

June 11, 1943.

Mr. Raymond Nichols,
Chancellor's Office.

Dear Raymond:

Knowing how busy you have been with the Navy personnel and contracts, I deem it a time-saver to write you regarding Dean Nesmith and his possible reconnection here at the University of Kansas. Dean is now civilian trainer and hospital aide at the Olathe Air Base. His salary there is \$2600 for 12 months. His salary here at the University for the Athletic Association was \$1700 or \$1750 for ten months. His only reason in going to Olathe was on account of the increased salary.

He has not been able to secure a home in Olathe and his residence is still here in Lawrence. I learn through reliable information that he would be interested in coming back here to the University under favorable conditions.

Henry Shenk is taking over football and track this next year. There is great need for an equipment and property man at the stadium due to the fact that Mr. Hutchinson, the former custodian, went to the high school as janitor. Henry Shenk expects to have summer football practice later on. He also expects to build the nucleus of a track team, using this semester in an opportune way. He will need someone at the stadium in the afternoons. Dean could do all of this, train the team, and take classes in our conditioning course. There is pressing need for personnel in our conditioning course, starting July 1. We will need more help than we now have.

I am personally informed by Henry Shenk of the status of Dean Nesmith, and Henry talked with the Chancellor. Henry informs me that the Chancellor asked if you could not handle the situation, and I am writing this letter in regard to the conversation of Henry Shenk with the Chancellor.

Dean Nesmith is willing to return here for the same salary that he is getting at Olathe. The Athletic Association could pay Dean for trainer, property and equipment man. He could supervise that work, and then the Navy could pay a part of his salary for physical conditioning. I believe we could ask Dean to take three and possibly four classes this summer, and you could charge the Navy what you think is fair.