

May 2, 1938.

Mr. Stuart Dimbar,  
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Stuart:

Please find enclosed copy of letter I  
have written to Earl Woodward. The more I study the  
possibilities of that building the more they ramify  
into larger and more utilitarian purposes.

It was good to see you.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



March 1, 1938.

Dr. O. W. Davidson,  
Huron Building,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Davy:

I have asked Mr. Falkenstien to reserve four tickets for you for the Missouri-Kansas game on Thursday night. We have been swamped with orders for tickets for this game, and under the conditions I did the very best I could.

I got in touch with Professor Buchler, and he will call at the Athletic Office this afternoon for your tickets. However, he informs me that he personally will not accompany his group to Kansas City, but is placing Dean Moorhead, a senior, in charge of the group. Dean will see to it that you get your tickets tonight.

Looking forward to seeing you Thursday night, and with all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



February 21, 1938.

Mrs. Josef E. Dey,  
145 S. Larch St.,  
Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Mrs. Dey:

I am enclosing a letter I have recently received from Mr. Ralph H. Young, Director of Athletics, at Michigan State. I thought this might be of interest to you.

With best wishes to you and Mr. Dey, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 21, 1938.

Mr. Carl Dunagan,  
Duarte, California.

Dear Mr. Dunagan:

This is in reply to your letter of the  
15th instant.

Dr. James Naismith is the originator  
of the game of basketball. Dr. Naismith is a member  
of our Department of Physical Education here at the  
University of Kansas.

In my new book, "Better Basketball",  
I have given a thorough discussion of the origin of  
the game on pages 3-5, which I am sure you would find  
very interesting.

If you desire any further information  
I shall be glad to hear from you again.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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

Dear Mr Allen:-

To whom would  
you credit as the originator of  
Basketball? Your word in  
this matter is necessary to  
settle a wager.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

Carl Durnagan



February 25, 1938.

Dr. O. W. Davidson,  
Huron Building,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Davy:

It was swell of you to write the fine letter that  
you did in acknowledging receipt of the autographed copy of  
Better Basketball.

Dave, it was a great kick I got out of your letter.  
I am going to drop in and see you some time real soon.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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O.W. DAVIDSON, M.D.

HURON BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

February 17, 1938

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

Dear Phog:

It is difficult for me to express my full appreciation for your autographed copy of "Better Basketball". In the absence of a "K" sweater, I think I will cut the autographed page out and paste it on the front of my shirt. I have never received anything that appealed to me more than your book; not so much for what is inside the cover, as the sentiment that accompanied the gift.

A fellow doesn't have to be the best player on the team to get a lot of good out of athletics or from the coach. There are a number of things that stand out very vividly in the memory of my association with you during those years. I shall never forget the tenseness of those few minutes between halves the Saturday before we built the stadium. We were packed in that old dressing room down on McCook field, and felt like we were pretty well whipped, even after the Governor and Chancellor Lindley had given their speeches, and then the tide was turned during the last two or three minutes by the remarks that you made. It was just by a coincidence that they had a door leading out of that dressing room, because the fellows would have gotten out of there if they had had to drive right through the wall. The rest of the game is history of course.

I have used on numerous occasions, to some advantage I think, some of the stories that you used to tell, particularly the one that you told a Sunday School class at the Methodist Church one morning about the football team, the Great Coach sitting on the sidelines, Peter as a erratic halfback, the other disciples making up the rest of the team, with John, the steady old center, in whom the coach put so much confidence.

I regret that it has been impossible for me to get up to any of the games this year. I still hope to see one. Mrs. Davidson has not been well, and it has been difficult for me to make arrangements to get away.



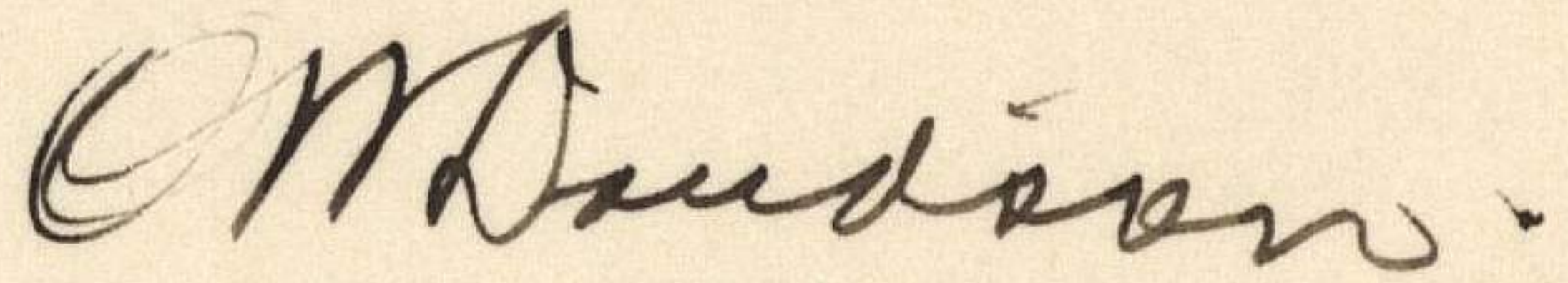
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Forrest C. Allen,  
February 17, 1938

I have a feeling in my bones that you will tell the boys something either just before the game or between halves at Oklahoma, that will put the game on ice for Kansas.

With sincere thanks and appreciation for your gift, which I am proud to keep in my reception room, I remain

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "O. W. Davidson".

O. W. Davidson, M.D.

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI  
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DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

February 3, 1938

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

Dear Phog:

Your delightful letter of January 24 was received along with the book of yours on Better Basketball. Even though I am supposed to be planning lectures for next semester I have been reading about basketball.

As you mentioned I did enjoy the article about the Nebraska game in 1920, but you left out one important part of it at least to me, and that was during the half for lack of excitement or whatever reason they gave at that time, I was the victim of the blanket tossing for the day.

I finished my work at Washington University in St. Louis in 1926. After spending two years in surgical preparation I have been connected with the University of Missouri since that time.

I feel very honored to be called to give you any assistance possible when you bring your teams here to Missouri, and I always look forward to seeing you and all the men connected with the University of Kansas. I had a nice visit with John Wulf when he refereed the game with Missouri and Colorado.

Again let me thank you for the delightful gift. Looking forward to seeing you on later visits either here or at Lawrence, I am

Sincerely,

*Karl D. Dietrich*  
Karl D. Dietrich, M.D.



March 8, 1958.

Professor W. W. Davis,  
History Department,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Professor Davis:

Thank you for stopping by the office this morning. You are a gentleman and a scholar. You always remember the right thing at the right time. Just your stopping by and wishing me well makes me want to outdo myself.

Cordially yours,

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Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



145 S. Larch  
Lansing, Michigan  
February 23, 1938

Rev. F. C. Allen  
Director of Physical Educ.  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Rev. Allen:

Thank you so very much for your kindness to me in writing the letters to the M.S.C. men, and also for sending me Mr. Bachman's and Mr. Young's letters. I am especially grateful for the information in Mr. Young's letter and perhaps can make use of it in the future.

Last week a position at the Roosevelt Hotel here in Lansing became available and I am to start work March 1. It is work quite similar to that I was doing at the Edridge the past year - Bookkeeping - stenographic and some work on the front desk. Needless to say I am quite happy about it and consider myself most fortunate.

I am quite confident the use of your name was a help to me in securing the position, and I am most appreciative of being allowed the privilege of using it.

We are watching with eager interest your basketball team's progress, and rooting "from afar" for you. Hope you lead the list when the season closes.

Sincerely

Marothy Lee



February 2, 1938.

Mrs. Josef E. Day,  
145 S. Larch,  
Lansing, Michigan.

My dear Mrs. Day:

You will pardon me for not answering your letter of January 8th sooner. I am enclosing carbon copies of letters that I have written to Ralph Young, the Athletic Director at Michigan State, to Charles W. Bachman, the football coach, and to Benjamin F. Van Alstyne, the basketball coach. I trust that these letters will be of some benefit to you.

We have never played Michigan State in basketball and will not play them in football for a year or two. It seems they have too much power for the Jayhawkers.

Thank you for your good wishes regarding the season. We do not have a strong team this year, as we have in years past, but I believe next year we will bounce back with a better outfit.

Thank you for your kind offer to sip a cup of coffee with the Deys. I am afraid it will be quite some time before we get up that way, but I am sure a cup of coffee would offset the temperature somewhat.

You are very welcome to use my name as a reference in your applications, and I trust that you are successful in landing the position that you desire.

With best wishes to you and Josef, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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145 S. Larch  
Lansing, Michigan  
January 8, 1938

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

At your convenience, will you please write the letters to the men at Michigan State which you spoke to me about before I left Lawrence? I know this is a rush season for you, so please wait until it is convenient for you to comply with this rather large request.

I shall deeply appreciate your doing this for me, and am asking that you use your own judgement as to sending me letters of introduction or writing direct to them.

Perhaps you can imagine my disappointment when I was told that KU & MSU do not play basketball - I don't know quite how I got mixed up & thought they did unless it was because I had my heart set on seeing KU in one game this season. I am missing those games ever so much, but following them in the Journal-Sports, and hoping for a most successful year for you.

The offer of a cup of coffee still stands, however, for any time that you are in Lansing, and tho I know there are lots of "big shots" to claim your time, we'd love to see you for any minutes you could spare.

I have also taken the liberty of using your name as reference in my applications for employment, so I do hope that all in all it won't prove too much of a bother, and I thank you so very much for this and for your past kindnesses to me.

Sincerely

Edothy Cummings Alley  
(Mrs. Josef C. Alley)



February 2, 1938.

Mr. Charles W. Bachman,  
Football Coach,  
Michigan State College,  
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Bach:

Mrs. Dorothy Cummings Dey was a public stenographer at the Eldridge Hotel in Lawrence, Kansas, for a number of years. I saw her last month on the street just before leaving Lawrence, and she asked if I would give her a recommendation.

I am very happy to do this, Bach, because through the years I have known her she proved to be a most efficient and intelligent young woman. She was married just before leaving Lawrence and her husband is employed at the Olds Hotel in East Lansing.

Should she ever call upon you to ask assistance in procuring a job I know that she will appreciate it greatly if you will give her some consideration.

You are to be congratulated on your wonderful team at Michigan State. You have made that school a by-word when it comes to a tough football outfit, and the best of it is that you play clean, hard, aggressive football, with no taint of rough stuff.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



February 2, 1938.

Mr. Benjamin F. Van Alstyne,  
Basketball Coach,  
Michigan State College,  
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Van:

Mrs. Dorothy Cummings Dey, of 145 Larch Street,  
Lansing, Michigan, has asked that I tell you something of her  
employment during the several years she was in Lawrence,  
Kansas.

I have known her for several years. She was  
public stenographer at the Eldridge Hotel, here in Lawrence,  
and proved to be extremely efficient, courteous and intelli-  
gent. I understand her husband is employed at the Olds Hotel  
in East Lansing.

Should she ever call upon you to ask assistance  
in procuring a job I know that she will appreciate it greatly  
if you will give her some consideration.

Thanking you, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 2, 1938.

Mr. Ralph Young,  
Athletic Director,  
Michigan State College,  
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Ralph:

Mrs. Josef E. Doy, of 145 Larch Street, Lansing, Michigan, has asked that I tell you something of her employment during the several years she was in Lawrence, Kansas.

Mrs. Doy was Miss Dorothy Cummings, and she was the public stenographer at the Eldridge Hotel here. I have known her for several years, and have always noticed that she has been extremely efficient, courteous, and at all times very much on the job.

I would appreciate it if you could be of some service in helping her should she ever call upon you for a recommendation for work in Lansing. Her husband is employed at the Olds Hotel in East Lansing, I understand.

Thanking you, and wishing for you a very prosperous and happy 1938, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 10, 1938.

Mrs. Josef E. Dey,  
145 S. Larch St.,  
Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Mrs. Dey:

I am enclosing a letter I have just received  
from Coach Bachman. I am sure he will be glad to see  
you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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January 27, 1938.

Mr. Fred A. Deichman,  
423 Wilshire Blvd.,  
Santa Monica, California.

Dear Fred:

Thanks for your letter of January 25th.  
I am sorry that I haven't heard from Ralph Sherwin for a  
long time, and do not know where he is at present.

It was a pleasure to hear from you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Ernest Allen*  
Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Hope you take Nebraska to-night.  
Miss you a great deal.  
Best wishes and kindest regards  
Fred Deichman



December 30, 1937.

Mr. Fred A. Deichmann, II,  
423 Wilshire Blvd.,  
Santa Monica, Calif.

Dear Fred:

May I congratulate you on your wonderful record that you have attained with the Equitable out on the west coast. You certainly are to be commended, and appreciated by your splendid company.

Will you kindly give your good Dad my kindest regards and best wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year, and be sure to retain no small portion of the same for yourself.

Again, Congratulations!

Sincerely yours,

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Varsity Basketball Coach,  
Director of Physical Education.



February 14, 1938.

Mr. H. G. Danford, Director  
Health and Physical Education  
Kansas City Public Schools  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Director Danford:

I am happy to know that it will be possible for you to attend the Missouri-Kansas basketball game here on March 3rd. I have spoken to Mr. Earl Falkenstien, our financial secretary, and he has laid the tickets away for you, and you may have them if you will kindly call at the front ticket office window in the auditorium where the game will be played.

It will only be necessary for you to pay the federal government tax of 10¢ per ticket, a total of 20¢.

I am sorry that I did not have an opportunity to greet you the evening we played Kansas State. However, I was not feeling very spry on that occasion because the Aggies scared us out of about ten years of our growth.

Anticipating the pleasure of seeing you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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H. G. DANFORD, DIRECTOR

February 10, 1938

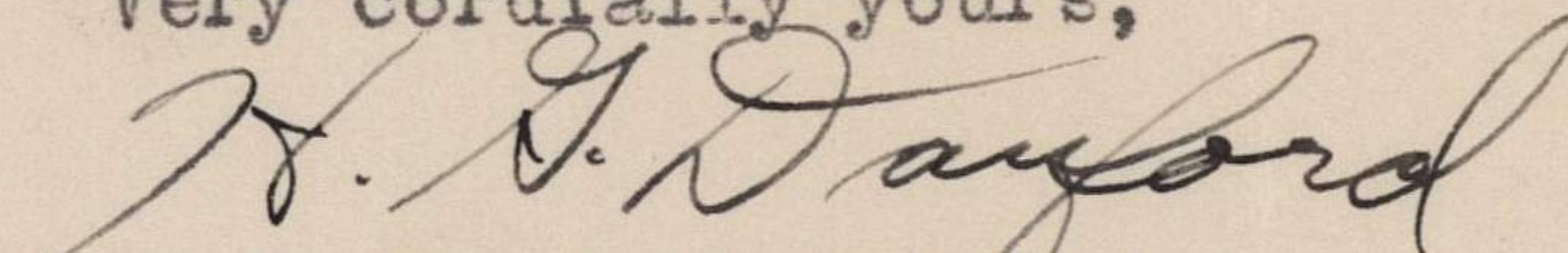
Dr. Forest C. Allen, Director  
Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Dr. Allen:

Sometime ago you were kind enough to write me inviting me to attend a basket ball game at the University of Kansas as your guest. I should like to accept the invitation and attend the University of Kansas vs. University of Missouri game which I understand is to be March 3. If you can find it possible to send me two tickets for this game, I shall greatly appreciate it.

I saw your fine team defeat Kansas State the other evening but I did not have the opportunity to see you after the game.

Very cordially yours,



H. G. Danford, Director  
Health and Physical Education



February 14, 1938.

Mr. J. S. Daniels,  
222 West 9th St.,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Daniels:

I thought you might be interested in seeing a copy of a letter recently received from Miss Alexander, of the Pinckney School, in regard to Louis "Red" Thompson. We are very happy to have this fine comment on the way he handled the assignment at Pinckney.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 14, 1938.

Dr. O. W. Davidson,  
Huron Building,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Davy:

I have neglected to send you one of my new books, Better Basketball. I had expected to do this as soon as the book was out, but for one reason or another I would fail to get the book to autograph it at the same time I desired to write you, or else I would neglect dictating the letter.

I wanted to have the book and the letter go at the same time, and this morning I thought to bring the book up from the house, and before I rush off to another appointment I am doing both pleasurable jobs at the same time. I am never good on doing one and expecting to do the other. I like to do both of them at the same time.

I trust that in the Tales of the Yesteryears some of the reminiscences herein recounted will be a source of interesting reading, as you know many of the characters so well. There is a yarn on John Bunn and Scrubby Laslett that I think you will also enjoy, and of course the Nebraska-Kansas football game will be right down your alley, as will The Dream Touch Down game.

Trusting that you derive some pleasant reading during your leisure hours, I am, with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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SANTA MONICA, CALIF.,  
January 25, 1938.

Mr. Phog Allen,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Phog:

Do you happen to know where Ralph Sherwin  
is?

You will remember that he coached foot-  
ball and baseball my senior year at Kansas,  
which was 1912. He was formerly All  
American tackle from Dartmouth.

Hoping this finds you and yours in the  
best of health and with kindest regards, I  
am

Sincerely,

*Fred A. Deichmann*

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