

December 19, 1942.

Mr. Willard Rutzen,
Manager,
Hotel Morrison,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Rutzen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your wire informing us that you are reserving accommodations for our University of Kansas basketball team. Your arrangements are entirely satisfactory.

We will arrive in Chicago on the Santa Fe at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday evening, December 22nd. There will be fifteen men in our party.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Two to room, \$2.20 each.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH

Chicago, Ill.
December 15, 1942.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen.

Reserving accommodations your team
two to room, \$2.20 each. Thanks.

Willard Rutzen
Hotel Morrison.

December 16, 1942.

Mr. Bob Fisher,
16236 Cheyenne,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Bob:

The more I think of it the more I feel that we are infringing upon the homes of many of the K. U. alumni in Detroit. If we arrive in Detroit at 3:15 p.m. on the 23rd I would be willing if the K. U. alumni insist to have the boys spend the night in some of the homes that first evening. But I certainly want our team to be no imposition on anyone.

For the 24th, I would much prefer that we go to one of the hotels and stay there on the 24th; but on second thought, I believe it would be much better for us to leave at 3:15 on the 24th and go to Buffalo, arriving there on the 24th. However, I will await your reaction on that if you will write me at once. I certainly do not want to break up plans that you have made, but at the same time I am very anxious to keep these boys pretty close together so that we can practice and develop a team morale. We are pretty badly shot at present, having one of our star men out with an injury and ineligibility and other things have hurt us pretty badly. Many of the football men that we had counted on got so far behind in their studies during football season that they cannot afford to make this trip with us because if they fail in their studies they will be inducted into the army or navy pronto. So they are studying, trying to keep up their grades.

Won't you write me air mail at once and let me know if it will be agreeable if we move on to Buffalo the afternoon of the 24th? Please understand that we appreciate everything you are doing for us, but at the same time if we do not win some games we will look pretty sour. I want you to understand.

Regarding hotel, we can double up two in a room or six in a room with three double beds, at \$13.00. That is the price quoted by the Detroit Leland. Is that a good hotel? I do not want to pay too much, but at the same time we want nice places. If you will inquire if we can get that accommodation at the Detroit Leland and if it is a nice place, I suggest that you make tentative arrangements for us.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Detroit, Michigan.
Monday, Dec 7th. 1942.

Dr. Allen
Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
~~Dept~~ of Physical Education,
University of Kansas.

Dear Phog:

I was very sorry when I got home this evening to find your letter of Dec. 4th saying that you would not stop in Detroit for reasons mentioned. Please reconsider. You have my letter written Sunday and posted this morning, telling of plans we have made to have you come. The detail of practice here I have now made. The down town Y.M.C.A. gym will be open to the team the morning of Dec. 24th from 9:30 to 12:00 noon. They would like to have the team off the floor by noon. The "Y" will be delighted to have you and the only cost will be that for towels when the boys go to the showers. Their physical director, George Gillesby, said to me "Phog Allen is the foremost basketball coach in the country. His teams are always pulling something new. He has written a book on basketball which I have. Will you ask him if it will be OK for some of our boys to watch the team work out?" So that's how you stand there. I asked him about a work out on the evening of the 23rd. Their gym will not be available then but I am sure I can get the DAC gym which is less than a block away or if not there are plenty of school gyms, - Wayne University is nearest, which will be open then.

When the subject first came up of your coming to Detroit I thought of it first only in terms of having you and the boys at an alumni meeting. I went over the proposition as carefully as I could and I am sure that a meeting held so near to Xmas would not be a success. It did not occur to me at the time that some of us could arrange to meet you anyway and that the advent of the team stopping in Detroit would create additional interest in KU in our alumni group here. You will be coming thru Detroit anyway on your way to Buffalo, or at least you can, and it seems to me that you will be doing both the school and our association up here a service to let us play host to you and the team. There is no question as to my finding the time or getting the help to take care of everything. As a salesman my time is pretty much my own and there is little doing in ~~XXXXXX~~ my line at that time. Moreover I have taken no vacation this year and if I want to take two full days off while you are here I ~~XXX~~ have my company's full permission to do so. As to gas, I am saving 100 miles to use on the team while you are here. This will be part of the 18 gallons I filled the tank up with before rationing took effect. I am sure Lovett can get us permission to go thru the Ford plant if you would like to see it and Bob Mosby said he could get us in the tank plant. *(I have both A & C books. - be vis of C)*

So, reconsider this thing Phog, and decide to spend the night of the 23rd and 24th with us. If you do, which I am sure you should, would you write Geo. Gillesby of the "Y" and tell him that you are coming? He would like to get a line from you and moreover he wants to put a notice of it in the "Y" local paper and put it on the bulleting board.

I want also to get some publicity on your stop ^{for} from the local papers. I have friends on the News and one of our alumni, S. Lee Bowers, fs'32, is on the Detroit Times. I wonder if you could send me three small pictures of

yourself and also some material about the team this year that I could make up into an article for the three papers, the Detroit News, Detroit Times, and Detroit Free Press. Send me three schedules and the team record so far and a statement from you as to the teams prospects and also what you think as to the future of basketball at KU next. What will be the affect of the war on athletics in the Missouri Valley ? etc. You know what they want. Anything unusual about any of the boys on the team. Also a little sketch of yourself. I will write this all up and send it to the three papers in advance and they will boil it down and rewrite it and color it to suit themselves. You know how the newspaper boys go at these things. But I am sure everyone of them will run a part of it with your picture for you have, after all, been known all over the country for your championship teams for many years. Moreover it will be a story they can write at their desks without going out. I am far removed from the world of athletics myself but I am sure you are a prime source of news . Would you say that basketball, should be taken up by the army ? Are there any changes in the rules contemplated.?, Don't you think the middle West plays better basket ball than the East Etc.

Talk this trip over again with Fred Ellsworth. At the time I wrote him I was not so sure as to what we could do but after talking with some more of the boys and in view of the publicity we will get I am sure we will have a fair number out to see you. I have about enough personal items now for a second bulletin before Xmas and I would like to include in it also a notice of your coming.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Very sincerely,

Bob Fisher

16236 Cheyenne.

Detroit, Michigan.
Sunday, December 7th.

Dr. Forrset C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education,
University of Kansas.

Dear Phog:

I will try to write this letter on an old machine we have altho I am none too good with two fingers. I was very glad to get your letter of November 27th saying that you and the boys could stop to see us on your way East.

Be sure to come by Michigan Central as your train will then pass within 300 yds of the Ford Willow Run bomber plant just outside of Ypsilanti and within a half mile of the great Ford Rouge plant just outside the city limits of Detroit. These plants are visible from no other R.R.

Now as to accomodations. I saw Bob Mosby, who is a member of the D.A.C., at once about the team staying there. Bob called me the next day to say that the DAC could not put the team up. They are too crowded at the present time. I was not surprised. The DAC is a swank business men's club and at the present time with the magnitude of the war effort here it must be crowded with visiting business gov't and military men.

I next called the hotels. At them you can get any accomodation you care to pay for. Here is the line up.

BOOK CADILLAC- \$ 3.00 per person, two to a room, all on one floor.

STATLER- \$ 3.00 single, \$ 5.50 double, or can put six in a room with six cots at \$ 2.50 each.

DETROIT LELAND- \$ 5.00 double or six in a room with 3 dble beds at \$ 13.00

FORT SHELBY- \$ 1.75 each, four or five to a room.

TULLER- \$ 1.50 each, four to a room.

The Statler and Tuller are side by side and both adjoin Grand Circus Park. The Detroit Leland and Book are about a block and two blocks away resoeectively. The Fort Shelby is a half mile away. I mention this because the down town Y.M.C.A. is just across the park from these hotels, about two blocks away and there you can get your work out. I saw their Mr. Vail, director, and he said he would be very glad to have the team work out there and was going to put me in touch with their physical director to find what hours the gym would be open but he was not in. It was yesterday I saw him and I will get this information Monday.

Truman

If your budget allows it I would stay at the Statler. The Book is supposed to be the best in town but I doubt it is much better than the Statler and it is a little farther away. The Fort Shelby is too far away. The Detroit-Leland is a very good hotel. The Tuller is just as good a hotel as you would find in any smaller town (far better than the one in Ann Arbor for example) but it is an older hotel and the newer ones are better. I would have no objection to staying there myself and its location is excellent.

Be sure to let me know how many are in the squad and how many will be in the party. Also at what time you will arrive. We will meet you at the train and drive you all to your hotel. This will be on the 23rd. On that evening I hope that some of us can have a small group dinner together. ^{with the squad.} I will find a place. The hotels are out of the question because they charge too much. Remember the Greenfield cafeteria when you are in Detroit. They serve the best food in town and are right down town. I think we will go to the Peacock tea room for dinner where you can get an excellent course dinner for a dollar. It is within a block of the General Motors Building and the boys could take a look at the war exhibits there before we went back down town. The G.M. building as you probably know is about 4 miles from down town.

Now as to Thursday, the 24th. You will want to work out in the morning. There may even be time for a work out on the 23rd before dinner if you get in soon enough. After you have had lunch will see that you see one of the war plants in Detroit or maybe just a ride around town if the boys would rather do that. To my mind ~~XXXX~~ thru the better residential districts does not offer much but the boys may like it. They had better pick the Chrysler Tank plant or Ford River Rouge. On the evening of the 24th I would like to have the boys split up to spend the night before Christmas with us in our homes, a boy or two to a home. I would like to have you spend that evening with me, Phog. Now don't say that you wouldn't want to put us to that trouble and all that. You don't suppose that the K.U. Alumni up here would want those boys to spend that evening in a hotel, do you? I talked to Walter Shannon about it and the first thing he asked was if one of the boys could not come out and stay with him. Just consider that part arranged. Leave it to me. Some of the boys will be taken to Birmingham and some to Grosse Pointe but we will take care of them all.

This brings us to the 25th. I think you had better get the Michigan ~~####~~ Central out of here at 8:30 a.m. which will put you in Buffalo at about 1:00 p.m. That will give you the afternoon for a good workout and the night for a good night's sleep and with a workout the next morning the boys will be on edge for the game in the evening.

Let me know how this program fits in with your plans Phog and I will work out all the details. On the evening of the 25th the boys will have dinner at the homes of the Alumni where they will stay for the evening. In that way some of will renew our contact with KU in a way we could not at a formal evening and we will all be a little closer to K.U. as a result of your visit.

Very sincerely yours,

Bob Fisher

16236 Cheyenne,
Detroit.

Wed. Nov 18th 1942

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Varsity Basketball Coach,
University of Kansas.

Dear Phog:

I hope you will pardon my delay in answering your letter of October 24th. I have considered carefully the idea of our holding our annual meeting on Dec 23rd and have talked to about a dozen of the boys & girls about it. Some of the boys, like John Sovett thought it would be ok but very much the majority opinion is that we could not get a ~~good~~ good crowd on that evening. Duke Kennedy, Jack Saffer, Bessie David Nelson, Connie Ingalls, etc. think it is too near Xmas. The boys would come but the girls would be shopping and many would hesitate about getting up 4:30 for a dinner at that time. (Our dinner will be 2:30 a plate, that is of course 4:30 for a couple). If we could have our meeting then we would want the entire team to be on hand + Frank Penning, Oscar Hull, Duke Kennedy, Sovett, Mosby & Saunders would take care of ^{the} cost for our guests & any other extra expenses for the evening. That would only be a detail. It is ~~the~~ ~~most~~ ~~important~~ that we could not have you here at almost any other date for we would all have an evening that would be always remembered.

However - we would like to see you anyway Phog. - and Detroit has some things well worth seeing. You say in your letter that you would stay in Chicago on the 23rd but Fred said in his letter of Oct 21st that you & the team could arrive in Detroit at 3:15 p.m. Dec 23rd & stay over night to the 24th or 25th. You play in Buffalo on Dec 26th. I have in mind that if you & the team could stay overnight in Detroit on your way to Buffalo that we could probably arrange a trip thru the Ford Stange plant - the bomber plant or the Dodge tank plant as a sight seeing attraction for

the boys & on the evening you were here a number of us could come down to the hotel for dinner with you and an informal bull-session after ward. I would send out a post card notice to the members and quite a few would come down.

Now as to arrangements. I know how closely you watch the boys on these train-trips. They must get in early & time spent traipsing - then a plant on the day of a game might not add to their chances of winning - altho the day before should be OK. Now as to these plants. The Ford Rouge plant is the one really worth while seeing & I am not sure we could get in. Of course they are not making cars out there now but they are making P.O.W. aircraft motors & every thing - out there is laid out on such a grand scale that it is an inspiration to see it. ^{even from the outside} There is nothing else quite like it in the world. As to the bomber plant - the big feature there is to see it from the outside & if you come in on the Mid Central you go right past it. Willow Run is at Ypsilanti - about 25 miles from Detroit & it is quite a trip out there. Then there is the tank plant - about 12 ~~mi~~ miles north from down town Detroit. I am sure that Gordon Bennett could get us passes - that would be simple but transportation may not be so simple if we have strict gas rationing by then. But we could take the bus to any of these points. I am writing Gordon Saunders this evening as to our getting into the Ford Rouge & Bomber plants. He is home now but I how well - I don't know. The biggest point of interest to visitors outside of the motor plants for those who are interested - is Greenfield village & that - I believe - is closed for the duration.

On buy it stacks up to this - a trip thru some of the war plants if it can be arranged in what ever regular transport is available and a meeting with some of the boys at the hotel in the evening. Some of the boys may have some further suggestions if you think you & the team could stop

over in Detroit on your way to Buffalo. I will be
free myself to be with you & the team if you can come
It may be possible to get cars for us. It will depend
on how tight rationing is then.

Possibly you & the boys may have some suggestions
as to what you would like to see & do here. We will
do our best to show you the city or any part of it you
care to see.

Very sincerely

Bob Fisher

Pres. N.D. Alumni - Det area.

16236 Cheyenne
Detroit - Mich.

December 14, 1942.

Mr. Bob Fisher,
16236 Cheyenne,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Bob:

I have been swamped with work and have not had an opportunity to answer directly your good letter of the 7th instant. However, I had my secretary write you posthaste that we would be glad to accept your generous invitation. Then I went out of town and since I have been back I haven't had an opportunity to dictate three minutes to get a letter off to you. But I knew that you would have the essential information that you desired, and that I could follow up shortly. I am doing that now.

I had spoken to Chuck Elliott, our sports publicity man, and asked him to mail you Saturday afternoon all the data that we thought you would want. He was also sending you some glosses of the players and by referring to our sports publicity brochure I am sure that you can get all the data that you desire.

I am also writing George Gillesby. I am enclosing a carbon copy of the letter to you that I wrote him. We will want to practice at the Y.M.C.A. and of course will get out of their way before noon. We will be delighted to pay what expenses are connected with our work-out.

I am enclosing a number of schedules so that you may distribute them to the group that you come in contact with, and we will bring others along to distribute to the entire alumni if they desire them. We have played but two games this year, the first with the Air Base of Olathe where there are three all-Americans on the line-up, and we lost to them 39 to 29 in Kansas City. Then we won from Rockhurst College last Friday night 44 to 40.

I just talked to Fred Ellsworth this afternoon and he doubtless will write you. We are planning to come by Michigan Central and will look over the Ford Willow Run bomber plant. And then we will be tickled to death to see any of the war plants possible with our schedule and with the limited time the alumni will have with us. It is mighty nice of you to offer to entertain us and take your time away from your work. We do appreciate that very much.

We are playing Creighton University here tomorrow night and getting our team and equipment ready for the first home game is some chore. We are building two new electric scoreboards and time clocks, and the electricians and carpenters have had me tied up for too many hours on that. However, I will write you another letter in the next day or so giving you the personnel of our squad and the data, and any other necessary information that we think you should have.

With all good wishes and sincere appreciation, I am

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

December 14, 1942.

Mr. George Gillesby,
Physical Director,
Downtown Y.M.C.A.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Gillesby:

Mr. Bob Fisher, president of our Detroit alumni, has informed me that it would be possible to avail ourselves of a work-out in your gymnasium on the morning of December 24th from 9:30 to 12 noon.

This is very generous of you and I assure you that we will be out of your way long before noon.

You will pardon me for the brevity of this letter but I am just getting ready to coach my varsity team and so will hope for a very pleasant visit with you after our arrival.

Assuring you that we do greatly appreciate your hospitality,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

BUFFALO EVENING NEWS

BOB STEDLER
SPORTS EDITOR

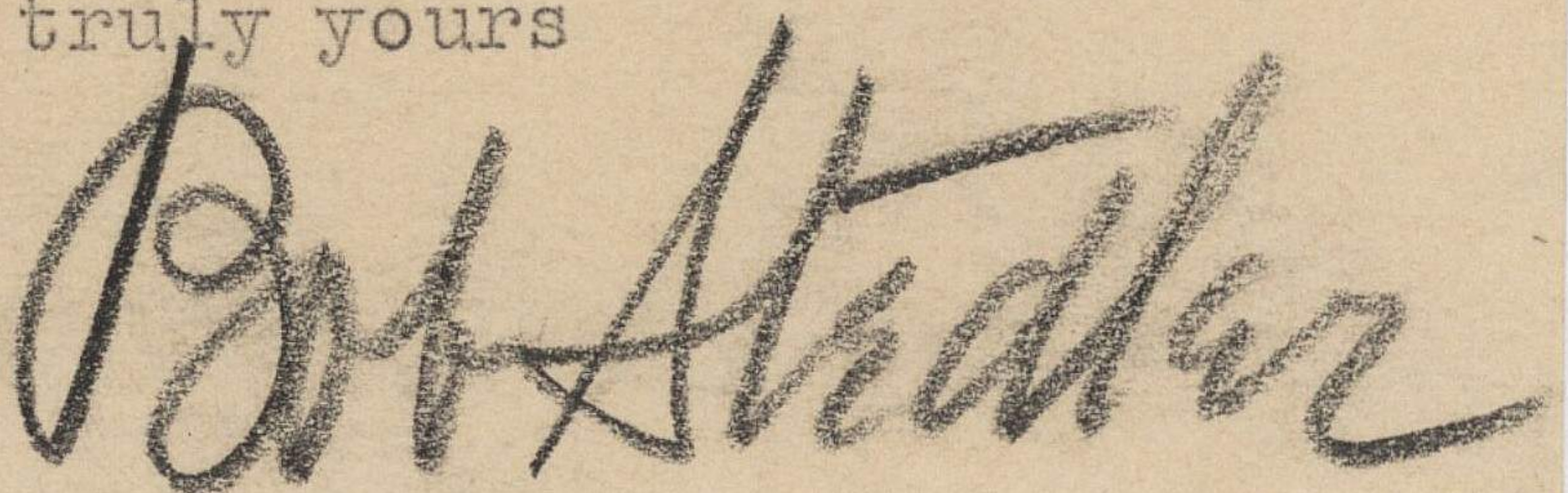
Dec. 16th, 1942.

My Dear Coach.-

I have yours of the 14th at hand. Ned Irish spoke to me about your connection with the team that defeated the Germans way back in '05. I told Irish I would be happy to arrange to have the old boys meet you when you came here. Heerdt, Miller Brothers, Faust and Hanweiller are still alive and all of them doing fairly well.

I will send your letter to Al Heerdt's residence and I'm quite sure he will be delighted to be on hand when you get here. I'll have my basketball writer use some sort of a story connecting up the old with the new game and the two teams of 37 years ago.

very truly yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bob Stedler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with large, sweeping letters.

December 16, 1942.

Mr. Lee Blaser, Manager,
Buffalo Athletic Club,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Mr. Blaser:

Our basketball team may come into Buffalo on the 24th of December, but I will let you know definitely prior to our arrival. We are debating about leaving Detroit on the 24th. This is only tentative, but I will let you know definitely. There will be 15 men in our party.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

October 5, 1942.

Mr. Lee Blaser, Manager,
Buffalo Athletic Club,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Mr. Blaser:

Thank you for your kind letter of September 30th.

We shall be very happy to bring our basketball team to your Buffalo Athletic Club, and I will write you a little later regarding menus.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.



BUFFALO ATHLETIC CLUB
BUFFALO

September 30th, 1942

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

At the suggestion of Ned Irish, a member of this Club, I am writing to you about the possibility of your Basketball Team staying here upon the occasion of its visit to Buffalo.

We are prepared to offer you a special room rate of \$2.00 per man per night, two men to a room, in twin bedded room with a private bath containing both tub and shower bath. Will you please let us know at your earliest convenience whether or not you will wish to stay here during the winter basketball season?

We are experienced in the preparation of proper training meals for athletic teams and if you will at the same time send us the menus you desire, we can give you quotations on the meals you may require.

May we hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Sincerely yours

LB:ME

Lee Blaser, Manager

December 16, 1942.

Mr. Jim Wells,
Sports Commentator,
WBEN, Inc.,
Hotel Statler,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Mr. Wells:

I am enclosing some material that may assist you in preparing something for our short broadcast when we are in Buffalo. Pick out anything you care to use.

I have sent to Bill Stedler, sports editor of The News, a copy of my book, "Better Basketball", calling his attention to reference to the Buffalo Germans. You might get in touch with him and get some additional stuff.

It will be a pleasure to see you when we arrive in Buffalo.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

December 1, 1942.

Mr. Jim Wells,
Sports Commentator,
WBEN, Inc.,
Hotel Statler,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Mr. Wells:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 23rd.
We shall be glad to cooperate with you in sports broadcast when
we are in Buffalo on December 26th.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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WBEN *Inc.*



BUFFALO EVENING NEWS RADIO STATION

HOTEL STATLER,
BUFFALO, N. Y.

November 23, 1942

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

My dear Doctor Allen,

Although some time remains before the actual date, I can assure you basketball fans in the Queen City are avidly awaiting the scheduled appearance of Kansas and its famed coach in Memorial Auditorium, Saturday, December 26th.

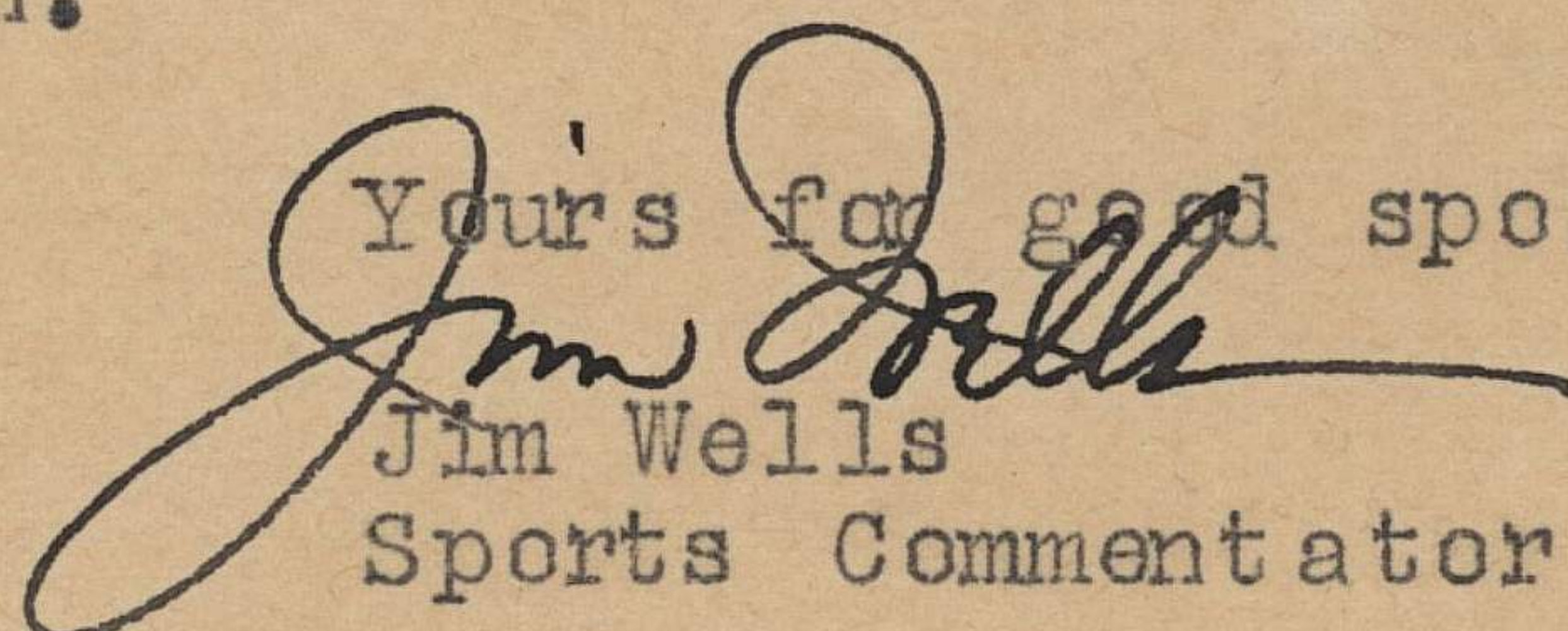
Naturally, WBEN, through my department, supports the district collegiate cage programs to the utmost, and, in this connection, I am writing to request your appearance for an interview. I conduct a nightly sports column, 6:15-6:30, and would like you as my guest the night of your game with Canisius.

WBEN, as local authorities will attest, is the dominant station in this area, which means your co-operation in this regard will serve a double purpose. It will be at once splendid missionary work for Kansas, and, of course, will help to swell the attendance for the doubleheader bill on which your team appears.

I am trying to set up a full schedule of interviews in advance, for publicity purposes, hence would appreciate a speedy acknowledgment from you. Will you please include a short list of questions you might like asked? Also, if possible, include a cut of yourself for newspaper publicity.

Thank you in advance, and, of course, a wish for your good fortune this coming season.

Yours for good sport,


Jim Wells
Sports Commentator

December 15, 1942.

Mr. Bill Stedler, Sports Editor,
The News,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Mr. Stedler:

I am sending you a copy of my text, "Better Basketball", and wish to call to your attention pages 6 and 7 where reference is made to the Buffalo Germans. Will you kindly mail the book back to this office when you have finished with it?

There are different angles on the game presented in this book that you might find interesting to peek out a story on our St. Bonaventure - Kansas game. I wrote the book first as a source of information on treatment of athletic injuries for high school coaches. So few of them had the training sufficient to handle these simple injuries. Then I divided the book into individual defense and team defense, individual offense and team offense.

In the back of the book I have several stories under "Tales of Yesteryear". These are stories of "great games" that have been pulled out of the fire when everything seemed lost. I have done this to inspire the fellow who is down and out but still has a chance to come back.

It would be a pleasure to have a visit with you when we arrive in Buffalo.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

December 14, 1942.

Mr. Bob Stedlery Sports Editor,
The News,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Mr. Stedler:

Some time ago I wrote Ned Irish regarding a yarn that appeared in the Converse Basketball Yearbook in 1941, on page 31, under the caption "Grand Old Masters of Basketball". Back in 1905 the Kansas City Athletic Club played the Buffalo Germans in old Convention Hall in Kansas City. I happened to be the manager of the team and played right guard. The first game the Buffalo Germans won 40 to 36; the next game we won 38 to 20; and the last game, which Dr. James Naismith refereed and U. S. G. Plank of Haskell Institute, umpired, we won 45 to 14.

In looking at this picture of the Germans of 1903 I remember many of these players - Heerdt, Miller, Rhode, Faust, and others. Then looking at the picture of them as they are today I see Manweiler, Linneborn, the two Millers, and Al Heerdt. I remember all these boys we played against.

I will try to get my old scrapbook in the next day or two and will write you some of the angles as presented by the sports editor of the Kansas City Star written after those games.

It would be a pleasure for me to meet some of the old Germans either before or after our game in Buffalo. This is my 26th year of coaching here at the University of Kansas. But the Germans were in it longer than I was, so they should also show wear and tear.

If there is anything that I can give you to help along in the publicity it will be a pleasure.

Trusting to have the pleasure of meeting you in the very near future, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

February 27, 1943.

Mr. E. S. Hickey,
Basketball Coach,
Creighton University,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Eddie:

The Army Reserve is calling our boys, nine out of thirteen, for induction at Fort Leavenworth on March 6th. Armand Dixon has left for his home in California, and the other boys definitely desire to go home before they are called. They have agreed to go to Columbia to play the game at Missouri, but they do not want to go to Omaha. This will take out Evans, Schnellbacher, Brill, Baker, Ballard, Dick, Blair, Fitzpatrick and Dixon.

I will bring a team up to play you but it will not be these stars. I cannot insist that they do otherwise when their call to service is so close.

I will either forfeit the game to you without playing it or I will bring a second team up and play the game. Which do you desire? I thought I would call you this morning, but on second thought I figured it would be better to write you this letter and let you think over the problem, then you can call me or wire me.

Frankly, Eddie, I hate to do this, but there is no alternative. We recognize you now as the representative of the Fifth District, and we wish you all kinds of luck.

Thank you for your good letter wishing us success in a very difficult situation.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

THE CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

E. S. HICKEY
HEAD COACH OF BASKETBALL

February 25, 1943

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

Dear "Doc":

Congratulations on your splendid victories in spite of so much illness and injuries. I certainly would have enjoyed seeing your series in Kansas City and was pulling for a victory over the Great Lakes. We still think that they could be checked and were greatly dissappointed not to have a chance to meet them again.

Please forward the names, positions and numbers of your approximate travelling squad (twelve or fourteen) in order to prepare our program for your game here March 4. I am also enclosing information for your assistance. If we can assist in any further manner please let me know.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Eddie

E. S. Hickey
Basketball Coach

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BASKETBALL

The University of Kansas vs. The Creighton University
at the Creighton Gymnasium, Omaha, Nebraska, March 4, 1943.

- Gym Location : Twenty-fourth and Burt Streets. Best entrance from Twenty-fifth and California Street. Fifteen blocks from heart of business district.
- Transportation : Street Railway Bus stops in front of Administration Building, Twenty-fifth and California. Board bus any place in downtown district on Fifteenth Street going north. Fare 10¢ per person and checks 3 for 25¢. Taxicabs; four persons to a cab; twenty-five to thirty cents per cab from business district to west entrance of gymnasium.
- Dressing Room : Enter gym at west and take stairs to second floor. Private room available at east end of gymnasium on the ground floor. Entrance from playing court on second floor, (spiral stairway at east end of court). Showers adjoin dressing room. Trainer, Team Physician and assistant with water available on court during game.
- Playing Court : Regulation in size, 98 ft. x 50 ft. Medart Fan Shaped Backboards four feet from end line. Boundary lines free from obstructions. All lines in black. Scorer's and Timer's table on north side opposite division line. Players located on each side of Scorer and Timer table. Electric clock controlled from Timer table. Scoreboards on each end of floor.
- Ball : Last Bilt Ball adopted by Conference and used in all home games, unless stitched type ball requested in advance.
- Playing Suits : By Conference rule Creighton usually wears white at home (both pants and jersey). On request can wear full blue suits.
- Game Time : 8:30 PM No preliminary.
- Pre-game Ceremony: Introduction and presentation of visiting coach. Starting players introduced as they take the floor. Spot light used. Visitors introduced first. Presentation of colors.
- Officials : Referee: Ronald Gibbs
Umpire : Max Roper