

July 27, 1943.

Mr. G. L. Duke,  
Director of Athletics,  
Grinnell College,  
Grinnell, Iowa.

Dear Lester:

I have your favor of the 20th instant and will try to write you as frankly as possible. The track coaching job here at the University was taken over by Henry Shenk, one of our teachers in physical education. Shenk played varsity football here in 1925, '26 and '27, graduating in 1927. He has been a very successful high school coach in a number of Kansas towns, where his greatest successes were in track and football, but he did have outstanding basketball teams.

I brought Shenk here two years ago in our Department of Physical Education. When Bill Hargiss and Gwinn Henry left, the Chancellor asked Henry to take over track and he did a fine job with it last spring. Then when Gwinn resigned, the Chancellor asked Henry to take over this year's football team. I am not sure what will happen next spring, - whether Henry will take over track or not, but if he does not doubtless the track work will be taken over by Ray Kanehl, who is also in our Department of Physical Education. He came here July 1st from Wichita East High School. He was head of the department there and had state championship track teams for years.

So I believe the track job is well taken care of here at the present. If there is anything that I could do for you, you can rest assured that I would be glad to have you here. I would have been pleased beyond measure to have had you in our department, but as it is I guess Uncle Sam will tell us where to work for a while.

I agree with you that athletics are due for a strong comeback after the war.

If there is any way that I can help you at any time, please feel free to call upon me. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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