

July 24, 1945

Mr. Leo Novak  
Track Coach, H.S.C.C.  
West Point, New York

Dear Leo:

I was talking to Ogden Jones, Sr. a member of our faculty here at the University of Kansas and also serving with me on our Douglas County Selective Service Board. He is Chairman and I am Secretary of the board. He was telling me that his son, Ogden S. Jones, Jr. Co. 7, PI-1, U.S.C.C., West Point had reported for your call for track men very recently.

I have known young Jones all his life and observed him doing a fine job during his Lawrence High School days. That was before he entered into the service. Young Jones did a short hitch in track with the A.S.T.P. outfit at Cincinnati University before his move to the Western front. He saw a lot of bitter service in Germany up until the very last. This was before he was recalled for his cadet training at West Point.

I have great confidence in this young man and you will find him a sterling competitor and hard working young fellow. His father competed as a hurdler, pole vaulter, and I think broad jumper here at the University back in 1910-11-12, so Jones comes from a family that has strong track competitive background to stimulate him. I thought you might be interested in knowing about this young man as I would if I were in a similar situation.

I hear from cadets concerning you quite often. They still think old man Novak has something on the ball. I find myself readily agreeing with them. It is a great lot of fun for me to sit down and look forward to the time when I can chew the athletic fat with you as we did in days of yore.

With all good wishes for your continued success, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education  
Varsity basketball coach

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