

as possible regarding his men and for that reason I am not saying anything. But I would like to tell them where you are stationed and so forth for the benefit of your many friends here in the University. It must be very gratifying to meet so many of the former students and graduates. We certainly will be looking forward eagerly to the time when you are able to return to the University. I enjoyed my contacts and friendship with you. It was all very stimulating, I assure you.

Now, back to the athletic situation here at the University. I believe athletics are on a little lower ebb here than they ever have been. But that is to be expected, naturally. We may have football next fall, but I believe that after the football season is over and perhaps some basketball competition that most of the athletic activities will pass out of the picture. Professional baseball will go pretty well because of the large crowds who are accessible to the stadium and can depend upon the utilities to get them there. But for the colleges which are situated away from the large cities I am afraid there will be a difficult time. The tire rationing and the gasoline rationing which will come on this summer will certainly curtail the number of spectators to football games in the small towns. By next year, I understand, we will have two hours of daylight saving instead of one. That, of course, is to give the workers more daylight hours and the enemy bombers less time to shoot at lighted factories. Frankly, I think all the sport pages will be curtailed drastically on account of the price of newsprint. I always tell the boys never to get excited about the fact that they read their names in the newspapers. Newspapers print their names to sell papers and not to eulogize the individual.

The campus is thinning out very perceptibly when we look for the male members of the families. This next fall the University people are expecting an additional ten or fifteen per cent decrease in enrollment, but I believe that the Summer Session will have more than they have been normally expecting. Almost all the students are going to be in some activity this summer. Even the girls talk as if they want to go to summer school. I think the pollen is getting into the nostrils of all the people, whether young or old. They realize that man, woman and child are all in this war and none can escape it. I can see a definite trend in the last few months toward this feeling on the part of everyone.

I am very happy that you received your commission, but you did not tell me what it is. Any little part that I might have played to help you was freely and enthusiastically given. You have left many friends here at the University and I am certainly pleased to pass on your greetings to our mutual friends. Won't you write me again, and anything that you say that should be passed on, please designate it. I realize that the enemy would like to learn some things that we might consider inconsequential, but some of these things might mean much more to them if they were given an opportunity to learn.

With kindest regards and very best wishes for your continued success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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