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Mr. Emory Lindquist, Vice President,
Bethany College,
Lindsborg, Kansas.

Dear President Lindquist:

Your favor concerning Mr. Ole Nesmith arrived this morning. I am very happy to recommend Mr. Nesmith as a young man worthy of very deep consideration in filling your position as coach of athletics and instructor of physical education at Bethany College.

Ole Nesmith, in his high school days at Belleville, Kansas, had no peer as an athlete and a leader in northern Kansas athletic circles. He was a great football, basketball, track and baseball star. He came to the University of Kansas in 1931 and played on our freshman team. Like most young men who are possessed of athletic skill, his finances were limited. My observation has been that the wealthy man's son does not particularly pursue an athletic course. It is on account of limited financial means that the rugged boy turns to the less costly things, which is an athletic program.

Nesmith was forced to work the most of his way through college. Of course, that restricted his athletic activities. In the two sports of football and basketball Nesmith was outstanding. In high school he was a better basketball player than a football player, if that could be possible. He did not indulge in all sports at the University on account of the necessity of working, but I have observed him in all of the four major branches of athletics and it is my opinion that there have been few athletes enter our University with better coordination of brain, nerve and muscle than Ole Nesmith.

He played on the Kansas varsity football team in 1932, 1933 and 1934. He was elected honor captain of the 1934 team over one of the outstanding football players here in the University.

Ole Nesmith is intelligent, cooperative, knows how to take orders from his superiors, and is a fine influence with young men.

You will understand, President Lindquist, that when we mix athletics and physical education, physical education invariably suffers. You doubtless know better than I that we should have a competitive athletics coach and we should have a teacher of physical education for every institution, no matter how small. I can readily