

Football hopes at K.U. took a jolt when Bob George, frosh triple-threat man, Joe Dickey, half-back speedster, and Frank Gruden, all-Big Six guard, were transferred by the Navy at the end of the winter term along with several other outstanding boys. The discontinuance of the V-5 program (naval aviation) this summer will also remove a potential source of manpower from the K.U. squad. Last year three V-5 boys won their letters at K.U. Too, the Navy has already announced that there will be a reduction of personnel in the V-12 program November first. This means that an entirely different team from that beginning the season may play the November games.

Naval transfers the first of July make a guess as to K.U.'s football prospects for 1944 even more hazardous. Since freshmen are ineligible to participate until after one semester, there is little likelihood of getting much help from that source. Undoubtedly we will lose more than we will gain by the July transfers.

On the brighter side of the ledger is the fact that fifteen lettermen from last year are still in school at the present time. However, Gordon Stucker, end, will soon report to the Naval Academy at Annapolis; Wayne Hird, center, is 18 and will probably soon be drafted, along with Junius Penny, tackle, Bill Mowery, fullback, and Dick Dreher, guard, are in medical school, and may have trouble finding the time to participate. This leaves ten lettermen, most of whom are backs, who should be around next fall -- John Bergin, back, Dan Chase, center, Bill Chestnut, drop kicker, Dick Dreher, guard, Dan Faulkner, back, Charles Keller, tackle, Bob Miller, half, Charles Moffett, quarterback, Warren Rieggle, end, Leroy Robison, back, and Don Barrington, fullback.

Other last year's squad men who are expected to report are Dan Stockdale, guard, Jim Weatherby, back, Harold Hill, end, and Joe Ryan, guard.

New boys who showed up well in spring practice were Bauman, tackle,

Shimintz, back, Welch, back, Mosher, back, Daignault, end, Short, back, Castriex, back, Williams, halfback, McShane, back, Beck, tackle, and Cantrell, guard. In addition to these boys there should be some seventeen year-old high school boys and one or two 4F's.