

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

ROBINSON GYMNASIUM

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My dear Chancellor:-

I am finding it very difficult to get the right kind of a woman to take Dr Goetz's place. The difficulty seems to be to get the combination that we desire. There are several who are medical experts but know little or nothing of Physical Education. I am going down to K.C. today to talk with a couple of young women Doctors who are highly recommended for their medical skill and their character.

I feel that it would be better to get one who is a skilled diagnostician and develop the physical education side.

There are several good women physicians in K.C. who would be good. I am just in receipt of a letter from Dr C.W. Crampton dean of the Normal school at Battle Creek and he is unable to help us any. Teachers College can not help us. I have written to North Western and Rush, but they cannot suggest any one.

As to the Athletic situation there does not seem much chance of arriving at an immediate settlement that would be perfectly satisfactory to all. I had a good talk with H.A. Rice yesterday and he has no one to suggest. I got a clue as to the whereabouts of Col. Brummage and sent word to Miss Moody. Miss Moody sent word to Caldwell's old home to get track of him.

There is a small boom started here for Dr. A.R. Kennedy. I never mentioned him because I did not think it possible to have him, but if he is the best available and satisfactory to you I believe that he would make a good man, though his strong point is as a coach rather than a manager. His record at K.U. is good and most of the men with whom I have talked mostly old football men like Carlson Strickler and men of that type think that he would be all right.

I believe that we have struck the right note when we try to get an alumnus. Most of the old men think that they would prefer an alumnus and especially a western man, as the Eastern men seem to ignore all our alumni.

I looked up Kennedy's record and enclose it. One thing about him was his willingness to follow the rules and rulings of the eligibility committee even when it worked a hardship on the team. He has always had a good moral influence on the men.

The only question would be about assuming the work of the manager. I do not know his experience as a business man. I asked Strickler '04. about his work in Topeka and he said that it was good. Tucker and some of the business men of town seem to think that he would be all right. Of one thing we could be sure that his life and influence would be on the right side.

I fully appreciate the difficulty you will have in making a decision and have tried to give you as much information as I could find.

Wishing you a pleasant summer and a happy vacation I am

Most sincerely yours.

Geo. Naismith