

April 23, 1943.

Mr. Clarence R. Spong, Principal,
Anthony High School,
Anthony, Kansas.

Dear Principal Spong:

Thank you very much for your very good letter of January 22nd. I know that you will feel that I was not appreciative of your fine letter, but I assure you that I am. When your letter came I thought that I would answer right away, but we had such a multiplicity of duties here in our physical conditioning course, handling 1800 boys three times a week, and administration of the department and coaching basketball that I put it aside. I beg your pardon for not answering sooner.

Now it is April 23rd and doubtless the boy has already made a decision. But if he has not he perhaps has been able to take the examinations and he will be permitted to express his choice regarding the school. Maybe you have had enough information that you have been able to advise him regarding his coming to K. U. this summer and next fall.

I certainly appreciate your interest in endeavoring to keep outstanding boys with athletic ability in Kansas. I am sorry that I have no advice to give because anything that I might say would be construed by most parents as a bit prejudicial to the University. However, I do feel very strongly in that regard and would do anything that I can to help any boy.

I had a letter from Mr. C. E. Hoopes on March 23rd asking if I could come to Salina and see the tournament, and see Horace Menasco play. Mr. Hoopes also mentioned Charles Truby and Victor Elliott. I was not able to leave Lawrence to see any of the tournaments at any place. So many coaches do scout these boys in their play that I have observed the rigid policy of not taking them in because you get credit for scouting even though you might go at the invitation of someone else.

It is always a pleasure for me to write to the boys congratulating them, and if in the course of my meeting with them there is an opportunity to extend an invitation to the University I am glad to do that. If you feel that a letter from me to any of them will be helpful I will be most happy to write to these chaps.