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To Members of the Department of Physical Education:

I have just had a conversation with Mr. Raymond Nichols about the budget situation. This is for your confidential information. The University is planning not to keep anybody on the staff with a rank lower than that of assistant professor.

Now, please don't get scared because our Department of Physical Education is almost in a separate class due to the fact that undoubtedly we will have compulsory physical education next year. That means an enlargement of our staff rather than a curtailment of it. Don't think of resigning and going elsewhere, because we are very happy with our staff.

Mr. Nichols told me confidentially that they have no idea of reducing salaries of anyone of the staff either for the summer session or for next year, but they are working on the basis of a very minimum staff. Yesterday I was at the Phi Psi house for dinner and one of the students told me that Professor Frank Brown's son told his own girl that they were going to reduce his father's salary fifty per cent. That is just another "fifth columnist" story that is going the rounds that we have got to spike. I am just passing this on to you so that you will know the University of Kansas is an armed student camp doing our bit, the same as other educational institutions should do, to win this war.

I would like for each one of you to drop in and submit plans and suggestions for presentation at the budget conference which is to be Wednesday, the 11th. We must have some plans ready for the committee. Mr. Nichols said he estimated as high as a twenty-five per cent drop in enrollment, but said that his guess was as good as mine. Of course, compulsory physical education would help our own situation somewhat.

I would like for the men and the women to talk their problems over and come in to me before Wednesday.

Sincerely yours,

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Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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