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The Big Six Outdoor Track championship of the conference was won by Iowa State College at Lincoln, Nebraska, on May 20, with 67 points. Kansas showed surprising strength in taking second place with $56\frac{1}{2}$ points. Kansas won seven first places, and had she had a larger squad, as did Iowa State, undoubtedly Kansas would have been the winner. Other Big Six schools placed in the following order: Oklahoma, $34\frac{1}{2}$ points; Missouri, $32\frac{1}{2}$ points; Nebraska, $24\frac{1}{2}$ points; and Kansas State, 9 points.

Kansas has experienced a very successful indoor and outdoor track season under the splendid tutelage of Ray Kanehl. Kanehl graduated from the University of Kansas in 1927, having won a gold track shoe on Coach Harry Huff's Missouri Valley Championship team. Coach Kanehl is in his first year at the University of Kansas, having come to us from Wichita East High School where he was chairman of the Physical Education Department. Kanehl won five track championships while at East High in Wichita.

An interesting thing about the coaching situation at Kansas is that all of the varsity coaches are members of the Physical Education Department, having come under the enlarged army and navy conditioning program. This also applies to Dean Nesmith, head trainer and property man, who also assists with the varsity football. Henry Shenk, head coach of football, came to the Physical Education Department, a year before Pearl Harbor. Elmer Schaake, who came last year, is assisting the ASTP program and aiding Coach Shenk in a valuable way in coaching the varsity football team. Shenk, Schaake and Nesmith experienced a thrill that few Kansas coaches have experienced recently in football by whipping the Missouri Tigers here on Memorial Field last Thanksgiving Day, 7 to 6.

Coach Schaake is now doubling as baseball coach, having taken over the reins last week when Coach Austin, who was also in the ASTP program, resigned on account of a curtailed enrollment among the ASTP boys. Coach Vernon Hayes,