the dickens rather than to see it go elsewhere. I go out on the limb on that, and you can quote me if you wish.

Bus, you will find this - if I ever give you my word I will not re-neg on it, and I have given you my word. Now I am not chairman, as I told you, but our committee has always been cooperative and I see no reason why it should be otherwise. I had learned about the fine floor put in at Oklahoma City and it would be a pleasure for me to cooperate with you in every way possible. So just count on me as your cooperative pal on this matter.

Wishing you a very prosperous and happy New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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P.S. The Western district play-offs (Dist. 5,6,7,8)
will be held on March 22 and 23.

F.C.A.



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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I saw in the paper recently that Kansas City has been awarded the whole set-up of games in this area in the national collegiate play-offs.

Naturally it was quite disappointing to us to be ignored in view of our effort last year.

Partly on the assumption that the games between the Missouri Valley and the Big Six leaders would be returned to Oklahoma City, the City Council purchased a \$5,000 elevated floor and has installed it in the downtown auditorium.

Our all-college tournament was played there last week and attracted 12,000 persons in three days. Everybody was well pleased with the tournament, and elated over the manner in which the new floor worked out.

It is not improbable that Oklahoma will have two of the teams in the Big Six and the Missouri Valley play-offs again this year, and we would like to have that part of the collegiate eliminations returned to us.

I realize that the arrangement under which last year's games were played was not entirely satisfactory, but we have improved conditions to such a point this year that even you would agree that the auditorium now is an ideal place for games of this importance.

It has occurred to me that you folks in the heart of the midlands are shoveling everything Kansas City's way. After all, there are some other good towns in the Missouri Valley and Big Six areas and I, personally, feel that you are giving us a kick in the pants and certainly making a mistake by giving everything to one city. Surely the finals are all that Kansas City is entitled to.

These observations are made to you in the belief that you will do the fair thing, at least in our eyes, and attempt to swing the Missouri Valley

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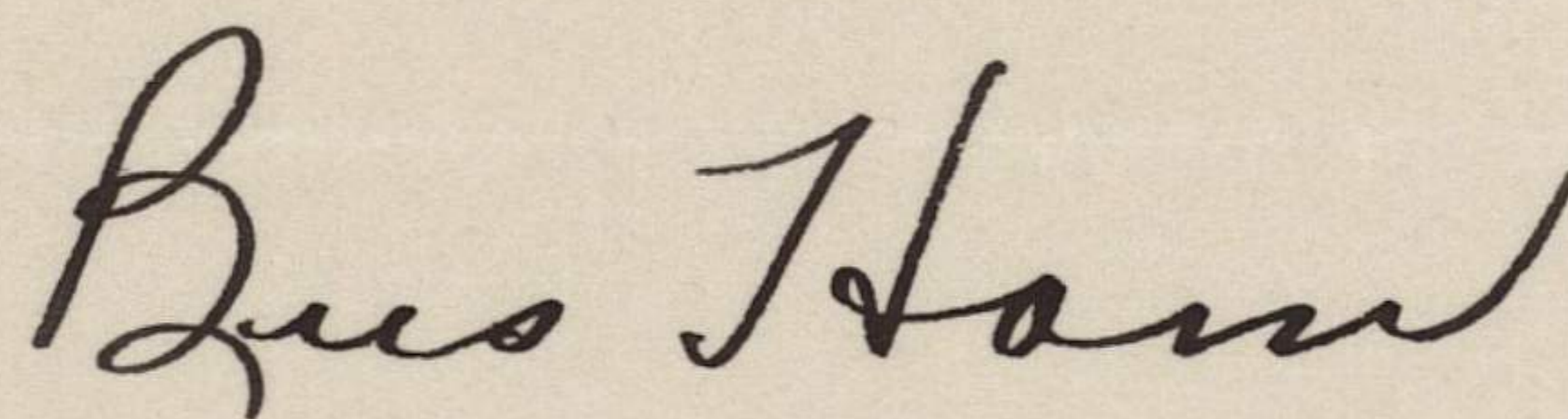
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and Big Six play-offs back to our town.

If you have any further doubt about the advantages of the auditorium as now arranged, please communicate with Henry Iba, or any other coach whose team was in our all-college tournament the past week.

May I hear from you soon?

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bus Ham".

BUS HAM
SPORTS EDITOR.

BH/t

August 14, 1939.

Mr. Bus Ham, Sports Editor,
The Daily Oklahoman,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Bus:

I have your letter of June 10th in which you stated Mr. Donart, Henry Iba and several others of you will probably have a meeting soon to definitely decide what shall be done about the playing floor. Since I have not heard from you I thought I would just drop a note to check up and see how things are.

If you haven't spent any money on the floor, the National Collegiate Association has faintly discussed a possible policy of playing the district elimination tournaments on one of the college floors. This has not been decided on, but the National Collegiate lost money on their finals at Northwestern and they want to get out of the hole. I remember last year Henry Iba said if we had played at Stillwater he would have given us a very generous guarantee.

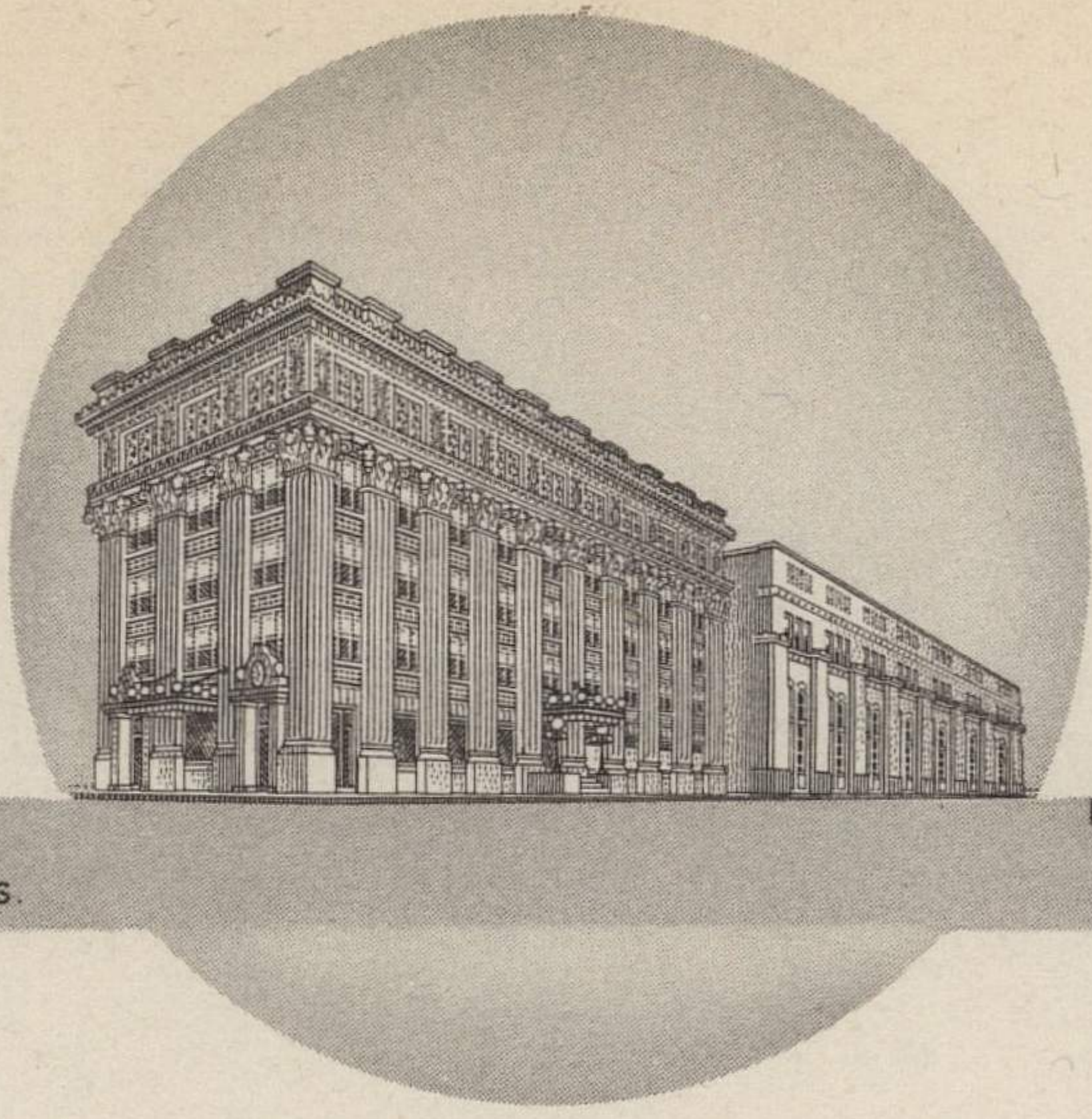
Now, Bus, it might be possible that we would have to do such a thing, but I think not. I am writing to protect you, Mr. Donart and all of us in this before any money is expended.

I am leaving for Atlanta, Georgia, to conduct a coaching school down there, and will return about September 1st.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

June 10, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Our research about elevated basketball floors has not been completed.

Mr. Donart of the auditorium has some little data on it and it may be possible to install a playing floor of this nature.

Mr. Donart, Henry Iba of Oklahoma A & M college and several others of us probably will have a meeting within a week or so to definitely decide what shall be done.

At that time I promise to let you know what can be done. About entertaining the district eliminations next year we still are ambitious to have them if advisable.

Yours truly,

BUS HAM
Sports Editor

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