

May 8, 1946

Dr. R. I. Canuteson  
Watkins Hospital  
University of Kansas

Dear Dr. Canuteson:

In clearing off my desk today I found these two magazines, which I borrowed from you quite sometime ago.

Please forgive me for not returning them at the proper time. I will personally return them to you tomorrow.

Thank you very kindly for the use of these magazines.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.



April 7, 1945.

Dr. R. I. Canuteson,  
Director, Student Health Service,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Dr. Canuteson:

I think you handled the Dudley matter in the best possible fashion. You gave the parents some good advice, but whether they will take it or not, I am doubtful.

Thanks for the letters.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



April 4, 1945

Dr. Kent R. Dudley  
Hospital, 215 South Street  
Iola, Kansas

Dear Dr. Dudley,

I have your letter of March 29th with the enclosures of correspondence with Dr. Allen, and in the campus mail further correspondence from Dr. Allen, all of which reminds me of the old law on the Kansas statute books quoted to me by an engineering friend: "When two trains approach a crossing both shall stop until the other has passed."

Ruth came in yesterday and after talking with her I excused her from gym. So far as her general physical condition is concerned, she had a B grade on her physical examination (on a grading system of A, B, C, D) which would permit her to take certain types of gym. Since she has a low metabolic rate and is under Dr. Lenski's care I have no qualms about excusing her from gym entirely. The blood count yesterday was: 81% hemoglobin (12.5 gms), 4,700,000 erythrocytes, 5,400 leucocytes, 57 polymorphonuclears and 43 lymphs.

In explanation of the physical education requirements, for which I have no responsibility except to protect students who should not take it, let me say that all students are expected to take physical conditioning unless physically unfit to do so. The women's physical education department has a wide choice of activities from archery and social dancing up through soccer, so that practically everyone can find suitable recreation. Ruth, like all Fine Arts students, has a full schedule, and one which imposes a great deal of emotional and nervous strain, and for that reason it would be wise for her to enter into some type of relaxing recreation other than walking to and from classes. She can do this independently of the gym department, and she tells me they do get out and play soft ball at the dormitory when the weather permits.

When you are in Lawrence, I should be happy to have you call on us. I hope this matter has been arranged satisfactorily to all concerned.

Sincerely,

Ralph I. Canuteson, M.D.  
Director

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cc to Dr. Allen



UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
HEALTH SERVICE  
WATKINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

April 3, 1945

Dr. F. C. Allen  
Physical Education  
University of Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen,

Ruth Dudley was in today and gave me the same story that Dr. Lenski reported. She is a Fine Arts student and, as you know, most Fine Arts students have a ridiculously complicated schedule. I advised her that she should arrange her schedule so that she had some type of relaxation other than movies and walking across the campus to class. I am checking her blood count to determine if the statement given us is perhaps true.

I had a call from the Chancellor's Office regarding this girl a few days ago and I discussed the matter with Raymond Nichols today in the absence of Mr. Malott and it with their agreement that I applied my elastic conscience and gave her an excuse for gym.

Sincerely,

*Ralph I. Canuteson*  
Ralph I. Canuteson, M.D.  
Director

RIC:k



April 3, 1945

Dr. Kent R. Dudley  
205 South Buckeye  
Iola, Kansas

Dear Dr. Dudley,

Your daughter was in to see me today about the excuse from gym, and it was given to her without any question on the basis of the history of chronic fatigue and treatment by her family physician.

She has a rather strenuous schedule in the Fine Arts School and it has been our observation over a long period of years that it would be wise to arrange her days work so that she has a period of relaxation some time during the day.

Dr. Allen has sent me copies of the correspondence in the case.

Very truly yours,

Ralph I. Canuteson, M.D.  
Director

RIC:k  
cc to Dr. F. C. Allen



March 31, 1945.

Dr. R. I. Canuteson, Director,  
Student Health Service,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Dr. Canuteson:

I am enclosing a letter from Dr. Kent Dudley, together with  
my reply to him. I am sure he will not misunderstand this.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.



March 31, 1945.

Dr. Kent R. Dudley,  
Iola, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Dudley:

I am sending your letter to Dr. Canuteson for his observation.

I have again looked at my letter to you on March 13th, and I do not see how you could have misunderstood my letter. I quote: "I am wondering if you won't kindly ask Dr. Frank Lenski to write Dr. Canuteson giving him the particulars regarding your daughter's indisposition." You will see that the error was yours and not mine. Therefore, for any lack of direct communication, as you see, you will have to bear that responsibility.

I trust that Dr. Canuteson will handle this in a way pleasing to you, but as I told you, it is entirely up to him.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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**DR. KENT R. DUDLEY**

VETERINARIAN

IOLA, KANSAS

March 29, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

Received your letter of March 27, in regards to Doctor Lenski writing directly to Doctor Canuteson. The fact that Doctor Lenski wrote his letter to you was perhaps my mistake. He could just as well have written the letter to Doctor Canuteson, and would, in all probabilities, have written the same letter, merely addressing it different.

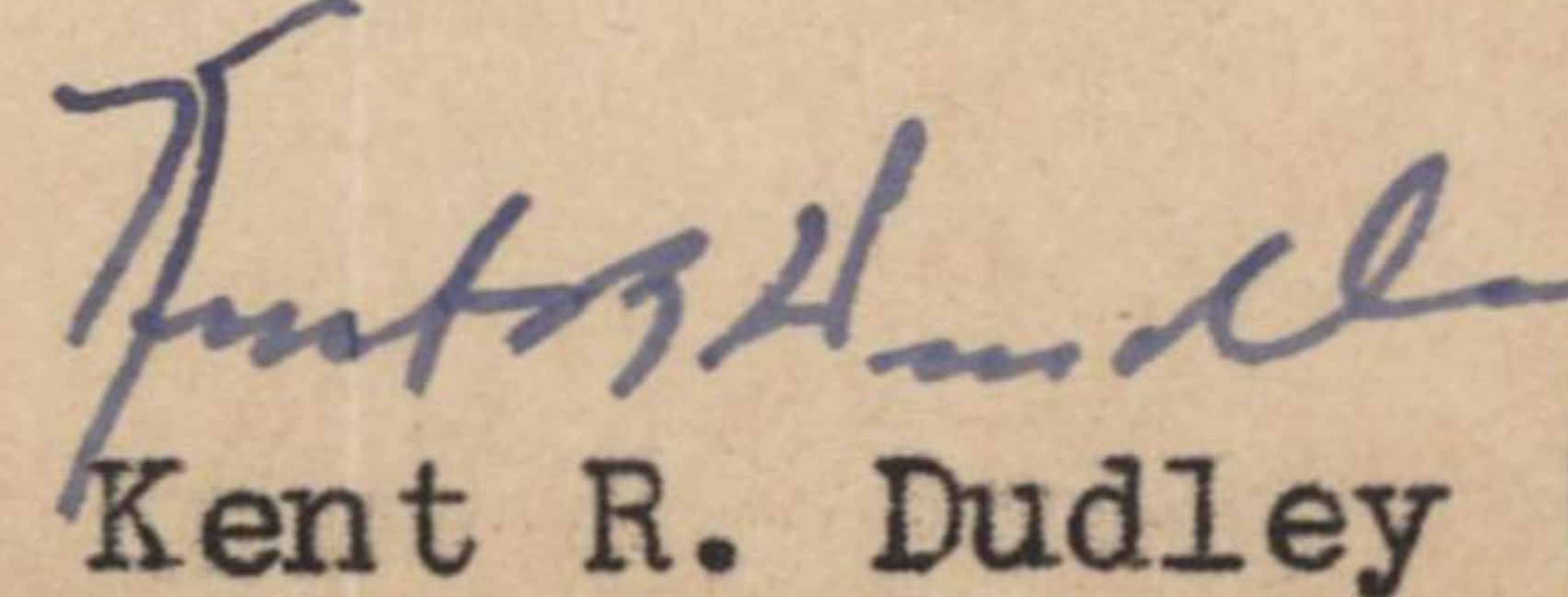
I understand that you are not standing on technicalities in this latter request, on the other hand, I am quite reluctant to ask Doctor Lenski to write another letter, when he is as busy as he is at the present time. He is our leading Doctor and only surgeon in this whole community, and is just simply going night and day, so I don't feel at liberty to make any further requests of him along this line, since he has already communicated to you with the information. I am quite certain that Doctor Canuteson would understand perfectly why that I would be reluctant to make a further request of Doctor Lenski, he being a Doctor and knowing what an awful strain is put upon physicians and surgeons at this particular time.

It would seem that there has been sufficient correspondence relative to this particular request for all facts to be established. After all, it is not a matter of life and death, and I feel that Doctor Canuteson is broad enough minded to understand the situation.

I shall ask my daughter, Ruth, to call on Doctor Canuteson in the near future, at which time I would appreciate it very much if copies of all our correspondence were in his office.

Wish to thank you ever so much, Mr. Allen, for your kind co-operation and courtesy in this matter, and you may rest assured that I appreciate it very much. Again thanking you and with the kindest personal regards, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

  
Dr. Kent R. Dudley

KRD:cl



March 13, 1945.

Dr. Frank Lenski,  
Iola, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Lenski:

I am sending you carbon copy of a letter I have written to Dr. Kent R. Dudley in regard to his daughter, Miss Ruth Dudley.

I have had a conference with Dr. Canuteson and we will do everything in our power commensurate with the laws that we must follow. Dr. Canuteson is most reasonable, and of course he must have some grounds for granting an excuse. He looked over her physical examination chart while I was in his office, but could find nothing in that record to excuse her.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



March 13, 1945.

Dr. Kent R. Dudley, President,  
State Board of Veterinary Examiners,  
Iola, Kansas.

My dear Dr. Dudley:

I acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 9th regarding your daughter, Miss Ruth Dudley. I immediately took this matter up with Dr. Ralph I. Canuteson, Director of the Health Service, who examines all students of the University.

I am wondering if you won't kindly ask Dr. Frank Lenski to write Dr. Canuteson giving him the particulars regarding your daughter's indisposition. You will appreciate, of course, that if she does not have some ailment or some condition that would excuse her from physical education, it would be difficult for Dr. Canuteson or for me to give her an excuse. We have a requirement in physical education that all students must follow if they expect to graduate.

I am hopeful that Dr. Lenski will be able to furnish Dr. Canuteson with sufficient information that will permit Dr. Canuteson to grant your wish.

Thanking you, and with kindest personal regards, I  
beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



MEMO:

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Dr. Frank Leuski  
Iola

RALPH I. CANUTESON, M. D.  
*Director, HEALTH SERVICE.*

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OFFICE OF  
STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS  
IOLA, KANSAS

March 9, 1945

Department of Physical Education,  
Kansas University,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

My daughter, Ruth Dudley, is enrolled in the University in the School of Fine Arts. She was home between semesters and at that time was given a statement from Dr. Lenski asking that she be excused from Physical Education. I received a letter from her today in which she stated that an excuse of this kind was of no avail and that any exemption would have to be made upon a physical examination at the hospital.

In the course of a day, she has to walk about six miles which I deem sufficient exercise for any one of her age. Both Dr. Lenski and myself being acquainted with her past health feel that the attendance on her part at Physical Education classes is purely superfluous if good health is to be considered.

I fully appreciate the fact that you have certain school regulations and that you try to adhere to them, however, in this instance I am expecting you to excuse her from Physical Education for this semester.

It is our opinion that about all it will do for her will be to completely tire her out and that is just what we do not wish to have happen.

May I have the pleasure of hearing from you by return mail.

Thanking you in advance and with the kindest personal regards, I beg to remain,

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Very truly yours,

Kent R. Dudley



March 27, 1945.

Dr. Kent R. Dudley,  
Iola, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Dudley:

I was very glad to hear from you in your letter of the 17th instant. I also have Dr. Frank Lenski's letter.

Please do not feel that I am standing on technicalities, but since Dr. Canuteson is Director of Health Service at the University I would appreciate it very much if you would have Dr. Lenski write Dr. Canuteson. I have sent a copy of Dr. Lenski's letter to me to Dr. Canuteson, but if you will refer to my previous letter to you I did ask that Dr. Lenski write to Dr. Canuteson.

Dr. Canuteson has sole authority in excusing people from gym work on account of illness or through incapacitation. We issue no excuses from this department.

I assure you that you can count on Dr. Canuteson's intelligent and kindly cooperation when he receives a letter from Dr. Lenski.

Miss Ruth has not been in to see Dr. Canuteson, and I would advise that she drop in to see him at the health center.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



March 27, 1945.

Mr. Frank Lenski, M. D.,  
206 So. Jefferson,  
Iola, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Lenski:

I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter I have just written Dr. Kent R. Dudley regarding his daughter's appeal for an excuse from her gym work.

In the first letter I asked Dr. Dudley to have you write Dr. R. I. Canuteson because I know how much better things function when professional courtesies are observed. I am sure that you will agree with me that Dr. Canuteson is a most able and efficient administrator, and since Dr. Canuteson is the only person that can or does excuse anyone, your letter, I am sure, will be very helpful in enabling him to arrive at the just and proper conclusion.

Thanking you very much for your very nice letter to me, and with kindest personal regards, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



Dr. Allen -

I have sent a copy of each of these letters  
about Ruth Dudley to Mrs. Kiesow for Dr. Canuteson.

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**DR. KENT R. DUDLEY**

VETERINARIAN

IOLA, KANSAS

March 17, 1945

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

Dear Doctor:

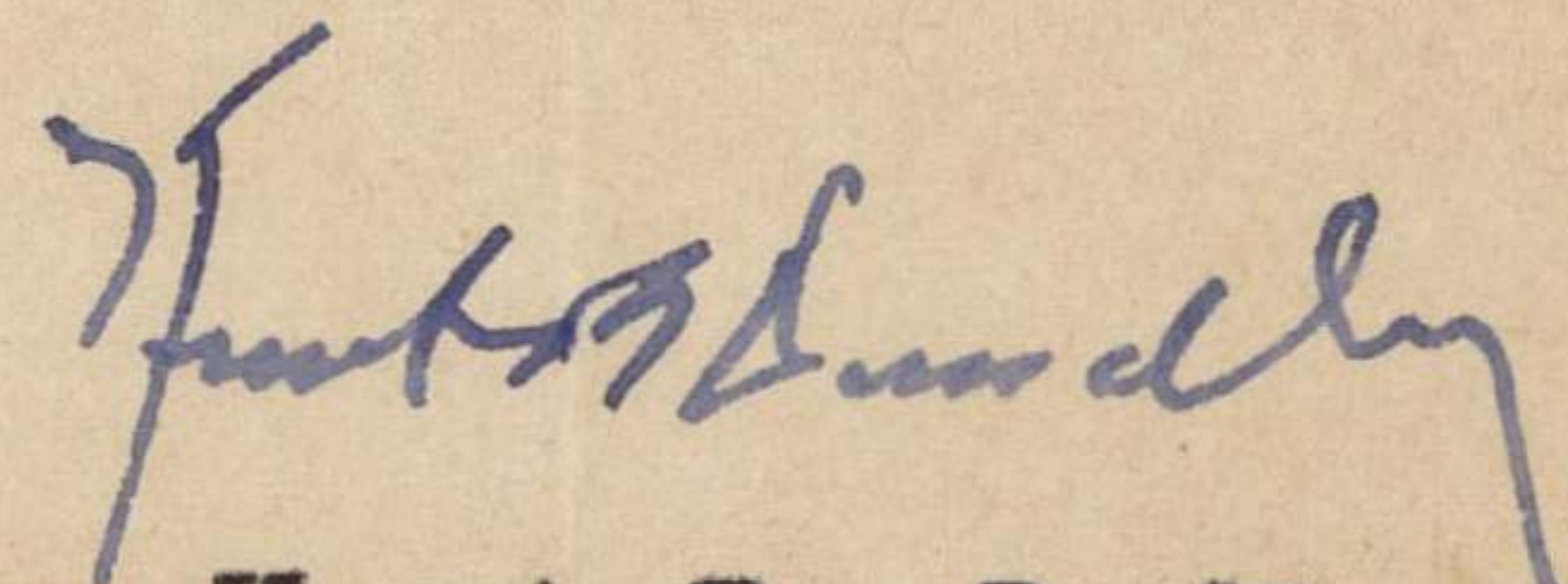
So glad to receive your very nice letter and may I at this time thank you for your very courteous consideration of my request?

You will probably hear from Doctor Lenski relative to the reason for our asking that Ruth Dudley be excused from physical education. All her life Ruth has been unable to stand up to gymnastics and calisthenics. She has had low blood count and has had some thyroid trouble, however, at this particular time, her blood count seems to be up. We have had to get her excused from this type of exercise all through high school, even although she had tried it three different times. It seems that it brings about a state of complete exhaustion, and this, of course, reacts quite severely on her nervous well being. This is easy to understand, since as you know from your own professional knowledge, how easily people are affected who have any tendency towards a thyroid deficiency.

As I stated in my other letter, she is getting about six miles a day walking, and she seems to be getting about all that she can stand up to. Last Thursday, she came home from the Hill, and called her Mother and she was crying just simply because she was so exhausted. Now, you can readily understand that if this continues, we will be forced to take her out of school, and that in its self, would be rather a tragedy. So, under the circumstances, I would be very appreciative of any consideration that you could give us.

Again thanking you and with the kindest personal regards,  
I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,



Dr. Kent R. Dudley

KRD:cl



*Dr. F. Lenski*

206 SOUTH JEFFERSON  
IOLA, KANSAS

March 17, 1945

Forrest C. Allen, Director  
Physical Education  
University Of Kansas  
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Kansas.

My dear Mr. Allen:-

In regard to my statement concerning Miss Ruth Dudley, of Iola Kansas, taking gym. I have taken care of Ruth since she was a small child, and only this past month have I ever found her with a normal RBC. She has a secondary anemia and usually about this time of the year, gets very tired and listless and during the entire winter months she takes liver extract, and she has an over active thyroid and is on one grain thryoid daily.

While I am an ardent supporter of gym work, I feel with the amount of walking that she does, is about all she will be able to do, and carry her school program satisfactory.

Thanking you, and with kindest regard, I beg to remain.

Sincerely yours,  
*Frank Lenski M.D.*  
Frank Lenski M.D.



THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

HEALTH SERVICE  
WATKINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

March 30, 1945

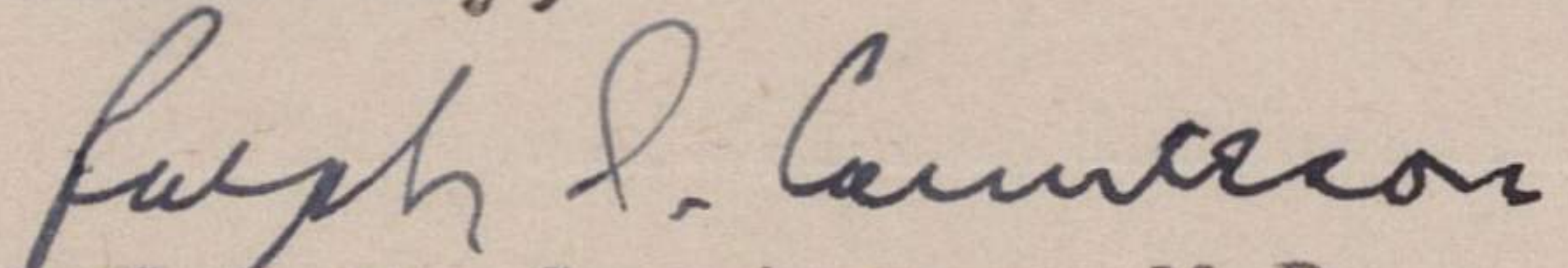
Dr. F. C. Allen  
Physical Education Department  
University of Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen,

Regarding examination of Tom Saffel shows that a heart condition is, if anything, more pronounced than one year ago.

I have advised him not to play football or basketball and to change his major.

Sincerely,

  
Ralph I. Canuteson, M.D.  
Director

RIC:k  
cc to Mr. Shenk



March 28, 1945.

Dr. R. I. Canuteson, Director,  
Student Health Service,  
Watkins Memorial Hospital.

Dear Dr. Canuteson:

I am enclosing copies of my letters to Dr.  
Dudley and Dr. Lenski regarding Miss Ruth Dudley.

Doubtless you will hear from Dr. Lenski  
within a short time.

Sincerely yours,

Enc.

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



January 25, 1945

Dean Paul B. Lawson  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
University of Kansas

Dear Dean Lawson,

Charles Moffett was a bed patient in the hospital on the following dates:

October 6, 1944 to October 8, 1944 - head injury sustained in football.

November 26, 1944 to November 30, 1944 - infected abrasion of wrist sustained in football.

December 7, 1944 - December 11, 1944 - furuncle on chin.

January 8, 1945 to January 12, 1945 - stayed at hospital nights for treatment of skin infection. Out during the day.

January 22, 1945 admitted for treatment of boil on chin.

Very truly yours,

Ralph I. Canuteson, M.D.  
Director

RIC:k  
cc to Dr. F. C. Allen



January 15, 1945.

Dr. R. I. Canuteson,  
Watkins Memorial Hospital,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Doctor Canuteson:

Immediately upon receipt of your letter I had a short conference with Norman Carlson and I talked to him about his diet and habits. He did not fully satisfy me that he was taking as good care of himself as he should. He said that he was getting  $7\frac{1}{2}$  or 8 hours of sleep, but he doesn't look it.

I am having a special conference with him and will make a definite check in the very near future, after which I will send him to you for a definite appointment.

If you will be good enough to impress upon him regarding these necessary things, and then tip me off as to the recommendations, I will see that they are followed to the letter. I will even go to the point of absenting him from practice until he comes up to the expectations of your suggestions.

Thank you for calling this to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
HEALTH SERVICE  
WATKINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

January 11, 1945

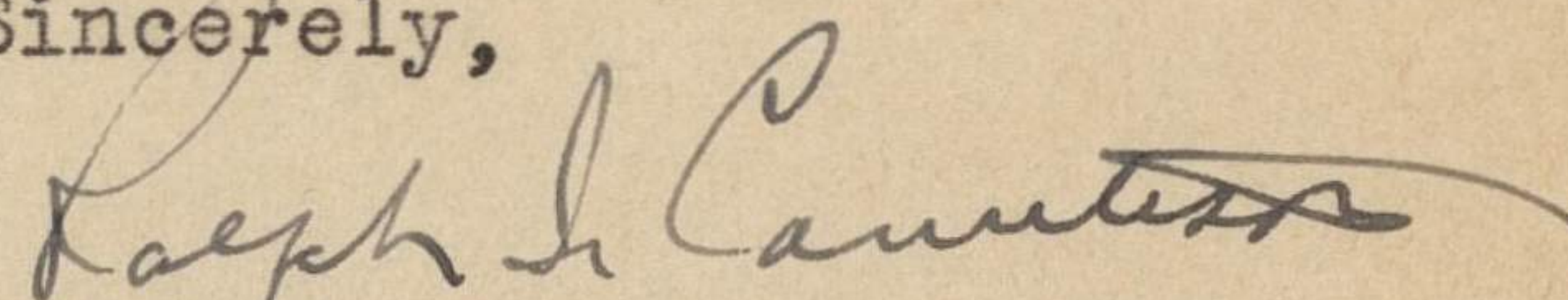
Dr. F. C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen,

I saw Carlson today for recheck of blood pressure which is slightly high, but not of any great significance now.

This boy may not have what it takes to play good basketball, but I'm sure he would be more stable if he had more sleep, and perhaps more food. You probably can get more out of him than I can, or perhaps you know about his schedule.

Sincerely,

  
Ralph I. Canuteson, M.D.  
Director

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