

April 16, 1941

Mrs. Edward L. Wellhausen  
1329 Vermont  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Wellhausen:

Thank you so much for sending Mrs. Spangberg's letter to me in which she enclosed a check covering Arthur's debt to you.

I am very happy to know that the matter has been closed as far as you are concerned.

Thank you again for sending the letter to me.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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Dear Dr. Allen:-

Enclose Mrs Spangberg's letter.

and wish to thank you very very much for  
your kind help, and regret the annoyance  
and the valuable time it took for you  
to do so.

Again thanking you for  
everything, and hoping to be more help  
next time, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs Edward L Wellhausen



April 30, 1941

Mrs. Arthur Spangberg  
612 N. 23rd Street  
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Spangberg:

I certainly do not want to hurt you further, and you have certainly showed your Spartan motherhood by paying some of the debts for your son.

You say Arthur is a good boy and I have no doubt that he is; but somehow a debt for food certainly should be paid. There is not a large profit involved and certainly much laborious effort is represented by such an activity. I have always felt that any man, if he pays any debt, would pay a debt for food.

If Arthur is in the Army now certainly a part of that \$21.00 per month should go for such a debt. Mrs. Taylor writes me that she has written you but can get no response. Won't you write Mrs. Taylor and see if there isn't some way this very legitimate debt of Arthur's can be settled? I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter that I have written Mr. Mason. I certainly am disappointed in him.

I did not encourage Arthur to come here; in fact, I knew nothing of his coming. The initiative was wholly on Mr. Mason and your son, Arthur. We showed him every courtesy; in fact, far beyond the bounds of the ordinary student, and I am sure that if you will look at this from an unprejudiced viewpoint, you will see that we did more for this boy than 99 out of 100 students because of the high recommendation that Mr. Mason made for Arthur.

I sincerely trust that you will respond to Mrs. Taylor's letters.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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April 30, 1941

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Mr. Maurice L. Mason  
Mason and Mason  
American National Bank Bldg.  
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Mr. Mason:

Again I am embarrassed with the visitation of your friend  
and your protege, Arthur Spangberg.

Mrs. Taylor, the woman who depends on making a small legitimate  
profit from a laborious food-serving job, served Arthur the food which he  
ate and which he left without paying for. I am wondering now, Mr. Mason,  
if it isn't about time that you see that this poor widow woman gets back  
a part of the money that she spent for food for this boy. Surely if he  
is as fine a boy as you say he is, you could either underwrite this  
expense, depending upon him to compensate you at some later date, or else  
you could go to someone and get this money and send it to this woman.

You have never answered my previous letters; perhaps it is  
just as well, but I want to tell you that I am badly disappointed in  
our relationship which apparently started out in such a friendly fashion  
and ended so disastrously for the people who served Arthur Spangberg.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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April 30, 1941

Mrs. John E. Taylor  
1406 Tennessee  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Enclosed are copies of letters I have written to Mrs. Arthur Spangberg and Mr. Maurice L. Mason regarding Arthur Spangberg's debt to you.

I sincerely trust this matter will be taken care of immediately, and I shall appreciate your keeping me informed.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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Encs.



RICHARD W. MASON

MAURICE L. MASON

*Arthur Spangberg*

*See Mrs Taylor -  
read letter -  
Mason*

MASON AND MASON  
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW  
AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
SAINT JOSEPH, MISSOURI  
TELEPHONE 2-1505

May 1, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Department of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Coach:

I received your letter of April 30 in which you explain that Arthur Spangberg owes another debt to a Mrs. Taylor.

I do not have a personal acquaintance with Mrs. Taylor and do not know the amount of the debt owed by Arthur. If you will please contact her and ascertain the amount and write me or have her write me stating the amount of the debt, I again will personally attempt to see that Arthur takes care of this matter. He apparently did nothing but spend money while at school. It was my impression that he was to earn a part of his way, however, if he did earn any, it was not applied on his accounts.

Mrs. Ruth Spangberg, sister, advised me that she would take care of Mrs. Wellhausen and up to the present time, unless I hear to the contrary, assume she has paid the obligation.

You, no doubt, realize that it is a difficult matter to keep a son in college and is quite a problem and that the difficulties of supporting or undertaking the responsibility of a young man not of blood relationship is of two fold. Apparently, Arthur did not realize his responsibilities to the fullest extent. This indeed is a new experience to me and one from which I will, no doubt, profit.

I hope the next relationship which we may have will not be so disastrous for our connection and for others.

Sincerely yours,

*Maurice L. Mason*  
MAURICE L. MASON (alw)

MLM/alh

*Arthur Spangberg*



MAURICE J. MASON

RICHARD W. MASON

MASON AND MASON  
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW  
AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
SAINT JOSEPH, MISSOURI  
TELEPHONE 2-1502

*Arthur Spangberg*

*Will you please  
read letter  
to Mason*

May 1, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Department of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Coach:

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*Arthur Spangberg  
1022 Maurice  
Mason*

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Sincerely yours,

*Maurice J. Mason*  
MAURICE J. MASON

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May 9th, 1941

Mrs. John E. Taylor  
1400 Ohio  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Enclosed find a copy of  
letter which I received from Maurice  
Mason, which speaks for itself.

Very truly,

Director of Physical Education  
and Recreation - Varsity  
Basketball and Baseball Coach

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April 12, 1941

Mrs. Arthur Spangberg  
612 N. 23rd Street  
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Spangberg:

Mrs. Wellhausen called and said you had sent her the money for Arthur's debt. I greatly appreciate your doing this, Mrs. Spangberg, because Mrs. Wellhausen is a woman who has had to struggle severely for what little money she has.

Again I wish to say I would not cause you one moment's pain, but I wanted you to know, Mrs. Spangberg, that Arthur owed a woman some money, and this woman has struggled very very hard to get what she has.

I trust that Arthur will make a fine record in the Army and will make you very proud of his achievement.

Thank you again for sending the money to Mrs. Wellhausen.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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Dr. Allen

Mrs. Wellhausen called  
& said Mrs. Spangberg had  
sent her the money for  
Arthur's debt - she is  
taking it to the bank to  
apply on the note & is sending  
the letter to you -

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August 14, 1941.

Mrs. John E. Taylor,  
1400 Ohio Street,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your good letter of the 4th instant, and I am more sorry about the Arthur Spangberg incident than you quite realize. I would be glad to get in touch with Sgt. Kollender and make every effort to get your money for you.

Personally, I do not direct any number of boys to boarding houses, but occasionally a boy does come in and if they ask my advise I will be more than happy to recommend you to them. The football squad is quite large but the basketball squad is rather small and the same organization is not attempted in basketball that is done in football.

I do not know who Mr. Morris is and I do not know with whom he dealt. Certainly I have nothing to do with that angle. I will be glad to speak to Clarence Miller with a view of helping you in any possible way. I am sure that your rates will have to raise this fall on account of the sharp increase of prices.

You will hear from me after my return to Lawrence some time after the 23rd of August.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Lawrence, Kans.,  
Aug. 4, 1941.

Dr. "Phog" Allen,  
K U,  
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Dr. Allen:- Am very soory to bother you but am afraid that you might leave for a vacation and then I could not talk to you for some time.

Have still heard nothing from Arthur Spangberg. I wrote to his commanding officer at Camp Robinson and he wrote to the head of the Red Cross here in Lawrence. They tell me that Arthur was put on his honor to pay me but of course that will never happen. Thought perhaps you might be able to get in touch with Mr. Kollender and through him help me to get my money.

Another thing. We are just two blocks down I4th street at I4th and Ohio and I was wondering if you could in any way send me some of your boys to board and room. Still can take some boys to room and just any number to board. Should like to have a large boarding club. If I can get enough boys then I can use more boys to wait tables and wash dishes and thus help a larger number of boys. There are so many boys come to me for help but I can do nothing more unless I get the boys to board.

There is a Mr. Morris wh o lives just south of us and he told me that he had made arrangments last year already with the college to getso many boys at \$27.50. I knew nothing of any thing like taht However, I had a number of your boys eating here but I need many more If it is possible for you to do anything for me I surely would appreciate it.

Clarence Miller one of your boys washes dishes and he can tell you about us. Marvin Vandever and Bob Abrahams as well as Larry Johnson ate here and are coming back, so if I could get more of the boys I would be glad.

Our rates have to raise this Fall because of the high prices and will be \$5.00 per week plus the tax. Rooms will be \$8 and \$10 according to location.

If you can do anything we will be very thankful.

Sincerely,

*Wilcome May Taylor*  
Mrs. John E. Taylor,  
I400 Ohio

Lawrence, Kans.

Phone 56.