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John Rann, basketball coach at Leland Stanford University, was a caller at the sports desk yesterday. . . Rann enjoyed his stay here in Topeka and said, "I know of no other coaching school in the United States that offers such a variety of athletic courses for the price as your Kansas school. . . The increase in enrollment this year shows that E. A. Thomas is doing a corking good job." . . . The Stanford coach said Hank Luisetti turned down \$50,000 a year to play pro basketball. . . Luisetti also had a chance to succeed Rann as basketball coach at Stanford, but declined the offer so the California school hired Everett Dean of Indiana. . . "Frosty" Cox, former K. U. athlete, and now coach at Colorado U., was considered for the job.

Luisetti made \$10,000 net out of movie and if the picture is successful from the "box office" angle, he will make another one this winter. . . Before Hank appeared before the camera, he had a contract drawn up stating there would be no love scenes, smoking, or drinking in the picture. . . "It was all his own idea", Rann told us. . . "I was criticized last fall for trying to take Ralph Miller away from Kansas schools," he went on. "We never go after a boy unless he makes application to enter school. We figure if he pays five dollars for an application blank, he must be interested. Wichita alumni paid for the airplane trip. I see your side of the argument, but here is mine. Some of the best athletes at K. U. were out-of-state boys, Johnson of Oklahoma City, Pralle of St. Louis, and I could name dozens. I own a farm in Kansas and pay taxes. Why shouldn't I have a few Kansas boys?" . . . The curly-headed mentor keeps in condition the year around by playing handball, basketball and softball in season. . . "Softball is one of the greatest games we have and I am glad to see the interest being shown in the sport here in Kansas. I play the game myself and like it", smiled the former Kansan.