

September 14, 1942.

First Lieut. William F. Krickhan, Jr.,
Chief, Athletic Section,
Camp Crowder, Missouri.

Dear Lieutenant Krickhan:

Since receiving your last letter about scheduling a basketball game with your team, a new boggy-man has appeared on the horizon in the form of tire rationing and the undoubted demise of another football season after this one.

While we want to play you, the financial situation is staring us in the face, and I have talked with the financial secretary of the Athletic Association about the matter. Since we have a complete schedule they do not want to add further financial burdens to their depleted athletic treasury. Football, which brings in much of the money to carry on an athletic program, will be curtailed drastically this year on account of the tire rationing program. Only football teams playing in big cities will make any money. That means practically all the Big Six teams will fair poorly, and as a consequence they will have no extra money, and those that do make any money will want to hold it to carry over next year's skeletal athletic set-up. The athletic plants will still have to be maintained, which is an expensive feature.

Frankly, we want to play your boys but unless you can show me how we could play you without much expense I do not believe the financial powers-that-be here will approve. Won't you write me frankly, and I will be glad to cooperate with you to the nth degree.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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