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Dr. Carl Voltner,  
Director of Athletics,  
Central Missouri State Teachers College,  
Warrensburg, Missouri.

Dear Dr. Voltner:

I am afraid that we will not be able to schedule an early season game with you for next year. We are dedicating the Oklahoma A. & M. fieldhouse in Stillwater on December 9 and 10, and we are playing them here on February 9. We are also making a trip into Texas during the Christmas vacation.

We are limited to 20 games for our schedule, and since we have 10 in the conference, and already our full number tentatively agreed upon, I am afraid we will not be able to meet you. However, I want you to give Coach Scott my kindest regards and best wishes for a very successful year.

Now, regarding baseball, I am afraid you are speaking of the hard ball variety. I guess we have gone "soft" up here. The University has a six-team soft ball league here in the Summer School. We call it, to sound big, the "Big Six National Baseball League", and we use the names of the Big Six schools to add a little interest. We are coming along splendidly, and Dr. Vernon Lapp is playing on the Wildcat team. Doesn't that sound ferocious? And he pounds that soft ball all over the lot.

I want to thank you for complimenting us when you ask for a guarantee of as little as \$25.00. I don't know where we would get the \$25.00! You know, we are the most socially-minded group that you might imagine. We would be delighted to have you drive over and visit us, and then if time wore on your hands during the visit we would be glad to play the ball game, but I don't know who would pay for the gasoline.

Seriously, I would like to play you, but we have no funds for travel. Let me know whether you mean hard or soft ball, and we will see whether we can't get some government money - maybe the government will pay the bill, who knows! People have asked the government for everything else, why not ask for a baseball trip?