

November 29, 1940

A

Maurice L. Mason  
Missouri Valley Ass'n. of the Amateur Athletic Union  
care of Marion H. Miller  
1511 Baltimore Avenue  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Maurice:

I acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of the 27th instant. Will be happy to see you at any time it is convenient for you to come over with Arthur Spangberg. It so happens that I plan to be in Wellington, Kansas, on next Tuesday afternoon, December 3 for a football banquet, but I will be at the opening of the Naismith League in Kansas the night of December 4. If it might prove convenient to you to see me at that time, I will be happy to talk with you. Doubtless you will attend the League opening in the Municipal Auditorium on that evening.

Bill Powell of the Naismith League has invited the Big Six coaches to be present and I am expected to be in attendance. We are playing our freshman varsity game the evening of December 6, Friday evening, at 7:30 p.m. I would be happy to invite you and Spangberg to see our varsity freshmen play, and we could have a good visit at that time and discuss the matter under consideration.

This has always been my slogan, "Work commensurate with one's desire and ability." I have always been happy to help a boy help himself, but I do not put emphasis on his athletic ability, but on his desire for an education.

May I hear from you at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Dear Coach:

At the International Collegiate Tournament last year, I spoke to you about the prospects of Arthur Spangberg, a basketball player of excellent ability. This boy is, no doubt, the best prospect for a college athlete we have had in some time in the field of basketball.

In order that I might bring this boy over to see you so we might make some arrangements for a part time job, will you please set a date next week that would be convenient for you and convey any other information which may help as soon as possible.

May I hear from you soon?

Sincerely yours,

*Maurice L. Mason*  
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*"An amateur sportsman is one who engages in sport solely for the pleasure and physical, mental or social benefits he derives therefrom and to whom sport is nothing more than an avocation."*



January 24, 1941

Mr. Arthur Spangberg  
612 North 23rd  
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Arthur:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date, and I am happy that you have decided to enter the University of Kansas.

I will be planning to see you on the 28th of January. Will you come in the morning or the afternoon? Sometimes I am called out during a part of the day and therefore I would like to know when you expect to arrive.

There will be no regular school in session at that time, due to the final examinations, and I see no reason why it would be necessary for you to return much before enrollment. We will talk over that when you come and I am glad that you are planning to do some really stiff work. If you will put as much energy into your studies as you will in your basketball, I know you will make an outstanding success.

Anticipating your coming, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Mr. Arthur Spangberg  
612 North 23rd.  
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Mr. Forrest Allen  
Director of Athletics,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Phog Allen:

Mr. Mason and I were over to see you about my entering the school of Physical Education. My future lies before me so I have made this decision. I am going to enter your university, work hard and really make something out of myself.

I plan on coming over the 28th of this month. I want to get settled and talk over any ideas with you that may help me. I would like to return to St. Joseph on the 1st of February for a Y. M. C. A. volleyball tournament. After that I will really be ready to do some stiff work.

If you have any different arrangements, please let me know. If not, I shall see you on the 28th.

Respectfully,

*Arthur Spangberg*  
Arthur Spangberg



February 10, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Mason:

Arthur Spangberg is in the office and he is very disturbed because he has repeatedly written and called home regarding some money that he states should be forthcoming.

It is necessary for him to pay his tuition and his enrollment fees or else he will not be accepted in school. He has no money for board or room and it is my impression that he was to get a loan from you. We have given him work as we have promised and he is doing nicely, but you can imagine the mental state of affairs that he labors under when he is promised money and none is to be had.

Arthur called his mother and his mother states you are holding back, waiting on the draft progress or findings. Would it not be fair that you make some decision at once and advise Arthur and me as to what your conclusions are? The boy cannot study nor can he work as well as if he knew things were definitely decided.

Trusting that you will let us know at once, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:hg



February 14, 1941

Mr. Maurice L. Mason  
Mason and Mason  
Attorneys and Counselors at Law  
American National Bank Bldg.  
Saint Joseph, Missouri

Dear Mr. Mason:

Thank you very much for your good letter of the 11th instant regarding Arthur Spangberg.

I must tell you that Arthur has been borrowing money from his landlady here and from other people. He has been to St. Joseph three or four times and has borrowed money for transportation, but each time he returns without money to repay these people. This makes for a very disquieting situation here.

The landlady has called me and she, upon several occasions, has loaned money to him. Each time he promises to return the money borrowed but he is empty-handed. He has borrowed money from students and while he has worked some, he has not worked enough to pay for the money he has borrowed, let alone for his food and his room rent.

Last Wednesday, February 12, was the last day for tuition fees to be paid. There is a fine of 50¢ per day for late payment of fees. After five days the student who has not paid his fees is subject to dismissal from school.

I would suggest that unless something be done at once that Arthur return to St. Joseph and not cause himself, as well as others he has come in come in contact with, any embarrassment.

I am sure that you will understand my necessity in taking these steps. A stranger just cannot come into a community without funds, borrow money for transportation and fail to return it; especially when it is borrowed from people who are badly in need of the money and who loaned it on the promise that the money would be returned as soon as the individual came back to Lawrence.

For that reason I am appealing to you to right the condition if possible.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:lg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach



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

February 11, 1941

Mr. Forrest C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Coach:

I received your letter of February 10 in which you advised me that Mr. Spangberg's situation was rather desperate on account of his need for tuition and other fees. This will be handled in due course of time.

The reason for delay has been the Selective Service Board. The Board chairman has advised me that he will inform me as to Mr. Spangberg's listing immediately, however, I have waited about one day and he has promised to hurry the matter along. I have been assured that his difficulty will resolve in his favor, however, I must wait for the Board to give me official notice.

Several prominent Kansas alumni have promised to provide the necessary funds for Mr. Spangberg to continue. This will be done, I am sure. If you can advise Mr. Spangberg along this line I will appreciate it very much.

The Kansas alumni here do feel that Mr. Spangberg will make you a good athlete. He has size and ability which makes him very capable.

Again may I thank you for your personal attention in this matter.

Yours very truly,

*Maurice L. Mason*  
(act)

MAURICE L. MASON

MLM/alb



Lawrence, Kansas,

February 21st, 41

Dear, Dear Doc;-

Enclose copy of letter to Judge Mason which was mailed to him last evening, Wednesday, Feb. 19th. Arthur does not know I sent him this letter.

11; A M He just received a messgae from the Western Union, sending him money to come home on (the bus) I asked him how much they sent, and he said they would not tell him. He went up and got it, but said they gave him just enough to buy a ticket, not a nickel more. I don't know whether he told the truth or not. 11;15. He just sent for a cab and is gone. He said he would see what he could do about the money he owed me. He just did not know yet, how he was going to get it. So, I am glad I wrote to the Judge, and explained it all to him, and hope this meets with your approval.

Thanking you for all the kindness shown me and my family, and regretting the trouble I have been to you this time, when I tried so hard to be a help, I remain,

Very hastily, *Mrs Edward L. Wellhausen*

He told so many conflicting stories. DSaid he talked to the Judge last evening 9 P M long distance and he was coming for him. This morning when he came down, 10 A M he said he was getting some money for his bus fare via Western Union. So, I guess it is better he has gone. Afraid he is "no good"



Lawrence, Kansas,

February 19th, 41

Dear Judge Mason;-

I am sorry to report to you, that Dean Schweighler thot best for Arthur to return to St. Joseph immediately, try to obtain the money for school and return Thursday afternoon, if successful. I regret this, as he seems to be so desperately anxious to attend the University, studied so hard, never missing a class, always up the first thing in the morning, no body awakening him. His only trouble seemed to be lack of cash. He seemed to have none at all. I enclose a carbon copy of report I made out for him This will show you what I have loaned him, cash, and also the rent for the room,

It has put me in a very embassrassing position, as I had this money laid aside to run me until the 1st of the month. It seemed so urgent, I felt I had to do something for the young man, and when his Father died, he had not a penny to go home. Miss Elliott, one of the Spanish Teachers of the University happened to be visiting me when Arthur received the telegram from his Mother asking him to come home that his Father had died that day. Miss Elliott said it was right that some one lend him the money at a time like this. She offered to, but she was all dressed in evening clothes to attend a tea, and had to go home, so I loaned him \$2.00 more, and asked him to be sure and bring it back to me w He did not. I thot I had better send the report direct to you, as you were the one who brought him here, and seem to b



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charge of everything for him. I told Dr Allen all about it and he said he had written to you, and he read me your letter in answer to his, and he said for me not to worry, as he knew you would take care of me, and Arthur also. That was last week. I do hope you will manage to, Judge Mason, as I will be forced to go to the Bank and borrow enough to do me until the 1st of the month, and will have to pay a \$1.00 for it.

Regretting the trouble Arthur has had, and hoping he will be able to come back, and thanking you in advance for any efforts you may make to help me, I remain,

Most sincerely,

*Mrs Edward L Wellhansen*



Lawrence, Kansas

February, 20th,

ACCOUNT OF ARTHUR SPANGBERG,

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

Judge Mason, of St. Joseph, Mo. brought Arthur Spangberg to our home, Wednesday, Jan. 28th, 5 P M Dr Allen called me and said he was sending him to our home. The Judge talked to me before he called the young man in, and said he wanted him in our home because the young man was to give all his mind and energy to his studies, he wanted him to make good, and he understood from Dr. Allen he had to behave himself or he could not remain here.

Rent for half of room for one month, from Jan. 28th			
to <del>XXXXXX</del> February 28th.....			\$7.00
Payable in advance			
Loaned Arthur to go to St. Joseph, Fri, Jan 31st,..			\$1.50
" " for expenses.....Wed.		Feb. 5th...	\$1.00
" " " " .....		Sat Feb 8th....	\$1.00
" " 2...3¢ stamp.....		" 10th....	.06
" " 1...3¢ " .....		" 1st.....	.03
" " 1...3¢ " .....		" 11th.....	.03
" " .....		" 12th....	\$2.00
			<u>\$12.62</u>

to go to his Father's funeral who had passed away that day. He had not a penny

I have also given his several meals, as our guest, because we felt so sorry for him. Also gave him his breakfast this morning, Thursday, Feb 20th, as he said he was leaving as soon as some money came for his bus fare and I could not bear to think he might be hungry. There is, of course, no charge for these, but I would like to have the above money, so as to be able to carry on until the 1st, when I will get Mr Wellhausen's check, without borrowing from the Bank.

Very Sincerely,

*Mrs Edward L Wellhausen*



February 22, 1941

Mr. Maurice L. Mason  
Mason and Mason  
Attorneys and Counselors at Law  
American National Bank Building  
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Mr. Mason:

Mrs. Wellhausen has sent me a copy of the letter she wrote to you regarding the account of Arthur Spangberg.

I am sure that you will agree with me that this situation has only embarrassed Mrs. Wellhausen. Are you seeing that the friends of Arthur take care of this indebtedness at an early date?

I am still unable to understand why you would ask Arthur to come over under the conditions that you did. Who are the Kansas Alumni who wanted Arthur to attend the University and who would fail to help him the least bit?

I would appreciate an early reply.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:mh

cc- Mrs. E. L. Wellhausen





UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

March 17th, 41

Dear Dr., Allen;-

I feel so sorry to be bothering you again, but, if you have a little minute some time to spare, would you be kind enough to tell me what I should do now in regard to the Arthur Spangberg account? I have written to the Judge, also to Arthur, also to his Mother, and no reply from any of them. I really don't know what steps to take now. I really need the money very badly. Miss Elliott was here the other day and she said to tell you she would pay the \$2.00 I lent him to go to St. Joseph to attend his Father's funeral. I would not accept it until we have lost all hope of getting it from Judge Mason.

You said that Arthur had worked some, and you would see that I got that money.

Hoping you will forgive me for taking up so much of your time. and thanking you for everything I remain,

Very gratefully,

*Mrs. Wellhausen*



March 19, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Mason:

I have just talked to Mrs. Wellhausen this morning and find that Arthur Spangberg has done nothing about the payment of his account.

Mrs. Wellhausen loaned Arthur \$6.00 in cash out of her own meager earnings and the \$7.00 was for room rent. \$2.00 of this \$6.00 she loaned Arthur was to enable him to go to St. Joseph, Missouri allegedly to attend his father's funeral.

I cannot believe that you or Arthur would knowingly fail to answer letters such as Mrs. Wellhausen has written after you know all of the circumstances. Therefore, I have turned the matter over to Judge Robert Oyler, Attorney of Law here in Lawrence, with the intention of making somebody realize his obligations.

I need not go to Webster to get the definition of an impostor because I have a better definition than one Webster can supply.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:mh

cc: Arthur Spangberg



April 4, 1941

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

Dear Mrs. Spangberg:

I am sorry that my letter to Mr. Mason pains you. The last thing that I would want to do would be to hurt the mother of a son. I was greatly out of patience with the way the matter was handled, and at the present time I have heard neither from Arthur nor from Mr. Mason.

Personally, I cannot understand how a boy, as old as Arthur, would expect someone to send him through college when he would be getting the benefit. I have never had any boy feel that his athletics could be anything but a benefit to him. When he feels otherwise, he is not getting the most out of his play.

Many people feel that the University should pay a boy's expenses. I am sure that you do not, Mrs. Spangberg, because the ideals of an educational institution are not to develop athletes; they are to develop students and scholars and technicians; men who can go out in the world and fill a man's place long after athletics is done.

I am glad to know that Arthur's going home on February 12 was to attend his Father's funeral. He promised Mrs. Wellhausen that he would bring the money back but he did not.

I wish for you all the joy that a mother could have who rears a son, but too, I hope the son will be worthy of your love.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

FCA:lg



March 20 - 1941.

612 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Saint Joseph, Missouri

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Bob Cyler

Subs. 2 Kansas  
Bd. Bill  
Room.

Dear Mr. Allen: -

Arthur Spangberg, my son, left  
Saint Joseph for Lawrence, Kansas yesterday  
morning at 6.30 o'clock, in answer to the  
draft call - much as we regretted it. Much  
more I regret - the contents of this letter received  
an hour ago, addressed to him - and which  
mail he requested me to open - upon  
reading I see it was written to Mr. Maurice  
Mason - who I know was sponsoring  
Arthur's attending your college -

I am so sorry that Arthur's means of  
living were so meager and we were not  
able to help him outright financially.

However, you mention letters from  
Mrs. Nellhausen and I am certain that  
Arthur has not received any since his return.  
As I recall, Arthur said he had paid



his board bill and part of his room  
rent and no doubt Maurice had paid  
the balance -

Maurice has been very busy - and as  
at present I cannot reach him - as he is  
in Kansas City for the day - so I cannot  
contact him until he comes home.

Please know that this matter shall  
be taken care of - Arthur and Maurice  
both hold you so highly in their esteem and  
admiration I know they will not neglect it.  
Arthur's past three months have been in so  
much turmoil and miscewity that I ask  
you sincerely to pardon this act - he  
regretted so much leaving your university -  
naming you as the finest man he ever met.

In Arthur's behalf I am asking you  
to please let me know if this bill is paid  
in a reasonably short time.

I will pass the letter on to Maurice.

Mrs. Arthur Spangberg.

P.S. - It is correct, that Arthur's  
coming home on February 12<sup>th</sup> was to attend his Father's funeral.



Spangberg

Lawrence, Kans

May 7th. 41

Dear Dr. Allen;-

Enclosed find copy of letter written to Arthur Spangberg  
Anything I might be able to do to help, just remember I will be so very  
happy to do. Just give me a ring.

Thanking you for everything and that we will be seeing  
you some of these days, I remain,

Sincerely,

Mrs Edward L Wellhausen



May 7th, 41

Mr. Arthur Spangberg,  
Ft. Robinson,  
Little Rock, Ark.,

Dear Arthur:-

Mrs Tailor, Ed Vandever and Dr. Allen have asked me if I would not write and tell you how very badly they need the money Ed was kind enough to lend you, and, as Mrs Tailor had to refund \$60.00 during the Easter vacation, she is running behind and it is getting very difficult for her to keep on running her club. You will remember, it was owing to the kindness of the boys in the house that she extended you this credit. The others had to pay in advance. I think now, that you have some money of your own, Arthur, surely you won't forget how kind these people were to you when you needed it so badly, and will help them along by sending them what you owe them. I believe you owe Mrs Tailor \$8.00 and \$1.00 to Ed Vandever. He said to tell you it would seem like a fortune if you sent it to him now, he needs it so badly.

I had a nice letter from your Mother with a check in it for the amount you owed me, and a lovely letter from Judge Mason thanking me for the kindness I had shown you. Now I want you to do your part, and send these people their money.

Looking forward to hearing that you have paid them, and the very best of success to you in your Army Training, and kindest regards to your Mother, I remain,

Very sincerely,

Mrs Edward L. Wellhausen

1329 Vermont St.,



April 10, 1941

Mrs. Edward L. Wellhausen  
1329 Vermont  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Wellhausen:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which was enclosed in a letter to me from Judge Mason at St. Joseph, Missouri.

The envelope was on my desk and I opened it without first reading your name on the outside. I am sorry.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

LAWRENCE, KANSAS April 8th, 41

Dear Dr. Allen;-

I enclose herewith copy of letter I wrote Mrs Spangberg and hope it meets with your approval. I have sent it via registered mail.

Yesterday when Mr Wellhausen was at Coe's Drug Store, 14th & Mass, Mr Coe told him Arthur Spangberg owed them between five and six dollars. Said just what he did here, he was expecting a check from Judge Mason in a day or two and would pay them immediately. He said he lived like a king. Ate nothing but ice cream and candy bars. We are to give his address to Mr Coe so he can try to get his money back, if he can

I wish to thank you, Dr Allen for coming to Uncle Charlie Wray's funeral. It was so lovely of you, but, just those little acts is what makes everybody love you so, Mr Wellhausen. <sup>says</sup> I wrote to Prof. Basye you were there.

Dr Allen, I plan to give up the house the 1st of June. Going to try to get a clerical position. That will be all clear, and I can depend upon it, and maybe I will get caught up with my bank &. Ed just has one more year of K.U. and we cannot let him down now. Our Daddy is a jewel to us, right now. Could not get along without him. I could nurse, but I would like to be with the family evening to get their meals &. Plan to get a small apartment. I was a court, or assistant court reporter when I was young, and my short hand is still very fresh in my mind. Even If I only received \$8.00 a week it would be a fortune to us. Here our overhead is so high. Prof Basye was very kind and appreciative for our care of Uncle Charlie

Again thanking you for everything, and be sure to keep your eyes and ears open for me, I remain,

He also ordered the Kansas \$1.50 and never paid for it

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Edward L Wellhausen



April 7th, 41.

Dear Mrs. Spangberg;-

Dr. Allen just called and read your letter to me. Am very sorry you did not receive the letters addressed to you, and to your Son, Arthur. They have not been returned to me. Also, the day Arthur left, I wrote Judge Mason telling him all about everything, and enclosed a copy of statement of Arthur's account. Have never heard from him either.

I am also enclosing you a statement of his account, and he has never paid me one cent either on his room rent, or the cash I was kind enough to advance him

Dr Allen called me on Feb 29th, saying there was a young man Arthur Spangberg, of St. Joseph, Mo., sponsored by Judge Mason, also of St. Joseph, Mo., in his office, (Basket ball) and the Judge was very anxious to get him placed in a home where he would have to obey rules, and the Doctor had recommended my home. In a short time, the Judge rang my bell, and spoke to me about Arthur, and then called Arthur in. He also spoke in front of Arthur about wanting him to study and make good, and I was to let him know if he did not. He then left.

When he was gone, Arthur came to me about the room rent, and I told him it was payable in advance, and he said the Judge was to send him a check by Monday morning for everything.

Friday afternoon he came to us and asked us how much it would cost to wire home for money, as he had to get back to St. Joe for a Volley Ball game, Sat nite. Mr Wellhausen told him he thought it would be a dollar. Then he asked us if we would be willing to lend him \$1.50 he wanted to ride home with a Mr Lettz here. We said we would if he would be sure and return it Monday when he came home. I believe he returned home Sunday afternoon, but he did not have the money, said he was the Judge and he said it would be included in his check Monday. In the mean time he had to look up a place to eat on credit. He seemed not to have one penny. I called Dr Allen and told him the Boy seemed destitute, no money at all, and we had already lent him \$1.50 and he wanted another \$1.00 and he had to find credit for his meals, even. The Doctor said he really did not know the Boy, but surely a man like Judge Mason, would keep his word and look after the boy and send him money for his expenses, although he really did not understand it at all, that he should have no money at all. He said to lend him the additional dollar and he would write to Judge Mason about his desperate plight He did and he read me the Judge's reply in which he said he was sure the Board would act in favor of Mr Spangberg, and he would send the money immediately. So Doctor Allen and I thought everything would be alright. Then I had to lend him another dollar.

February 12th a telegram came for him and he was sure it was his money. It read "Father passed away, come home please, Mother" He said he had no money at all to go home. A Spanish teacher at the University happened to be visiting me at the time and said it was a matter of death the boy had to be helped. She said she would lend him the money, but she was all dressed in evening clothes for a dinner bridge and did not have the money with her, and Arthur had



only ten minutes to make the bus. I said I would lend it to him if he would promise to bring it back when he returned from his Father's funeral. He promised faithfully, he would. Miss Elliott took him to the bus in her car. When he came back he had no money for me. Said he saw Judge Mason and the check would be here ~~sure~~ sure in a couple of days

Dear Mrs Spangberg, I surely am very sorry about all this and know it must pain you, but as this is my only means of making a living and send my Son through K.U. you will, no doubt see the seriousness of the situation. We had to borrow money at the bank for his tuition, and because this bill has not been paid, I was not able to meet the note at the Bank. He is a Junior Chemical Engineer, and I am trusting you to do what ever is in your power to get this account adjusted so I can pay on that note

The last thing Arthur said to me as he waved good bye from the Taxi, was to thank me for everything, and to say I would get all of my money by the end of that week, if he had to go out and borrow it. I said I expected him to do so, as I needed it very badly

Regretting the nature of this letter, and also that Arthur was not able to return, as I really believe he would have made a wonderful student and a fine athlete, and hoping to hear from you in the very near future, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

I am sending this letter via registered mail, so as to be sure you receive it.



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Dear Coach:

I received your letter in regard to the accounts of Arthur Spangberg which he accrued while on a short stay at the University of Kansas.

I will make an attempt to contact Mrs. Wellhausen and explain Arthur's situation to her as I see it, the same as I will do to you in this letter.

Arthur Spangberg is a person in whom I do have some faith. This faith does not run to the extent of his financial ability, his spendings, etc. It is in his ability as a basketball player, his character and in his desire to make something of himself. He comes from a family beyond reproach from any aspect. They are good people and if you ever met them, you will agree.

I personally did not guarantee Arthur's welfare while at the University and I did not guarantee him a job and did not guarantee his basketball ability. I thought he would benefit much from your ability as a coach. You were very very fair to me and especially to him in giving him the opportunity to go to school. You did give him a job. That was the extent of your obligation. He was to carry the burden and do the job. This, apparently, he failed to do. He should not have borrowed money in cash, room rent, stamps, etc. He either should have made other arrangements or expected the same from his family at home.

His family did lose their father. His family is financially not able to keep him in school. His family did not want him to go to the Army unless it was his duty to go. However, his number was called and due to these circumstances he did not get his tuition and two others who would have guaranteed it, but for the knowledge that he would be called and would not be able to complete his education until after he returns. We felt after his Selective Service papers had reached him that he had better break up his schooling because he could not expect much return from it in such a way. Especially so, since he was to be an athlete.

Arthur is now in the army at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, in the 110th Engineers, I believe. He is being paid by the Government and should pay Mrs. Wellhausen and you every penny he owes. This obligation I will personally guarantee if he does not pay the same. However, I



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would like for him to meet his own obligations first and not expect to have them taken care of for him. I will contact him and see what reaction he has, but do not desire that you communicate my attempt to liquidate his claim.

May I thank you for your effort and attention shown to this boy in the past. May I wish you all the success in your future basketball contacts.

Please give the enclosed copy of this letter to Mrs. Wellhausen as I do not have an address for her.

Very cordially yours,

*Maurice L. Mason*  
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