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Thanksgiving and Football.

For several years some of the larger collegiate institutions of the east have declined to sanction the custom of holding football games on Thanksgiving day. The Yale-Harvard game, the climax of the football season in the east, is now played on the last Saturday before Thanksgiving. Although one important contest, that between Pennsylvania and Cornell, will be held this year on the great autumnal holiday, the unmistakable tendency is toward the abolition of Thanksgiving games.

It is worth while for the faculties and athletic directors of western universities to ask themselves whether a similar change of custom in this respect should not be made universal among the institutions with which they are connected. As many of the western universities cling to the usage which makes football the chief and most conspicuous feature of the holiday. This year there will be games between Chicago and Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa, Illinois and Nebraska and Purdue and Notre Dame. A chief reason for this survival of Thanksgiving day football no doubt is the desire for heavy gate receipts. Holiday games mean big crowds. In fact, one cause of their abandonment in the east was that the crowds assembled on fields within easy reach of New York and Boston became too large to handle and the subsequent demonstrations of student enthusiasm became too fervent to be tolerated.

Primarily, however, the abandonment of the holiday games commends itself to public approval as a proper deference to the sentiment of the day. The effect of Thanksgiving football is to convert a sacred and significant national festival into an affair of noisy excitement, tumultuous crowds and profitable business enterprise on the part of college athletic corps. It tends to destroy the meaning of the day, whether it be regarded as a festival of the home or as an expression of religious feeling. The western universities owe it to their place as exponents of high ideals and fine standards of conduct to fall in line and rule out the Thanksgiving game.

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Nov.5th, 1901.

My dear Mr. Stagg:-

The following problems demand our immediate attention, and as Director of Athletics and all physical work in the University, I appeal to you to take the matters in hand:

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The women of the University will make an effort to secure $500. of this sum. The University will make an effort to secure $500.

Oct.30th, 1901.

My dear Mr. Stagg:-

I am hearing from several sources that the scrub team last week in the contest with Lewis Institute did dirty work. I should like to have you investigate the matter and report. It is also said that they were encouraged in this by Hirschberger. Of course I cannot believe this to be true. If there is any man on the team who did dirty work, he must be dropped immediately.

Yours very truly,

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April 27th, 1901.

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55 South Water Street, Chicago.

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W. R. Harper

The University of Chicago
Office of the President

April 22nd, 1901.

Dear Dr. Harper:

The attached letter has just been received, and the bearer is requested to secure an answer. I attach the last letter from Mr. Felix, to recall him to your mind.

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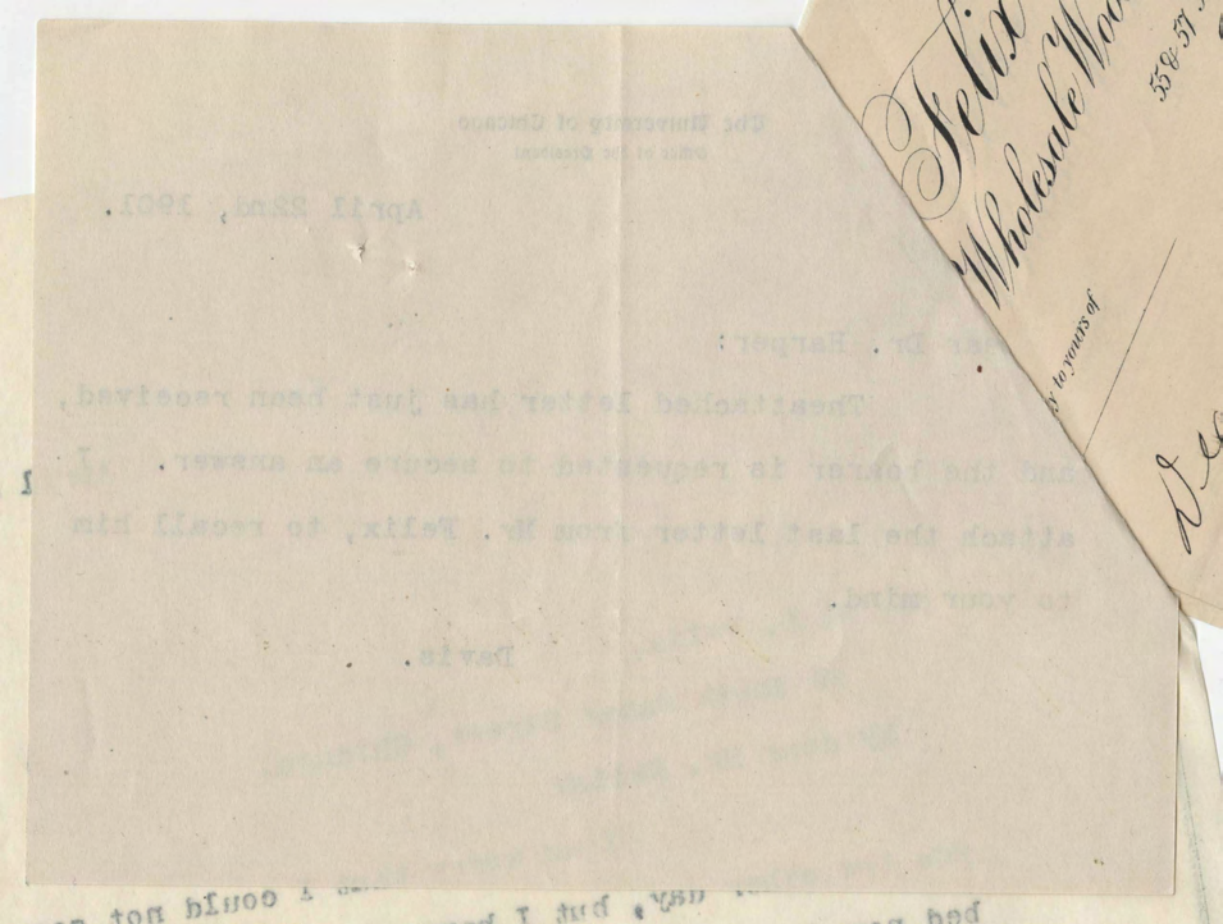

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Felix & Marston,

Wholesale Wooden & Willow Ware,

55 & 57 S. Water St.,

Reply to yours of

Chicago, April 22 1901

Dear Sir:—

In Reply to yours of the 20th
The matter on which I wish to see
you, is in Regard to the dinner which
I gave to the Foot Ball Team last
November, and at which several things
happened which were beyond my
Control and far from my Liking.
I Received a letter from Mr. Stagg
at that time which was quite uncalled
for and unjust to me, as he was not
in possion of all the facts, and which I
am sure would never have been written
had he known them all.
I wrote Mr. Stagg at that time and also
called to see you but did not find you
although I spent the best part of an
evening at your home.
I was afterwards told that you did not
know anything about the matter

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Chicago, 2 190

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I have since learned that you were consulted before the letter was written so I wish to give you a full account of my part in this matter as I am not content to let such a matter rest without your knowing the full truth, as I value your good opinion so highly.
If this evening would be convenient to you will you kindly let Mr. Ross know at what hour, if not what evening is. I would also ask that Mr. Stagg be there.

Yours truly

J. Paul Felix

April 19th, 1901.

Mr. B. B. Felix,

55 South Water Street, Chicago.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the seventeenth instant has been received. We have made a diligent search, but cannot find that any previous letter from you has been received. It will give megreat pleasure to see you any morning, between half-past nine and half-past ten,--except Saturday or Monday. If this is not convenient, I shall be pleased to make an appointment with you over the telephone.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you, I remain

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper

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Chicago, April 17 1901

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reply to yours of

Wm. H. Harper Esq.
Gen. of S. City.

Dear Sir:—

Some time ago I wrote asking you for the favor of an interview but up to the present writing have not had the favor of a Reply

May I Expect one?

Awaiting your favor

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Yours Truly

Bro B. Felix

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OFFICE OF
BENJAMIN B. FELIX
55 So. WATER ST.

CHICAGO, March 28 1900

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President Harper
University of Chicago

Dear Sir:—

It has just come to me, through friends, that you were consulted before the letter was written, by Mr Stagg, which was sent me after the dinner given by me to the Foot Ball Team. As I feel that a great injustice has been done me by you and Mr Stagg while not in possion of all the facts in the case, I request that you make an apointment with me, at your convenience and have Mr Stagg there so that he too may fully understand all the facts in the matter.

I suggest your home any night next week after Tuesday which will be satisfactory to you.

I called upon you soon after I received this letter but you were not at home, and I was informed ~~that~~ by some of my friends that you knew nothing of this matter, so I did not press it at ~~that time~~.

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I am unwilling that any one whose ~~of~~ good opinion I Regard so highly as I do yours, should judge me without all the facts being in his possion.

If you are not fully informed as to the contents of Mr Stagg letter to me and my Reply will you kindly ask Mr Stagg for them as he has a copy of his letter I am told.

Awaiting your answer

I am

Yours Very Truly

Benj B Felix

OFFICE OF

BENJAMIN B. FELIX

55 So. WATER ST.

CHICAGO 2 1900

As I understood that this was a matter purely between Mr Hogg personal and myself, and I wrote Mr Hogg fully my position in the matter

I am unwilling that any one whose of good opinion I regard so highly as Mr Young, should judge me without all the facts being in his possession.

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Awaiting your answer

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Benj. Felix

The University of Chicago
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Office of the President

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My dear Mr. Rayerft:—

President Harper would like to have a report on the enclosed by tomorrow morning.

Yours truly.

H. P. Cobb.

October 2nd, 1902.

Athletics

My dear Mr. Raycroft:-

I am asking Mr. Sheppard to present to you this letter. I think the boy is sincere. I know his uncle who has him in charge and I think we ought not to take the responsibility of pressing him too far in this matter. The fact of his very serious injury is an historical fact, and must be taken into consideration in all our questionings. I shall be glad to have word from you after your interview with him. It is evident that his uncle will withdraw him from the University in case we think it necessary to enforce the requirement of physical culture.

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My dear Dr. Harper.

The record of W. W. Sheppard in the department of Physical Culture is as follows:

Autumn 1899 - Winter & Spring 1900 - Excused on Dr Small's recommendation.

Autumn 1900 & winter 1901 - Registered but did not report.

Spring 1901 Allowed to defer work - Room unknown -

Autumn 1901 - Winter & Spring 1902 - No report.

His physical examinations showed a sturdy - well grown fellow - normal in every respect with the possible exception of a (1) slight cardiac hypertrophy - probably due to rapid growth; and (2) an occasional

cardiac irregularity - doubtless due to the rapid growth + the use of tobacco.

If it were not for his history there was nothing in the findings that would lead to a prohibition of indulgence in athletics.

Physical exercise of the sort he would have had in a gymnasium class would have been of decided value to him. His loss exceeded the requirement largely - it seems to me - on account of progress.

Hoping that this covers the ground of your inquiry. I am

Very sincerely yours

Joseph E. Raycroft.

JAMES J. WEST,
1524-1525 MARQUETTE BUILDING,
CHICAGO.

October 1st, 1902.

Dr. W. R. Harper,
President University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Harper:-

Referring to our conversation, last evening, over the telephone:- In the month of June 1898 my nephew, W. W. Sheppard, then a senior at the South Side Academy, was hurt on the head by a blow from a base ball. The severity of the injury made it necessary for him to discontinue his school course during a period of fifteen months. At the end of that time he entered the university; but was advised by our family physician, Dr. Edward M. Bruce, not to assume the risk of "gym work."

On being examined by Dr. Small he was excused from physical culture during the first year, and since that time, has not taken it up on account of the hazard. During each summer vacation of three months he has worked on a farm, and while in school, his daily walk of over six miles to and from the university, certainly furnishes him all the exercise he requires.

He is now a senior. I am informed that your rule denies a degree to anyone not credited with work in the branch referred to; but, under the circumstances, I feel that I am not unreasonable in requesting you to waive the rule in Sheppard's case. Enclosed herewith you will find a letter from Dr. Bruce in relation to the matter.

Please be kind enough to let me know your decision as soon as possible, since a refusal of the degree would probably change Sheppard's plans.

In any event, I am sure you will give the case such fair consideration as it deserves.

Yours, very truly,

James J. West

(Enclosure.)

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DR. EDWARD MALCOLM BRUCE,
5314 WASHINGTON AVE.
CHICAGO.
8-9 A.M.
1-2 P.M.
6.30-7.30 P.M.
SUNDAYS BY APPOINTMENT.

William R. Harper Esq
President University of Chicago.

Dear Sir:- In June 1898, I attended Mr. W.W. Shepherd for an accident received at a base ball game. There was an unquestioned concussion of the brain, unconsciousness at varying intervals for several days etc. I advised his uncle, Mr. I Wort, to give him a rest from mental and but light physical work for some months, avoiding hot sun etc.

Something like a year afterwards I examined him again and found him in excellent condition, except a seemingly slight hypertrophy of the heart, and I urged upon him the avoidance of athletics or anything in which physical strife would play any great part. It seems impossible to get an American youth to swing a pair of any Indian clubs now, for fun or profit. He must swing them faster or longer than his neighbor. I was perhaps more insistent upon the matter than usual on account ~~of a~~ of a very disastrous case (one of your students too) wh. came under my observation about that time.

I am very sorry if my advice has in any way jeopardized Mr. Shepherds university standing, but I am sure it was the correct thing for him physically.

Very respectfully yours,
Edw M Bruce M.D.

Sept 30th 1901.

PHONE DREXEL 4681

DR. EDWARD MALCOLM BRUCE,
5314 WASHINGTON AVE.
CHICAGO.

9 TO 10 A.M.
1 TO 4 P.M.
6:30 TO 7:30 P.M.
DURING P. M. APPOINTMENT.

Athletics

December 26, 1902.

My dear Mr. Butterworth:-

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May I also call your attention to the fact that, although you have accepted the position at Northwestern, you have given me no formal resignation. I am sure you will understand that it is customary in academic circles to present a formal resignation before accepting a new position.

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The Chicago Tribune.
OFFICE OF THE MANAGER

Athletics

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My dear Mr. Keeley:-

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The Chicago Tribune.

OFFICE OF THE MANAGING EDITOR.

Chicago, Nov. 29, 1902.

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If there are any such, pupils or professors, please consider that the office is open to any and all at any time. All I should like would be to have a little notice so that I can see that the visitors are properly taken care of.

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The Chicago Tribune.

OFFICE OF THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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My dear Mr. Allen:-

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

ANN ARBOR, Nov. 18, 1903. 190

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While I appreciate fully your aim to eliminate some objectionable features from the athletic arrangements now in use, I confess I fear your suggested remedy is impracticable. It would be impossible for us to procure an endowment fund either from the Legislature or from private gifts. Moreover, if it were possible, it is not clear to me that the evils you desire to avert would be avoided.

I expect that either Professor Pattengill or Professor Lane or both will go up to the game, and I will give them my views and instruct one or both to confer with you and President Van Hise, if you desire. It may be that you can suggest to them arguments which do not occur to me in favor of your plan. You may be sure that any suggestions from you will receive my most careful attention.

Yours very truly,

James B. Angell

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I expect that either Professor Pattengill or Professor Lane or both will go up to the game, and I will give them my views and instruct one or both to confer with you and President Van Hise, if you desire. It may be that you can suggest to them arguments which do not occur to me in favor of your plan. You may be sure that any suggestions from you will receive my most careful attention.

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With this review I proceed to state more specifically what I understand to be the attitude of the Michigan Association upon the principal suggestion made in President Harper's letter, namely, that Michigan and Wisconsin should take care of the liability of Chicago on account of claims growing out of the accident. In the first place, I understand the Association is unwilling to take any step which will directly or indirectly admit legal liability for injuries received in the accident. As I have said, it has from the first consistently denied and still denies any such liability. In the second place, I understand the Association believes that there does not arise an obligation to pay Chicago or any one else money for settlements in the making of which it has had no opportunity to be heard, and this seems to me, in view of all the circumstances, quite reasonable. In the third place, I understand the Association to be quite willing to co-operate with Chicago in seeking an adjustment of her liability on account of these claims in all ways not inconsistent with the above two positions.

Most respectfully submitted.

Victor H. Lane.