

Nov. 23, 1905.

*Cash letter*  
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Chicago Nov. 22nd, 1905.

President Wm. R. Harper,  
University of Chicago,  
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My Dear President Harper:

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CHICAGO Nov. 23 1905

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2. 150 Policemen is thought to be sufficient to protect the outside and the inside of the grounds. This number, as I understand it, have been promised. If there is any hitch in securing that number information of it will reach me and I will take the matter up personally with the Mayor.

3. Hitchcock Hall will be protected as follows-

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8. Mr. Stagg has in hand the arrangements for the special trains on the Illinois Central.

I took all these matters up with Mr. MacLean several weeks ago when the construction of the additions to the stand was in contemplation and have kept in touch since then with Mr. MacLean as to these details. Among other things I have cautioned him to see that the fences around the grounds are well supported on the inside; also that wire supports extending along the west and east sides of the field be provided, so that the fence cannot be easily interfered with by breaking it down at particular points, but so that the whole must go together; also that sufficient officers be provided on the outside of the grounds to prevent any of these attacks or the scaling of the fences and to prevent rushes at the gates.

It will be a tremendous affair as to attendance. It looks as if 200,000 or 300,000 people want to go.

I trust the above answers your inquiries. If anything further should occur to you in the way of precaution that can be taken against these accidents kindly advise and it will receive immediate attention.

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Dear Sir:-

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Mr. Chitwood informs me that the total capacity of the east and west grand stands is 14,800, the north sloping platform and the south sloping platform used for general admission will comfortably accomodate 10,000 persons, making a total capacity of stands on the field, 24,800.

I have charged myself with the duty of preventing people from climbing onto the window ledges, fire escapes, and roofs of the buildings <sup>near</sup> ~~on~~ Marshall Field. The arrangement will be as follows:

5700 Ellis Avenue:- One man to prevent people from climbing on roof of this building

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1. Provision should be made for patrolling the ground underneath the east and west grand stands in order to prevent possible fire from cigar stubs and also to prevent boys from reaching up through the open spaces under the seats to steal hand bags, purses, and parasols<sup>a</sup>, from ladies as has happened in the past, also to prevent them from reaching up for other purposes.

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*Athletics*

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Secretary to the President

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November 24, 1905.

What is the practice of your institution with reference to match games of basket ball between teams of women?

I.-Do you permit your women teams to visit other institutions for the purposes of a match?

II.-Do you permit them to take part in matches where the general public, including men, are admitted, or do you confine the audiences to women?

Aside from what may be the practice of your institution I would greatly appreciate it if you would give me, confidentially, your own opinion as to what is the wisest and most proper.

Will you also kindly inform me what is the practice of your institution with reference to supplying parents(or guardians)with stated reports of the standing of students.

Are such reports sent regularly, as a matter of course, or are they sent only when specifically requested by parents, or guardians?

Yours faithfully,

*Richard D Harlan*

Secretary to the Faculty,  
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Chicago, Illinois.







December 8th, 1905.

*Auth. Delivered*

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Chicago Jan. 24th, 1906.

To the Members of the Board of Trustees,  
The University of Chicago.

Gentlemen:

Last Friday, the University Senate, I am informed, took action which might seriously affect the work of the department of Physical Culture and Athletics. In as much as the action concerned matters of importance to my department, and in as much as neither myself nor any member of my department had any voice in this action, I feel that it is not fair nor just that the department of Physical Culture and Athletics, which was created by statute of the Board of Trustees in conjunction with all other departments of the University, can have no vote on certain questions of great moment, concerning itself.

As the University is now organized, the Senate may, at any time, legislate for the department of Physical Culture and Athletics, on matters which are of most vital concern to it, and yet the department can have no voice in any action the Senate may take. This is so manifestly unfair and un-American, that I appeal to the Board of Trustees to see that justice is done to the Department of Physical Culture and Athletics.







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