

April 14, 1943.

Mr. Raymond Nichols,
Chancellor's Office.

Dear Ray:

The reason I spoke to you after the Senate meeting yesterday was on account of the fact that the Senate made a requirement that women students enrolling for the first time at the University of Kansas would be required to enroll in two semesters of physical conditioning. Miss Hoover has arranged to teach at the University of Illinois and Miss Stapleton has again signed up to conduct a women's camp in Michigan.

Both of these people came in my office offering to teach here if they were needed, but I of course could give them no satisfaction. I thought perhaps the Chancellor might want to have the Senate change that requirement for the Summer Session. We have some physical education major women who are graduating this year but naturally they will have plans in the very near future to line up with some definite war work and they may not be available when and if the administration makes a decision regarding physical conditioning courses for the women.

Lieut. Jack Gardner, of Olathe, who has charge of this area for Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma, was in the office last week checking up on the type of physical conditioning being given to his Naval Aviation Cadets. There are now 20 in this group, but he stated last week there would be 50 more in this week and 50 more the week following. And this will be augmented by an additional number.

On their flying schedule, to integrate the program, some will be required to take their physical conditioning before breakfast and some at 5:30 in the afternoon, or thereabouts. It is necessary for us to provide faculty instructors for these people. We have Mr. Shank and Mr. Strait and myself as available material to handle the physical conditioning. Mr. Shank and Mr. Strait have been to me a number of times wanting some definite word regarding their possible employment. Of course I can give them no satisfaction, but since all of our leaders are leaving for the service I think something toward promising them tenure should be given. What would you have to offer concerning assurances to these men?