

March 31, 1938.

Mr. Brice Durbin, Superintendent,
Burns Consolidated School,
Burns, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Durbin:

Your kind letter of March 24 is very greatly appreciated. I realize that your remarks are more than I deserve, but a fellow never gets tired of trying to do a good job, and if some one is kind enough to tell him so he all the more appreciates it.

I am glad to send you some statistics on the Big Six Conference games, prepared by Professor W. A. Dill, our Publicity Director. I am sure you will find this data very interesting. If you desire any additional information we shall be very happy to help in any way we can.

Thanking you for your very complimentary letter, and with all good wishes for your success,
I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

THE BURNS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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Brice Durbin, Superintendent

BURNS, KANSAS

March 24, 1938

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

As an admirer of a man who is outstanding in his field — tops as I see it — I want to congratulate you on your success in the Big Six again this year. It seems that you always have the punch that it takes to put across a winner. In my guidance classes I have continually pointed you out to my boys as an example of success in the athletic world. Certainly you are to be commended highly for your marvelous work!

If it is possible I would appreciate very much to have a list of the scores of games in the Big Six since it's organization that Kansas University has competed in. I will tell you why I want it. It seems to me that you have won a number of games by a margin of one or two points — and that strikes me as remarkable. It means that you have the additional drive that puts a team across and I would like to show those results to the boys in this school.

Many possibly noted the same thing I did in the National Tournament at Denver. It was the "Allen" spirit that reached out to Denver in the person of Fred Pralle that put across the punch that won a national championship. Much credit is due you for that spectacular work on his part.

This letter might sound a little like blarney but you can't hand a man with a record like you blarney — you have accomplished too much. As a Missouri man I am loyal to my school but my hat is off to you. And I wish you many more years of continued success.

Very sincerely yours,

Brice Durbin
Brice Durbin, Superintendent

July 6, 1938.

Mr. Edward M. Draper,
2619 East 29th Street,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Draper:

Your letter of April 17 came to my desk during my absence, and my secretary acknowledged it on April 19.

I passed on the information contained in your letter to our baseball coach, Mr. Ralph Conger, but it happened that two local men were used as umpires. Dr. L. E. Bice, who played a great deal of baseball and is a practicing physician in this town, and Mr. Barney Anderson, a pitcher on the varsity a year ago, served as umpire-in-chief behind the plate and base umpire, respectively.

Had they used an out of town man I am sure they would have given your request consideration. As you know, I have nothing to do with the selection of the umpires, but I was glad to pass on your request to the proper parties.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Kansas City, Mo.,
April 17, 1938

Dr. Forrest Allen,
Physical Director,
University of Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Was talking with Mr. Lee Garvin of Lee's Summit today. He told me he had spoken to you about my wanting to umpire some baseball games, and that you wanted me to write you concerning some games to be played by your university team.

As Mr. Garvin probably told you, I was at George Barr's School for Umpires this spring. Mr. Barr teaches more in his short course than could be picked up in five or six years in the small minor leagues. We were taught the basic fundamentals, and now it is put up to the individual to use them in practical cases.

Of course everyone doesn't have the qualifications for making a good umpire, but I can assure you that Mr. Barr would recommend me as a capable umpire. I hope to make the

major leagues in time.

I would greatly appreciate anything you could do in the way of letting me work your games.

I have a car and at present could go anywhere you wished me to. Would like to see you personally sometime, if you will grant me the pleasure of such a meeting.

Yours truly,

Edward M. Draper,
2619 East 29th,
Kansas City,
Missouri

April 19, 1938.

Mr. Edward M. Draper,
2619 East 29th St.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Draper:

Your letter of April 17 has been received during Dr. Allen's absence. He is attending the convention of the National Physical Education Association at Atlanta from April 20 to 23, and expects to return to Lawrence on April 25. I shall be glad to bring your letter to his attention immediately upon his return to the office.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education.

November 1, 1937.

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

Dear Dr. Davy:

It was nice of you to write me. Mrs. Allen and I just wanted to say "hello" and have a little visit with you. I was on my way over to Independence, Missouri, to speak at a pep rally at the high school, and since this was the first time since the beginning of school that I have been away from my desk I thought I would take time off to say "hello" to you.

I want you to know that I sincerely appreciate your many acts of friendliness and good will that you have shown, and I wanted to present myself in the flesh to let you know that I did appreciate those things.

The hatching of an egg will always remain a mystery, but there are some fellows who can explain it better than others. I will bet you are one of those fellows.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education.

O.W. DAVIDSON, M.D.

HURON BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

October 29, 1937

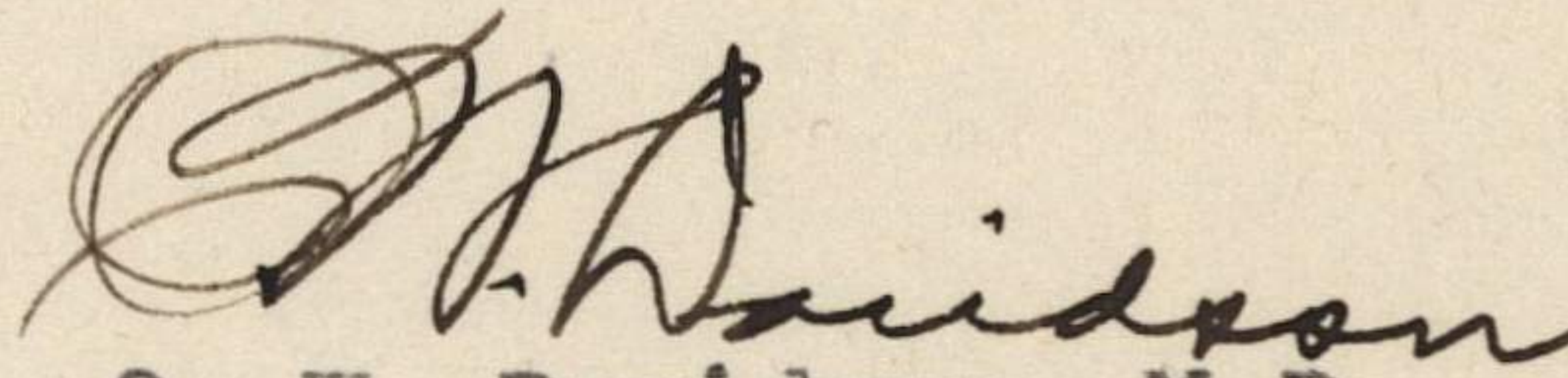
Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Phog:

I am sorry that I was out of town yesterday. I had to make a trip to Topeka and Manhattan, therefore did not learn of your visit until this morning. I hope that you will stop in again soon if you happen this way, and I will certainly try to find you anytime I get to Lawrence.

You may have heard the old adage that the way to get a chicken was to hatch the egg, not break it. All I can tell you now is that the egg is about to hatch, and I don't think it will be a bantam either.

Sincerely yours,


O. W. Davidson, M.D.

OWD:MM

August 4, 1938.

Mr. Bill Downing,
524 Alley B,
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Bill:

Yes, indeed, I will pay attention to your letter of July 31. As a basketball coach I would be very happy to help you help yourself.

You state that you are a senior in high school, but not eligible to play on account of the semester ruling. All through your letter you speak of the type of employment that you can get, - a better job in this place and a better job in that. I am glad to see that you are trying to pick out the better colleges where you can go to school. That is a very important thing. And of course it is perfectly natural for a boy to endeavor to get the best job that he can to help pay his way through school, because he has to live; but on the other hand, I am very sure that you are thinking of your education primarily.

Your education will advance you in later years, where now your athletics merely introduces you favorably to some institutions or to society.

I am sorry that I could not locate you in a prep school or tell you where you might get in one. My son graduated at Culver Military Academy, at Culver, Indiana. He is a freshman here at the University this year. They have scholarships, but they are based on the competitive examination, and not on the athletic side of it. However, that is a very expensive school.

Wentworth Military Academy, at Lexington, Missouri, and Kemper Military Academy at Boonville, Missouri, are excellent schools in Missouri. There is also Elgin Academy, at Elgin, Illinois, where Wayne Replogle, an old Kansas athlete, is athletic director. You might write him, but I know nothing about any arrangement that they might have.

I notice that you are planning to leave soon for Indiana to see about a school there. Doubtless you should be able to make some connections there, as Indiana is a very strong basketball state.

Would you pardon me if I gave you a little advice? I would admonish you to think more about your grades and not try to drive the best bargain for a job, because after all with that attitude you are trying to sell your basketball ability. You know it will be you who will get the benefit in an educational way by going to a good school. If I were you, I would want a job which paid on an hourly basis, not any soft snap which would be apt to make a bum out of you. I know fellows say that won't spoil anybody, but I have seen too many of them spoiled. I would pick out an institution that I would want to go to, then I would quit shopping around with my athletic ability. I have never seen any good athlete that picked out an institution that he desired to attend, matriculate there, and then tell the authorities that he was enrolled there and that he was an athlete of promise, and that he wanted a fair, square job, - I have never seen an intelligent athlete fail to get the proper recognition.

We have no scholarships here for basketball, and I do not go out after basketball players. If a boy wants to come to the University of Kansas we are delighted to have him here and we are also delighted to help him. And we actually do help him, not by giving him a soft, easy job, but by making it appear just about the way he finds it out in the business world. The rewards go to the efficient fellow; there are no soft jobs and nobody is giving somebody something for nothing. Then when this fellow graduates from college he is ready to go out and compete with the best business and professional brains of the country. He has the confidence and assurance that he has competed not only athletically but academically and otherwise with the leaders. This confidence, born of success in college, will develop his personality and make him a winner out in the marts and trades of life.

This, Bill, is my advise, and I trust that you are a winner when you finish your college education.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Dear "Coach" Allen:

You will probably not pay any attention to this letter because I guess you are a busy man now. But I'm writing hoping that you will.

First you are a Basket Ball Coach and might be able to help me as I am a Basket Ball player. I'm a senior in high school but not eligible to play this year because I been in school eight semesters now. I was alt. State in my Soph. and Junior years in school. I can go to a prep school in Virginia but it is a military school and I think

so better in the way of employment
and a better college if I went to school
in the West or Mid-West.

I'm not large or anything, but
fair fast and can ~~run~~ ^{shoot} fair. I
have a lot to learn, but I think I
can make most Prep school teams
if given the chance. I would
appreciate it very much if you
could get me in a Prep school or
tell me where I could see about
one that will treat me fair. I
don't think I'll let you down
if you could help me.

Please write soon if possible, as
I am leaving soon for Indiana to
see about school. I am thanking you
in advance for any interest you
might do for me.

Sincerely yours
"Bill" Downing

July 23, 1938.

Mrs. Elwyn Dees, and Husband,
Lawrence Memorial Hospital,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Dees:

You can see that I am addressing you first, because you have had more to do with this than anyone else.

Bobby and I were over to Dr. A. J. Anderson's for dinner last night when Art called up and told of the arrival of that lovely eight pound twelve ounce girl.

Congratulations to all of you. We are so happy, and we trust that everybody is getting along in splendid shape.

With best wishes for the Dees' family continued health and prosperity, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

August 12, 1938.

Mr. Glen Dickinson,
Room 306 Congress Bldg.,
3525 Broadway,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Dickinson:

I have delayed writing you for quite some time. I want you to know how very much I appreciate your manifold courtesies to me and my family in the way of presenting us with season passes for years to your shows here in Lawrence.

It was good of you to do this - much too good, but at the same time, we accepted them with perhaps not enough appreciation. At least, it was not expressed enough by us, and it is for this purpose that I am writing you now letting you know that if at any time I can extend a favor to you I trust that you will call upon me. I will remember the many courtesies and acts of kindness that you extended to me.

With every good wish, I am

Appreciatively yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

August 4, 1938.

Mr. W. A. Dill,
K. U. News Bureau,
Journalism Building.

Dear Mr. Dill:

Congratulations on the new football booklet! I think it is very interesting and exhaustive, and astoundingly accurate.

Thank you for sending me a copy.

Cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

August 8, 1938.

Mr. Dell Davidson,
1112 Illinois Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Davidson:

I wish to thank you for loaning us the half dozen benches which we used in Fowler Grove this summer during the playground hour each evening. We have finished our recreational program this summer, and I am wondering if you would kindly get these benches and return them to the stadium. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

July 8, 1938.

Mr. Donald L. Davenport, Coach,
Smith-Cotton Junior-Senior High School,
Sedalia, Missouri.

Dear Coach Davenport:

I want to thank you for your good letter which accompanied Mr. Bob Alpert when he came to Lawrence some little time ago.

Of course, I would be very happy to help him in every way that I can, but you know that the tuition is about double for out of state students, and that makes it difficult when a boy does not have much money. However, if he has money for his tuition and \$100 extra that will carry him through the more difficult situation. I would be glad to help him all that I can. He may decide not to come to the University, but I want to thank you for your interest.

Wishing you a pleasant summer, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

SMITH-COTTON JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
SEDALIA, MISSOURI



OFFICE OF THE
PRINCIPAL

Dr Forest Allen

I would appreciate it very much if you would give the bearer of this letter an audience.

Bob Albert a basket ball player for me for the past 3 years has averaged 11 points a game stand 6 feet 2 1/2 inch and weighs around 155 pounds. He has plenty of time to develop he is 16 years old president of the senior class, a very good student and a fine chap to work with.

If you think he would fit in to your future bunch he will appreciate any thing you can do for him in the nature of securing work.

Very truly yours

Ronald S Downport



CARLETON COLLEGE

NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
M. J. DIEBOLD, DIRECTOR

March 22, 1938

Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrance, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you for your letter of March 16 and I know that you will be interested in learning that the information resulting from the questionnaires is not only enlightening, but I am sure going to be of great interest to all the coaches and officials in attendance at our meeting in Chicago early next month.

I agree whole-heartedly with the thought of your letter, and do hope that as a result of this meeting where we are giving the officials an opportunity to speak their language to us that a better understanding of mutual problems will be enjoyed by all.

The response on the part of the officials has been excellent and I am sure the information returned will be beneficial. Thank you for your letter, and we are looking forward with pleasure to seeing you next month.

Sincerely yours,

Marshall J. Diebold
Director of Athletics

MJD/mm

May 13, 1938.

Mr. David Droom,
1230 Mississippi St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear David:

I would like to talk with you some time at your convenience. If you will call my secretary, Mrs. Hulteen, at K. U. 89, and make an appointment, I shall be very glad to see you. I have always been interested in you and your future.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

May 12, 1938.

Mr. Austin T. Drew, Treasurer,
Randolator Company, Inc.,
816 Seybold Building,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Brother Drew:

I am sorry that I missed you when you stopped at the office to say hello. It would have been a great pleasure to have seen you and renewed the 20 years ago acquaintance.

Mrs. Allen, our youngest daughter, Eleanor, and I were down at St. Petersburg, Florida, about a month ago. We drove over to Clearwater and took a swim in the gulf, but we were on the wrong side of Florida as far as you are concerned. We have been close to Miami a number of times, but have never made the town yet.

The next time we are in Florida if at all possible we will drop in on you to say hello. And remember this -- don't forget to call again if you are around these diggings.

With kindest regards, I am

Fraternally yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

March 16, 1938.

Mr. Marshall J. Diebold,
Director of Athletics,
Carleton College,
Northfield, Minnesota.

Dear Marsh:

I am just now leaving for Corning, Iowa, where I speak at a banquet tonight. I have failed immeasurably in answering your kind communication sooner. It seems I am like an animated cartoon, traveling over the country under the guise of a speaker of some sort, and incidentally work here at the office in between stretches.

I desire to congratulate you upon the thing that you are attempting to do. I think it would be a fine thing to get the coaches and the officials together in this sort of a meeting. I believe that Nick can also be educated when he said, "We definitely can give you facts as to the abuses of this game, such as coaches definitely teaching blocking and charging, when the rules provide that the boys shouldn't even have these things in their minds."

I believe seriously that the coaches have endeavored to teach screening, but that they have done a poor job, and the result has been that the boys have indulged in blocking and charging. I cannot believe that any coach who endeavors to get anywhere would intentionally teach blocking and charging. This would be like a merchant who teaches his clerks to short change the customers. That firm wouldn't last very long.

But such a meeting as you are having will clarify a lot of these misunderstandings, even in the officials minds. I believe that we can disabuse many of the officials that we are endeavoring to do the same kind of a job that they are endeavoring to do. They feel that their work is not appreciated, and I believe that we have a right to feel that they are not appreciating the task we are endeavoring to do. This skepticism in the minds of both can be partially erased by a frank discussion of the facts between groups of officials and groups of coaches.

I am sending these questionnaires to our officials and asking that they send their comments on to you at once.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

CARLETON COLLEGE

NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

MARSHALL DIEBOLD
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS
RESIDENT HEAD OF MEN'S DORMITORIES

March 4, 1938

Dr. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

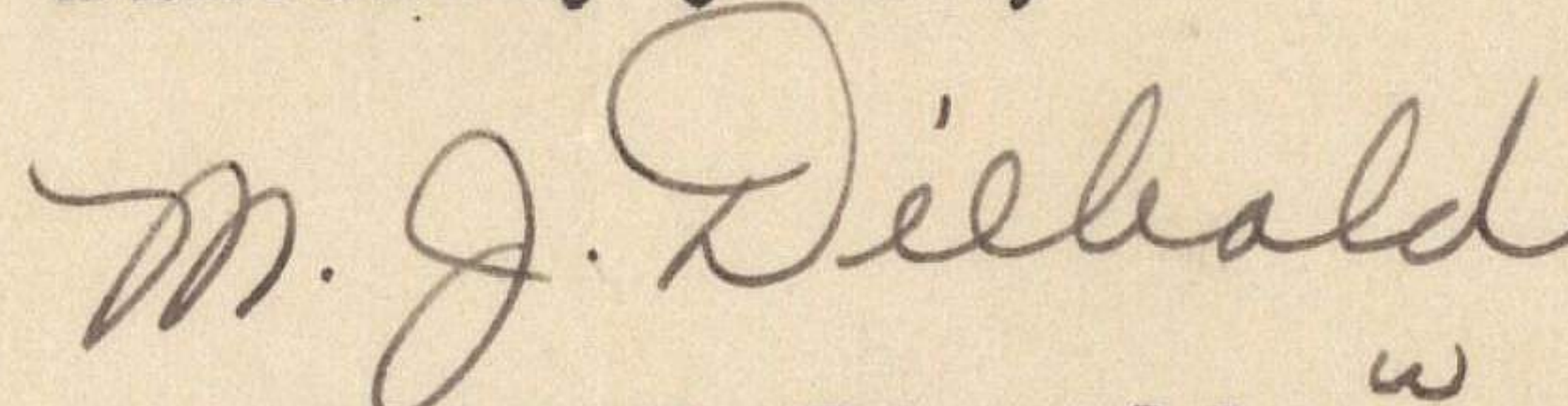
The enclosed questionnaire indicates the type of material which I am sending to all the secretaries of officials organizations with the hope of securing the nationwide opinion from these officials regarding their impression of basketball and its problems.

This year at the "Officials Panel" I am planning to use the arbitrators as part of the discussion group and with the cooperation of Nick Kearns we are almost assured of between twenty and twenty-five officials being present at the meeting. Furthermore, I am asking permission of George Edwards to admit the officials to our meeting on the particular day that we have the "Officials Panel."

Using the words of Nick Kearns "Thank God you're one coach who has the brains to realize that the officials should sit in on a panel. We have no particular interest as to what our material is or what our future is to bring in the win or lose column. We definitely can give you facts as to the abuses of this game, such as coaches definitely teaching blocking and charging, when the rules provide that the boys shouldn't even have these things in their minds." It is very apparent that the officials will appreciate the opportunity to have their say.

I thought you would be interested in the comments above because this year at the National Association of Basketball Coaches' meeting to be held in Chicago, April 4 & 5, there no doubt will be lengthy discussion not only regarding basketball rules but the officials as well.

Sincerely yours,



Marshall J. Diebold
Director of Athletics

MJD:w

March 2, 1938

As Chairman of the Officials Committee of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, I am sending the questions listed below so as to receive a cross section of the nationwide officials' opinion regarding basketball. Will you please be kind and liberal enough to answer accurately and enclose in an envelope addressed to Marshall Diebold, Director of Athletics, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota.

1. Should an official limit the number of his engagements to three games a week? _____
2. Do you think the calling of technical fouls on the crowd for booing aids in the elimination of this problem? _____
3. Do you think that signs reminding the fans not to boo aid the situation? _____
4. Do you think that the names of the officials should be announced to the crowd or in the press prior to the game? _____
5. Are you in favor of three officials working a game? _____
6. Are you in favor of having only one official? _____
7. Have the radio commentators and press helped or hindered the officials in maintaining pleasant relationship with the crowd? _____
8. Have coaches instructed their players to play "according to the rule book"? _____
9. If all games of basketball were played very definitely according to the rule book would our situation be improved, references made here to a wide difference of opinion regarding actions and results of interpretations meetings. _____
10. Would the discontinuation of "four fouls and out" improve conditions? _____
11. Would an appeal on the part of responsible athletic heads at the start of the game help? _____
12. Should officials remain at the scoring table between halves? _____
13. Would our situation be improved if officials were given an opportunity to rate the coaches, crowds, and players regarding their attitude toward the game and the officiating? _____
14. Will you be present at the National Association of Basketball Coaches meeting, April 3, 4, 5, to take part in the "Officials Panel"? _____
15. Comments:

Name _____ Address _____ Date _____

We hope to see you at the Basketball Convention, Morrison Hotel,
April 3, 4, 5, 1938.

May 13, 1938.

Professor W. W. Davis,
University of Kansas.

Dear Professor Davis:

I am sending you a copy of Ralph T. O'Neil's
letter to me as of March 9th. I am also enclosing
a copy of my reply to him. This is for your inform-
ation.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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LAWRENCE

DIVISION OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

May 6, 1938.

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Larry Sayle, Jr.

Repaid
May 17, 1938

May 2, 1938.

Principal G. C. Dotzauer,
Wichita High School East,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Principal Dotzauer:

It was a pleasure to see you last Wednesday while
I was in Wichita. I wish to thank you most sincerely
for showing me around.

I have passed on to Harry Wiles your greetings.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.