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Route 1
May's Lick, Kentucky
March 4, 1952

President Donovan
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

I wish to voice my disapproval in the way the responsible University officials handled the Bill Spivey case--- that is if I can believe the late accounts in the newspapers.

I hope I can state my cause in a somewhat more gentlemanly manner than Mr. Spivey was treated.

I just pay taxes in Kentucky and some go to the University of Kentucky, of which I contribute, but hereafter under protest. If the responsible University officials wish to make the headlines again why don't they try to save the taxpayer from being choked to death.

I will state I haven't seen Kentucky play basketball since the 1948 Olympic tryouts and I am not an alumnus of the University of Kentucky. I attended Washington & Lee University for two years and a student was not dismissed from school unless he was proven guilty of a violation of the honor system.

Mr. Spivey was not proven guilty and if he wasn't he should have been allowed to finish his Senior year. Probably his most severest critics are the ones who cheered the loudest at his basketball powers, and also bet on the basketball games.

If you deprive Mr. Spivey of his diploma, why don't you get the diplomas of Mr. Beard, Barnstable, and Groza back?

I don't wish to say anymore than to say I am thoroughly disgusted with the way the responsible University officials handled the Bill Spivey case and if these same officials are responsible for athletics at the University, the same University will awake some day and won't have any athletics--period.

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Shelby W. Blatterman