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Mr. Raymond Nichols,
Chancellor's Office,
University of Kansas.

Dear Raymond:

Answering your query in regard to our purchase request for a book, to be paid for from departmental maintenance funds, we desired this book for the office to be available to our teachers and coaches. I might explain our situation here in the Department of Physical Education. For the past year we have been endeavoring to build up a much-needed departmental library.

In the past few years there has been a phenomenal growth by the publication companies concerning all phases of athletic and physical education textbooks. Barnes, Macmillan, Croft and McGraw-Hill have now definitely put physical education and athletics books in their library series. Macmillan obtained Dr. Neilson from Stanford; Crofts have Dr. McCloy; and Barnes have Dr. Nash, of N.Y.U.

Speaking to Dr. Neilson and Henry McCurdy at the National Health and Physical Education meeting last spring at Atlanta, Dr. Neilson stated that the physical education development, as far as publications are concerned, far outranked any of the other fields of publication in the last few years, and he states it has only begun.

Allen Wilbur was here last spring in the interest of Crofts seeking authors for new publications. When Dr. McCloy was here last summer he was also in quest of some of our people to do some work for his concern. Mr. Magnusson, of Prentice-Hall, makes quarterly visits here looking for authors from our department for his concern.

I am merely giving you a sketch background to show you how necessary it is for us to have a departmental library that will keep us abreast of the times. We have considered using the small room on the second floor of the gymnasium in the southeast corner of the building, which is now the pingpong room for the women. So far as this building is concerned, we face a poverty of space location for such very necessary things as a library. We have seriously debated taking this recreation room upstairs as the