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From sources well within the inner circle, you can hear that the new chancellor at the University of Kansas will be a man with at least a wholesome approach to the program of physical education and intercollegiate athletics.

Fortunately, several members of the present board of regents -- the body empowered to name the new chancellor -- are familiar with athletic problems at Lawrence. They have participated in investigations which disproved past policies and have taken active part in bringing about such reforms as longer contracts for coaches, appointment of assistants by head coaches, and the delegation of full executive authority to the athletic director. But more than that, they know of conditions which still must be remedied and, apparently, they will look to the new appointee to carry out their further desires.

Of course, as my informant says, the examining committee is not being brusque in the matter. They are after an educator first. But plenty of educators have a wholesome respect for physical education in the curriculum and competitive sports in the extra-curricular activities. By alluding to the approximate \$150,000 stadium debt and related athletic problems at Kansas -- if not by direct questioning -- the examiners are finding out just how each candidate stands. Along with his other credentials, they want to know his perspective on athletics and how it will conform at a school with the conditions, enrollment and associations of the University.

Several of the regents are known to be sympathetic toward athletics. Undoubtedly, they have ideas about the Kansas situation which the new man will have to see their way. But these regents are not men who would permit the scholastic reputation of the university to suffer at the expense of athletics. In fact, my informant says that applicants who promise to build great football teams and rid the school of its stadium debt in a short period are being dismissed from consideration. There is a happy medium.

The new chancellor could do wonders at Kansas without over-emphasizing athletics. First, the physical education department needs revision both in personnel and courses of study if it is to be recognized in its field. This could be accomplished simply by