

June 24, 1943.

Mr. Arthur F. Hughes,
Sports Editor,
St. Joseph Gazette,
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Dear Arthur:

Your letter of May 19th came to me regarding the football schedule for K. U. for next fall. Henry Shenk will coach the football team but he is making no commitments until he knows what sort of material he will have. These boys are going to be mighty young here at the University and he really has now a heavier schedule than the material will reasonably justify.

However, when school opens I believe will be as soon as Henry will make any commitments. You might write him at your convenience.

We have not made our basketball schedule, and very little has been done definitely toward athletics here at the University. This campus is getting to be a war college like all others, and the winning of the war is, in our opinion, the most vital thing. Somehow I cannot get too pepped up over college athletics except as they provide the boys with enough toughening to get them in shape for the mortal combat in which they are very apt to be thrown. However, I do believe that we will have some form of competitive athletics, but nobody will take them very seriously until the war is over.

I am not worrying about civilian morale because they can get their recreation from the theater and from professional teams, and the boys who are studying and getting ready to soldier will get quite a bit of it in military camps when they get in. However, I am sure that all of us will want to do our bit toward competing with the sailors and soldiers when and if our schedule works out satisfactorily.

Very sincerely yours,

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