

Clevenger remained at Kansas State three years, and then accepted the directorship of athletics at the University of Missouri. Mike Ahearn took over the position of athletic director again after Clevenger went to Columbia. Mike hired Charlie Bachman as football and track coach. They had Curtis, of the University of Chicago, as basketball coach.

I will not go into more history of the case, only to say that Mike, with his colleagues, has been considered a good administrator and an academician, so he has the added prestige of an academic faculty member as well as a man along in years who has a valuable academic and athletic equilibrium.

Last Friday night I went down to Manhattan and had a long visit with Mike, but not much of the time was spent alone. My primary purpose in going was to see Nebraska play Kansas State, but naturally Mike and I are very close friends and we discussed the situation, but not as confidentially as if we had had more time and had been to ourselves.

Mike is a Catholic, but Kansas is strongly Protestant, and strongly Methodist and Presbyterian. Bachman is not a Catholic, but a Protestant, but Bo McMillan, who succeeded him, is a Catholic. I do not know the religion of either Fry or Williamson, but I do not believe that religion will enter into the selection in any way.

I trust this information for the present will give you the background.

Kansas State is a fine school and is coming very rapidly in enrollment. They have about 4,000 now, and we have 4,800. About eight years ago they had about 3,200. In my opinion, in ten years Kansas State will outrank the University of Kansas, or at least reach her in enrollment. This is the history of all agricultural colleges, and Kansas State is one of the outstanding institutions academically and scientifically.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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