

YANKTON COLLEGE

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DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have been going to write to you for some time to let you know how I was getting along and how I like my work here, but it seems that I have been quite busy with my regular routine of work and being Physical Fitness Coordinator for the C. P. T. Naval Pre-Flight fliers whom I am in charge of.

We had a highly successful season in football this year, playing a full schedule and losing only two games. The outcome of the season was a surprise to me since I was forced to play nine freshmen and two seniors in my starting lineup in each game. I had to pit this group against many veteran teams, consequently a few more gray hairs.

I have been recommended for a commission in the United States Navy, but have been asked to supply a few recommendations. I am wondering if you would feel free to recommend me as to athletic ability, ability of leadership, character, academic work done under you and in the field of recreation. I was told that the letter of recommendation should be addressed To Whom it May Concern since there is no definite one individual on the personnel staff who will review my case. Your letter is to be sent to me and I will forward it along with the rest of my letters of recommendation and qualifications at the same time.

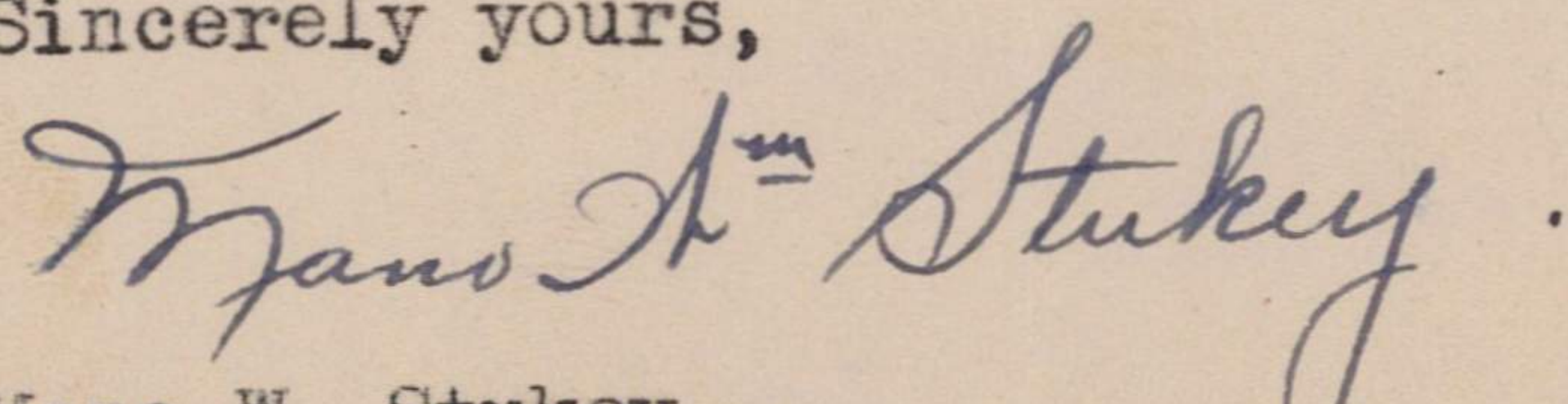
Mrs. Stukey and I both enjoy the college atmosphere again. We find it a lot more stimulating and challenging than high school work.

What kind of a basketball season are you going to have? I have been hoping that basketball season for you would roll around soon since I took quite a beating up here trying to uphold my alma mater in football. My only retreat was that "just wait till basketball season rolls around and we'll see who has the last laugh." I do hope that you prove your worth as a Knute Rockne of basketball and come through with another one of your endless numbers of championships.

Since it is imperative that my qualifications reach Minneapolis and Washington, D. C., at the earliest possible date, I am wondering if you would send my recommendation immediately by return air mail?

Thanking you in advance for anything you might say in my behalf, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Mano W. Stukey
Director of Athletics and Head Coach