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1005 FIFTH STREET SOUTH EAST
MINNEAPOLIS

5 December 1911.

My dear Mr. Judson:

I have spoken to Mr. Paige who will write you direct. He tells me that Mr. Stagg misinterpreted what was said.

This whole affair is going to clear the air. The men here are stirred and will demand aggressive honesty in obeying whatever rules are finally adapted to govern our eligibility here. Our Committee of

the faculty have been perfectly
straightforward and sincere, but
they have not known the facts.
The strong men are saying "Let us
clean our own house and cast no
reflections on others."

I do hope Mr. Stagg will be
replaced. There is a strong feeling
that to have him and Ehler on
the board is not quite "playing
the game."

Yours sincerely,
George E. Vincent.
President H. P. Judson
The University of Chicago.

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I have been thinking of this.

The University of Chicago

FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

The Graduate School of Arts and Literature

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February 28th, 1912.

Director George W. Ehler,

Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Sir:-

This is a purely personal communication based on facts that have come to me from students. I find that the thing which everybody in the recent conference apparently anticipated has already come to pass here, namely,- that the inevitable inequality in administration of the proposed compromise is already working unfortunately in the minds of our public. We assumed beyond any doubt that the so-called compromise, as it was new legislation, would not go into effect until it had been ratified in due form by the members of the conference. Apparently the opposite presumption is adopted by some of the members of the conference. This fact has come to the knowledge of our public to a considerable extent, and it is certainly making the prospect of any better situation less favorable. The one conspicuous illustration is that of the captain of our basket ball team. He was declared ineligible because during the Summer, while the baseball team, of which he was a prominent member, was training for its trip to Japan, he, at the request of the captain of the football team, was at home giving up the prospect of the Japan trip, and to pass away his time played a few games on the local team ^{at his home} by permission of Mr. Stagg. The local team was scarcely a team at all, and broke up after a few games, whereupon Mr. Sauer played one or two games without asking permission on a similar team in a neighboring town. So far as he knows, and so far as we can find out, nobody on that team received pay, and Sauer did not, and did not need it because

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A.W. HARRIS, PRESIDENT
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY BUILDING
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
EVANSTON AND CHICAGO

17 February 1912

My dear President Judson:

In response to my recent letter,
I have received replies from all the universities except
Minnesota. President James is in Europe. The other pres-
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I find that the most satisfactory date seems to be
Saturday, March 9. I therefore call a meeting for ten o'clock,
at the University Club, where I wish you to be the guest of
Northwestern University.

Extracts from letters received will indicate the sub-
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Yours very truly,

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Board of Physical Culture and Athletics

Saturday, February 17, 1912 - 9:30 A.M.

Special Meeting - President's Office

Present: the President in the chair; Messrs. Angell, Arnett, Bliss, Buck, Gale, Hall, Mathews, Reed, Small, Wells; and the Recorder.

The accompanying report of student opinions on the matters presented at the last meeting in the report of the committee on the Amateur Spirit in Intercollegiate Athletics was presented by Mr. Reed. The accompanying report on alumni opinions, prepared by Mr. Richberg, was presented to the Board by the President.

A letter from Mr. Ehler, Secretary of the Intercollegiate Conference, asking for early action upon the recommendations of the Conference was presented.

The minutes of the Intercollegiate Conference were presented and action taken as follows:

1. "Recommended: RULE V. Sub. A be amended by adding: 'This shall not bar a student from playing on any baseball team that is not in a League under the National Agreement, provided ~~that~~ he receives therefor no compensation direct or indirect.'" Disapproved.

In connection with this resolution, the summary of replies received from alumni to a questionnaire sent out by Mr. Stagg was submitted.

2. RULE XIII. The faculty committee of any University may reinstate any student who has lost his eligibility through a minor infraction of a Conference Rule previous to entering the University. Approval voted, accompanied by the expression of a hope that men will not be qualified who have signed false affidavits.

Board of Trustees, Culture and Athletics
February 17, 1915 - 7:30 A.M.
Special Meeting - President's Office

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or indirect.' Disapproved.

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2. RULE XIII. The faculty committee of any University
may release any student who has lost his eligibility
through a minor infraction of a Conference Rule previous to
entering the University. Approved, accompanied by
the expression of a hope that men will not be qualified
who have signed false affidavits.

3. RESOLVED, That in the Present emergency reinstatement may be granted to students now in college who are ineligible through violation of Conference Rules, except in those cases where the men are ineligible through participation in organized baseball or other flagrant violation of the Rules.

All applications for reinstatement under the above Resolution must be made to the Faculty Committees concerned and acted upon by those Committees not later than the close of the present college year.

Disapproval voted.

Upon the resolution of the Intercollegiate Conference disapproving representation on the Conference by any person connected primarily with the Department of Athletics, it was voted that no action be taken.

Upon the resolution "that this Conference deprecates the employment in its athletics of any persons who are securing pay from professional baseball clubs for services in any capacity", it was voted that no action be taken.

To the resolution moved by Professor Ehler and seconded by Professor Smith, as follows:

"That we should endeavor to establish and uphold a high amateur standard in all college sports

a) By securing the cooperation of the student body through an educational campaign that shall explain the meaning of and necessity for such a standard;

b) By securing the cooperation of the faculty and alumni by an educational campaign that will emphasize the moral and ethical importance of Amateur Athletics in an educational system."

approval was given.

The report of the committee on the Amateur Spirit in Intercollegiate Athletics was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Adjourned.

University Recorder.

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Approved, voted.

The report of the committee on the Amateur Sports in Intercollegiate Athletics was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Adjourned.

University Recorder.

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A. W. HARRIS, PRESIDENT
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY BUILDING
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

EVANSTON AND CHICAGO

26 February 1912

Dear President Judson:

Following is a copy of the letter I sent out Saturday to the Presidents who expect to attend the Athletic Conference.

"President Harris instructed me to fix, in his absence, the date for the Presidents' Conference on Athletics. Two or three days ago I wired you asking if you could attend this meeting on March 13 or March 20. March 20 seems to be agreeable to all but President Vincent who says that he can not be here either March 13 or March 20, but that he can be here late in the afternoon and in the evening of March 19. I took the matter up with President Judson and he suggested that we call the Presidents to meet at dinner on March 19 and to hold conferences that evening and the next day. Will this be agreeable to you?"

Yours very truly,

John C. Burg
Secretary to the President

To

Dr. Harry Pratt Judson, President

The University of Chicago

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

EVANSTON AND CHICAGO

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Yours very truly,

John C. Gump
Secretary to the President

To

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Minneapolis

February 26, 1912.

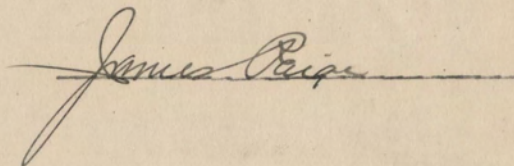
Professor A. A. Stagg,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Professor Stagg:-

Enclosed please find statements and our certificate as respects two basketball players. Assuming that the recent legislation of the Conference is effective until rejected by any University and having not heard of the rejection of the same, our Committee has declared these men eligible, and I herewith send you a statement of their athletic life in order that you may know exactly the facts and the conclusions to which our Committee has come.

It will be Minnesota's practice whenever applying the present legislation, to make a statement as to the athletic life of each student whom she deems it permissible to declare eligible under the present legislation. If in your judgment we are applying the so-called "whitewash" too liberally, I should be glad to be so advised.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James R. Pease", followed by a horizontal line.

JP-S.

The University of Minnesota

Minneapolis

February 28, 1912.

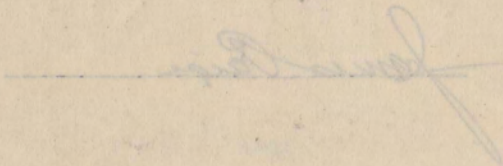
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FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

The Graduate School of Arts and Literature

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Feb. 28th, 1912.

President Harry Partt Judson,
The University of Chicago.

My dear chief:-

Enclosed is material from Mr. Paige of Minneapolis, showing that they have white-washed already two of the most prominent members of their present basket ball team, one of them certainly having committed an offence which was never, I think, by the majority of the members of the conference classed as among those which would be forgiven under the compromise. Dr. Reed tells me also that Wisconsin has done a similar thing in the case of a prominent member of its present basket ball team. They assume, contrary to my understanding of the law of the conference, that they are at liberty, before the stipulated sixty days have expired, to assume the validity of the new legislation. My view is that the contrary assumption is the proper one. At any rate, that is the basis on which, as I understand it, we always have acted and we are certainly so acting at present. I enclose copy of a letter which I have sent to Mr. Ehler, and I have sent a copy of it also to Mr. Paige of Minnesota and Mr. Moran of Purdue.

Sincerely,

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CHICAGO ILLINOIS

2 March 1912

My dear President Judson:

The Presidents' Conference is called for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 19 and 20, in the University Club, Chicago. President Vincent must leave after the session Tuesday evening. President Van Hise can not come until Wednesday morning. The others expect to be present throughout. The Conference will assemble at 6.30 p.m. when dinner will be served.

The Intercollegiate Conference has asked for a joint meeting. One president has expressed himself as opposed to such a meeting; others favor it; I refer the matter. Do you favor a joint meeting for Wednesday afternoon?

Yours very truly,

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The University of Chicago

Chicago, March 4, 1912

Dear President Harris:-

Your favor of the 2d of March received.

I shall be glad to attend the Presidents' Conference on Tuesday evening, March 19th, and on Wednesday, March 20th. I am sorry that all cannot be present throughout. So far as the Inter-collegiate Conference joint meeting is concerned, I hardly see the value of it. I should not oppose it if the majority favor, but when the Presidents' Conference has reached their conclusion it would seem to me the better thing for them to report back to take up action as they may deem proper directly with their college boards, instead of trying to act with the Conference.

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President A. W. Harris,
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The following memoranda were presented by President Stone.

Being convinced of the importance of athletics as an element in University training when properly related to the main purposes of the institution, we subscribe to the following statement of conditions which in our judgment should prevail and to the maintenance of which in our respective institutions we pledge our earnest endeavors.

1. The Intercollegiate Athletic Conference is an indispensable means of cooperation and should be maintained as the official agency for the expression of the common purpose of its institutional members, to bring college athletics into reasonable and sane relations to the aims and purposes of higher education.
2. The amateur spirit must be the prevailing spirit in college life and its establishment must be sought not alone by the enactment and enforcement of athletic rules but by a continuous program of education in which the higher institutions of learning must assume a leadership.
3. To the end that existing tendencies toward undue exaggeration in college athletics may be restrained, the Intercollegiate Conference is requested to give early consideration to placing reasonable limitations upon too great expenditure of time and money in intercollegiate contests; to the promotion of intra-mural games; the establishment of the letter and the spirit of amateurism; and the elimination from college circles of professional influences in the coaching, playing and management of contests.
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March 20, 1912.

For many years the conference organization has been endeavoring to build up standards of intercollegiate athletic competition which would bring about the best results to the men who compete and to the universities generally. The whole trend of conference legislation has been towards establishing what is known as an amateur standard which in its essence is playing games for what is in the games themselves in pleasure and in physical betterment rather than for money or advertising purposes. This committee believes that this is the only standard which can endure and that if the basis of intercollegiate athletics is to be commercialism rather than the play spirit it would be better to abolish athletic competition at once before it degenerates to a point where its condition will be so bad that its extermination will be a necessity.

It seems incomprehensible that the conference work through all these years should go for nothing and be swept away by the present demand for professionalism. The arguments which have been advanced supporting this movement are principally two; first, that there is a necessity for some men to make a living which they can best make by playing base-ball or by competing professionally in some other form of athletics. The number of these individuals is comparatively small. We do not believe that their need, if it is really a need, should be weighed for a moment against the general conditions of intercollegiate athletics. The second argument seems to be largely that the men are led into perjury by the present rules which require statements from them to the effect that they have not competed professionally. The representatives of several great universities say that it is impossible to keep these men from perjuring themselves, that the rules are a constant temptation to perjury, that, therefore, we should abolish the rules and go into a state of professionalism, - in other words, give up and take things as they are found, an attitude which in our opinion is without logical defence.

The President of the Conference received the following memorandum from the Graduate Committee at an informal luncheon given at the University Club.

March 30, 1918.

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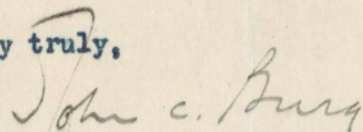
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3:30p

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