

January 19, 1939.

Professor Russell Wiley,
University Band,
University of Kansas.

Dear Professor Wiley:

First, I want to thank you for your contribution in the form of the wonderful short concert between halves of the basketball game last night. Your playing was brilliant, dramatic and climactic.

It is needless for me to repeat that your band would be a credit to any university in the United States.

I was sorry that I did not get to hear it, as I was laboriously working for the bodies and minds of our athletes who had a big assignment in the following twenty minutes. I was told that the arrangement of your popular number, "Stardust", met with a thrilling ovation. Mrs. Allen said that your baton twirler, Edde Cordes, displayed unusual ability. She was enthralled by his masterful artistry in measuring the distance from the floor to the high vault of the ceiling of the auditorium with his baton, which he recaptured in its descent with the easy grace of a professional "old head". Mrs. Allen said it left the great crowd breathless.

It was the consensus of opinion that the show staged by your band between halves outdid all expectations and deserved to stand along as an entertainment without being sandwiched in between the halves of a basketball game.

You and your organization certainly did a large part in displaying the talent of our young men and women to the visiting body of legislators and their families who went away feeling that their trip was both a profitable and enjoyable one.

Again I want to thank you for your generous and artistic contribution.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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