

You and I both know that there are some coaches and athletic directors now that are out scouting, and in addition to that, using political machinery to get certain service men in their school so that they can use them on their athletic teams this year. This type of fellow ought to have the yellow ribbon for first place instead of the blue ribbon because he is still selfishly putting his athletics first and not the war effort first. He is a slacker in the sense that he is trying to build himself up rather than his country's forces. I know whereof I speak and I am not guessing, and you will find the coaches that have outstanding teams, by and large, are those that built them in the war years rather than to build physical conditioning for everyone.

Of course, there may be exceptions to the rule here and there, but generally speaking this will be very true.

Yes, I read your interview with Paul O'Leary. He is a very good friend of mine, and the O'Leary family are very fine friends of the Allen family. He is a very brilliant and intelligent fellow. His older brother, Dorman, was also a quarter miler, and Ted could have been one of the greatest but he went out for basketball and tennis.

You asked about Jack Engle. It was Verne Engle who was the basketball player. Jack, I think, was a track man. Give him my kindest regards, will you, please?

Now, you ask what is going to happen to Big Six football. They will play it but some of these schools are playing because they have an activity ticket and they can charge the students the full price of the activity ticket and they will pay the interest on the stadium and make a small down payment. Frankly, I think some of the boys, if it weren't for the Navy that is coming in, would cancel the football program.

Nebraska is weak and will be. Glenn Presnell and A. J. "Lew" Lewandowski have both signed up with the Navy as lieutenants, junior grade. That takes the entire staff. And Cy Sherman is one of the boys that is all out for the war first, and forget about athletics.

Kansas State will endeavor to carry on, but not very strongly. I look to see Oklahoma make an effort, but I do not believe they will win a championship. Iowa State will be strong on account of their veterinary medicine and agricultural deferments for the students. The Kansas Aggies may prove to be a dark horse from this angle. Missouri is the school that still has a coaching staff and boys in the Navy in emphatic numbers.

I am afraid Henry Shenk is not going to have enough material here to shout about. All of our basketball men are gone. In fact, they left the day after our last game. Many were called before. Oklahoma's Bruce Drake has McCurdy in the medical school, and Allie Paine in 4-F. I think his basketball will be strong, unless George Edwards may come up with something, and Louie Menze may surprise with his Aggies. As I said, I