

April 12, 1943.

Dean Henry Werner,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dean Werner:

I regret that my presence at an important Rotary meeting this noon makes it impossible for me to attend your committee luncheon. Had I known it a little sooner I could have made arrangements, but under the circumstances it is impossible.

After much deliberation I am submitting to you my first choice as C. K., and my second choice is R. F. I would appreciate it if you would express my reasons for the first choice to the committee.

Doubtless all the members saw the picture of C. K. on the third page of the Kansas City Star yesterday morning. He is invalidated after a grueling campaign against the Japs. In presenting this young man's claim, may I state that his great desire was to see action and he enlisted in the Marines before graduation. He went to the Officers' Training School at Quantico and earned his commission as a second lieutenant. The admonition from his father to C. was "C., love your arms. They may be the means of saving your life." So from the beginning this boy knew that he was possibly sacrificing himself for others.

A mild-mannered, genteel, friendly chap is this boy. He is not the rough, tough fighting buckaroo, but he is very much of the opposite type. He comes from a long line of fine forbears, with University of Kansas background on both sides. Three generations of his people resided in Lawrence and he is a grandson of J. W. Jenkins.

In one letter to the folks back home he wrote, "I know definitely what I am fighting for. I am fighting for my mother and my sisters and for others who might have to face this thing if I did not." He has led his men in victorious campaign. Therefore, I feel that when we are selecting an Honor Man for this year certainly we should consider the patriotic and soldierly qualifications of this young man who has taken up the fight with the foe and is still carrying on. To me it would signalize our recognition of leadership and loyalty, courage and devotion in this very critical hour.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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