

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

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