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Last week we had large numbers of high school children with no one to supervise them in the dressing rooms, to be responsible for their linen, for their showers, and for the use of the hair dryers. These matters, however, I have again arranged with Miss Jones and this week she has promised to have someone there, so I hope the results will be more satisfactory than last week.

The Elementary children seem to me to present a serious problem. You have registered for 11:00, forty-five elementary children. These children are too small to take care of the hair dryers, or to assume any responsibility about dressing rooms, keys, linen, etc. Entering the pool at 11:30, before the first groups have left, is another class of thirty-seven. It will be impossible for us to handle classes of that size in that short space of time. Those classes should, it seems to me, be limited to twenty-five and if they are going to have the use of our pool we must ask you to have an older woman there on duty in the dressing rooms at 10:40 to remain until the last Elementary child has left the pool. We then could work out a plan by which the children could pass under one shower, could be told about the care of their linen, the handling of the hair dryers and all the details necessary, unfortunately, for women to attend to in using a swimming pool. Unless this arrangement can be made I feel that we must withdraw our permission for the Elementary school to use the swimming pool.

There are fifty children registered in your 2:30 High School class. This is immediately preceded by a class of twenty-five or more and while this is not my affair I feel that in fairness to students swimming and also to the instructor fifty children, beginners, intermediates, and advanced swimmers alike are an unmanageable and unsafe group for one instructor to handle. Miss Semple begins to teach at 11:00 and has three periods through 12:30. She has two periods from 2:00 till 3:00 and two from 4:00 till 5:00. I should suggest that the 2:30 class be reduced to a registration of thirty, not only to make better service in our dressing rooms possible but also to insure greater safety in the swimming pool.

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The University of Chicago

The School of Education

THE UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

June 23, 1924

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Dean J. H. Tufts,
Faculty Exchange.

My dear Mr. Tufts:

I am very glad to receive the information regarding the possibility of the High School securing full use of the swimming pool in Ida Noyes on Saturday forenoons during the ensuing school year. With that assured, I am sure the difficulties which made it impossible for us to use the pool during the past year will be largely overcome. I hope we can also make provision for extra compensation for the maids employed by Miss Dudley. I will call this matter to Mr. Morrison's attention.

Respectfully yours,

W.C. Reavis

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Principal

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25 NORTH DEARBORN STREET
CHICAGO

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Phoebe, Cullen
President Ernest D. Burton,
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The matter is a somewhat delicate one and at the present time, when even threatening weather is to be avoided if possible, if I had the decision I would approve the appointment.

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July 16, 1924

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Against this general background I should be glad to have your judgment as to what is wise in the case. I have applied to Mr. Pierrot also who has referred me to Mr. Giffen of the football tickets Committee.

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Department of Physical Culture and Athletics

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

June the Eleventh, 1924.

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Mr. N.C. Plimpton, Auditor.
University of Chicago.

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Dear Mr. Plimpton:

In accordance with my usual letter at this time of the year, kindly arrange to make payments of salaries in the Department of Physical Culture and Athletics for the year 1924 and 1925 according to the following plan:

A. A. Stagg	Salary arranged by Action of the Board of Trustees.
Dr. D. B. Reed	Salary arranged by Action of the Board of Trustees.
Nelson H. Norgren	Salary \$4,700.00 a year. Increase of \$200.00 for the year.
Herbert O. Crisler	Salary \$4,120.00 a year. Increase of \$120.00 for the year.
D. L. Hoffer	Salary \$3,000.00 a year.
Dr. C. O. Melander	Salary \$3,720.00 a year. Increase of \$220.00 for the year.
N. B. Johnson	Salary \$2,760.00 a year. Increase of \$180.00 for the year.
Opal C. Power	Salary \$2,160.00 a year.
Margaret Coyner	Salary \$1,560.00 a year.
Grace M. Gilmore	Salary \$1,560.00 a year.
James Twohig	Salary \$1,680.00 a year.
Alex Kreydich	Salary \$1,560.00 a year.
John Weberg	Salary \$1,680.00 a year.
Tom Eck	Salary \$1,440.00 a year. Increase of \$60.00 for the year.
S. K. Vorres	Salary \$1,060.00 a year. Increase of \$60.00 for the year.
	\$105.00 a month for the months of October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May, June and July - a total of 10 months. September,
A. A. Stagg, Jr.	Salary \$2,000.00 a year, for the months of October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May & June and July - a total of 10 months.

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Last year we paid Assistant Football Coaches for the Fall quarter as follows:

C. C. Jackson	\$1,000.00
Dr. E. D. Huntington	1,000.00
D. J. Fisher	700.00

On account of Mr. Norgren's absence in Japan, I may decide to have one or two additional men. No arrangement has yet been made for any of the assistant coaches as indicated above. I shall report in September regarding the Assistant football coaches and the amounts to be paid to them.

Sincerely,

A. A. Stagg

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June 1934, Krasnoyarsk

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A circular blue ink stamp. The outer ring is a clock face with numbers 1 through 12. Inside the ring, the text "RECEIVED" is at the top, "JUN 12 1924" is in the center, and "OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR" is at the bottom. A small star is positioned to the left of the date.

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October 21, 1924.

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DR E D BURTON

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PRESIDENT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO CHICAGO ILL

BAND DIRECTOR WILSON ADVISES QUESTION BAND COMING COLUMBUS FOR GAME SATURDAY IN YOUR OFFICE FOR DECISION MAY I SUGGEST THE CHICAGO STATE CONTEST IS RAPIDLY RISING IN IMPORTANCE IN OHIO AND I FEEL THAT CHICAGO WILL DO ITSELF VERY MATERIAL INJURY TO SEND TEAM HERE WITHOUT BAND HAVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH CITY OFFICIALS FOR MOUNTED POLICE ESCORT FOR BAND AND SINCERELY HOPE YOU WILL SEND ENTIRE BAND OF NINETY PIECES

WILLIAM S HARMAN

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Office of the Organist and Director of Choirs

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Att

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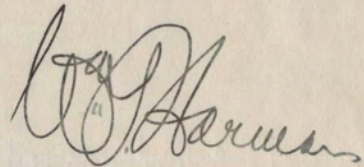
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WSH/r

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. B. Harmon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "W. B." being more prominent and the last name "Harmon" following in a similar style.

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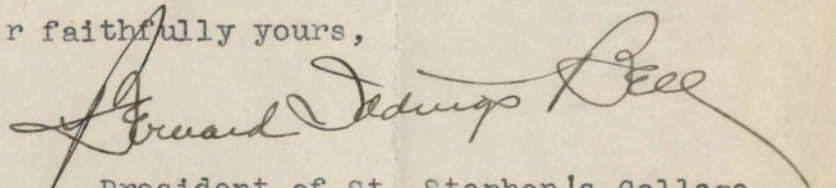
President of the
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. President:

Not with any belief that my opinion will matter one way or the other to anybody at the University of Chicago, but simply for the purpose of relieving my soul, I wish, as an alumnus of the University, to voice my protest at the new athletic facilities program outlined in the illustrated leaflet which has just reached me. That the University of Chicago should thus surrender to the absurd over-emphasis upon vicarious athletics which characterizes our American educational scheme to a ludicrous degree, is to me a matter of the greatest regret. By vicarious athletics, I mean athletics performed by a small group of semi-professionalized athletes for the amusement of the rest of the student body and a large horde of casual spectators who have no interest whatever in the University's serious purposes. It has rejoiced my soul of late years to walk down 57th Street and see the modest, sensible equipment which University athletics has enjoyed. I shall in the future have the same sinking of the heart as I approach the campus which I feel when I look at the Yale Bowl or the Harvard Stadium.

I am, my dear Mr. President,

Ever faithfully yours,



President of St. Stephen's College

University of Chicago, 1907.

PRESIDENT'S ROOM
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emphasis upon vicious athletics which characterizes our
American educational scheme to a ludicrous degree, is to me a
matter of the greatest regret. By vicious athletics, I mean
athletics performed by a small group of semi-professionalized
athletes for the amusement of the rest of the student body and
a large horde of casual spectators who have no interest whatever
in the University's serious purposes. It has rejoiced my soul
of late years to walk down 57th Street and see the modest, sensible
equipment which University athletics has enjoyed. I shall in
the future have the same sinking of the heart as I approach
the campus which I feel when I look at the Yale Bowl or the Harvard
Stadium.

I am, my dear Mr. President,

Ever faithfully yours,

President of St. Stephen's College
University of Chicago, 1907.

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November 20, 1924.

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I have your letter of November 10th to President Burton. I am sorry that you have gained an erroneous impression of the plans of the University in the matter of its program of Athletics. The plan of the University is based upon athletics as a part of an educational policy in a large sense of the word, and involves the following:

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gymnasium. The long term development will take as
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Athletics

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Abbott

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I wish to express to you my great satisfaction in the game of last Saturday and its result. At any time it would have given to the friends of the University great enjoyment. But over and above that, coming as it does at this particular point in the University's history, it is of great significance and value to us.

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November 18, 1924.

My dear Mr. Swift:

I enclose herewith correspondence between Wilson and Stagg sent to me by Stagg. Can we afford to accept any contribution from the public toward this building in view of the statement that we have made, and shall wish to make on that point. Can we skilfully turn this money into some other direction?

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Aut. letter
from me

AT,

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President Ernest D. Burton,
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Dear Mr. Burton:

Returning herewith correspondence between Walter Wilson and Stagg: I recommend writing Mr. Wilson that Mr. Stagg has turned over his check and cordial letter of November 13 to you, which you very much appreciate; that there are some interesting problems in connection with our athletic and educational development and that you would appreciate an opportunity to talk to him about them before applying the check as suggested; and then giving him an alternative of a couple of days next week when you can come, saying that you will have your secretary phone to confirm whichever is more convenient.

I would then talk to him, indicating that because of the dangers of modern football we are planning to finance our equipment differently from other institutions so that we may absolutely control the situation with our alumni and young alumni from other institutions, and the type of professional football supporters who make for bad conditions; then, branching off into our general program and saying that if he agrees you would like to use this check for it, and that you hope he will let you send him literature and other information so that at a later time you may ask him for additional support. Incidentally, I would not offer at any time to return the check, except by inference; I even advise not having it with you on the day of the interview.

Perhaps you will want to get Stagg's approval to such a procedure.

*Think he might subscribe
up to \$25,000. to our campaign HHS*

Yours cordially,

Harold H. Swift,

Dr. J. H. Ball
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

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President Hiram S. Burton,
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addition, I would not object if you would return the check, except
by instrument. I am giving you a receipt with you in the day of the
instrument.

I am sure you will find Mr. Ball's attitude to be a
valuable one.

Sincerely,
J. H. Ball

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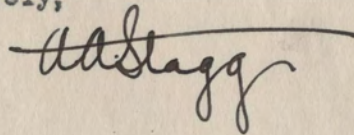
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November the Seventeenth
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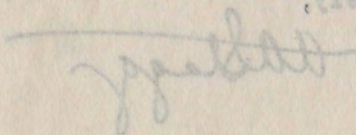
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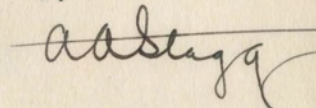
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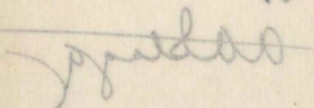
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Walter H. Wilson

Prof. A. A. Stagg,
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At 1

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Wilson + Stagg letters
sent to Mr. Swift.
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November 18, 1924.

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and a most just expression of appreciation
for what you have done and are doing. Mr.
Wilson himself told me about his gift with
great enthusiasm at a recent dinner at which
I met him.

The gift raises a somewhat diffi-
cult question which I shall have to take
time to think over, and shall write you again
as soon as I have any clear thought about
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Very truly yours,

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The University of Chicago.

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If you agree, I will write Mr. Meigs that I have conferred with you and Mr. Stagg and that we are proposing to prepare such a statement as he suggests, and as far as practicable, carry out the whole course of action suggested by him.

Very truly yours,

Dr. D. B. Reed,
The University of Chicago.

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My dear President Burton

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This would seem to me to care for the situation reasonably especially as the need is probably not as great as Mr. Meigs would indicate.

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The University of Chicago

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Office of the President

COPY.

November 25, 1924.

President Ernest D. Burton,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear President Burton:

Recently I attended a party given by a prominent physician here in Chicago. Several well-known physicians were present. The talk turned on athletics. One of the physicians said, "It is a pity that universities do not tell their athletes how to live after they get out of school. I have had many cases of athletes who have gone down the hill physically only a few years after they left their university. In nearly every case this could have been prevented had they been given intelligent instruction on how to live when they get out of college."

This brought on a general discussion, the gist of which was that the average athlete on leaving school usually gets a position in an office. He stops indulging in all forms of athletics but he doesn't stop eating the same amount of food as he did when he was in fine training, and further he pays no attention to what he eats. The result is that his body trained to burn up all kinds of food soon begins to deteriorate. The athlete becomes fat and his resistance is lowered. Over-indulgence in the wrong kinds of food begins to poison his body and he is lucky when he finally wakes up if his condition has not become serious.

I could go on for pages but I think the above is sufficient. My suggestion is that some system should be adopted at the University whereby each athlete before he leaves school shall be made to report to a physician of intelligence and understanding who will give him a good practical talk on the fact that he is now equipped with a fine body and should know how to take care of it. He should be cautioned about doing the things that the average young athlete does when he takes a position in an office. With all this I believe he should be given a book containing a few simple, understandable, and workable rules to live by. This book should stress diet and systematic exercise. To make him value and keep this book it might be autographed by the Coach or President of the University--or both.

Perhaps you are doing some such thing as this now. I haven't asked Mr. Stagg. It wasn't done in my day and I believe much good would come of it.

Sincerely yours
M. C. Neigs.

Advertising Manager
Chicago Evening American

The University of Chicago

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Office of the President

December 2, 1924. *at 1*

My dear Dr. Reed:

I am handing you herewith a copy of a letter from Mr. Meigs. I have already discussed the matter with Mr. Stagg who in general approves the recommendations of Mr. Meigs, though saying also that what he proposes is already to a certain extent in effect.

May I propose that you take this matter definitely in hand, confer with Mr. Stagg, and send to me a proposal as a course of action to be followed. I should be particularly interested to know whether you think that a talk of the character that Mr. Meigs recommends is practicable.

Very truly yours,

Ernest D. Burton

Dr. Dudley B. Reed,
The University of Chicago.

EDB:CB

The University of Chicago

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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November 2, 1934.

My dear Dr. Hays:

I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter from Mr. Nelson. I have already discussed the matter with Mr. Hays and in general approve the recommendations of Mr. Nelson, though saying also that his proposal is likely to be a certain amount in effect. I am also saying that you can take this letter as a basis for your contact with Mr. Hays, and that a proposal is a matter of fact to be considered.

Should it be possible to have a meeting to discuss this matter, I think that a talk on the character of the work would be profitable.

Very truly yours,

Frank B. Rowland

Dr. Hays, 8. Hays,
The University of Chicago.

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At 1
January 27, 1925.

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Morrison R. Waite High School

TOLEDO, OHIO

JAMES A. POLLOCK
PRINCIPAL

Stagg
under

March 20, 1925.

Athletics

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The University of Chicago
Department of Physical Culture and Athletics

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Oct. 17. 1924.

To the Alumni;-

This announcement marks the realization of our hopes for the development of athletic facilities at the University. I have given careful study to the preparation of this plan for a field house and increased permanent seating capacity for football which has now been adopted by the Trustees. In my opinion it is an adequate and satisfactory solution of our difficulties and I commend it to you all. We may now look forward to a complete development of the field of which we all may well be proud.

Sincerely,

—A. A. Stagg

THE PROGRAM FOR ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO



THE President and Trustees of The University of Chicago, after a thorough study of questions involved in the development of athletics, are now able to announce to the alumni and friends of the University important plans for building on Stagg Field.

On account of the increasing demand for seats at athletic events the University two years ago adopted the policy of giving alumni and students priority in the selection and purchase of seats.

The alumni have had the best seats available, but during these two years there has become evident a rapidly growing need for seating capacity. Consequently, the President and Trustees of the University, through their committee on Football Seating and in consultation with Director A. A. Stagg and with alumni, have been working toward a solution of the several problems involved.

The University must have a baseball field, a running track, a new field-house, and much larger seating capacity for football. The difficulty of adequately increasing the permanent seating capacity and still retaining the running-track and base-

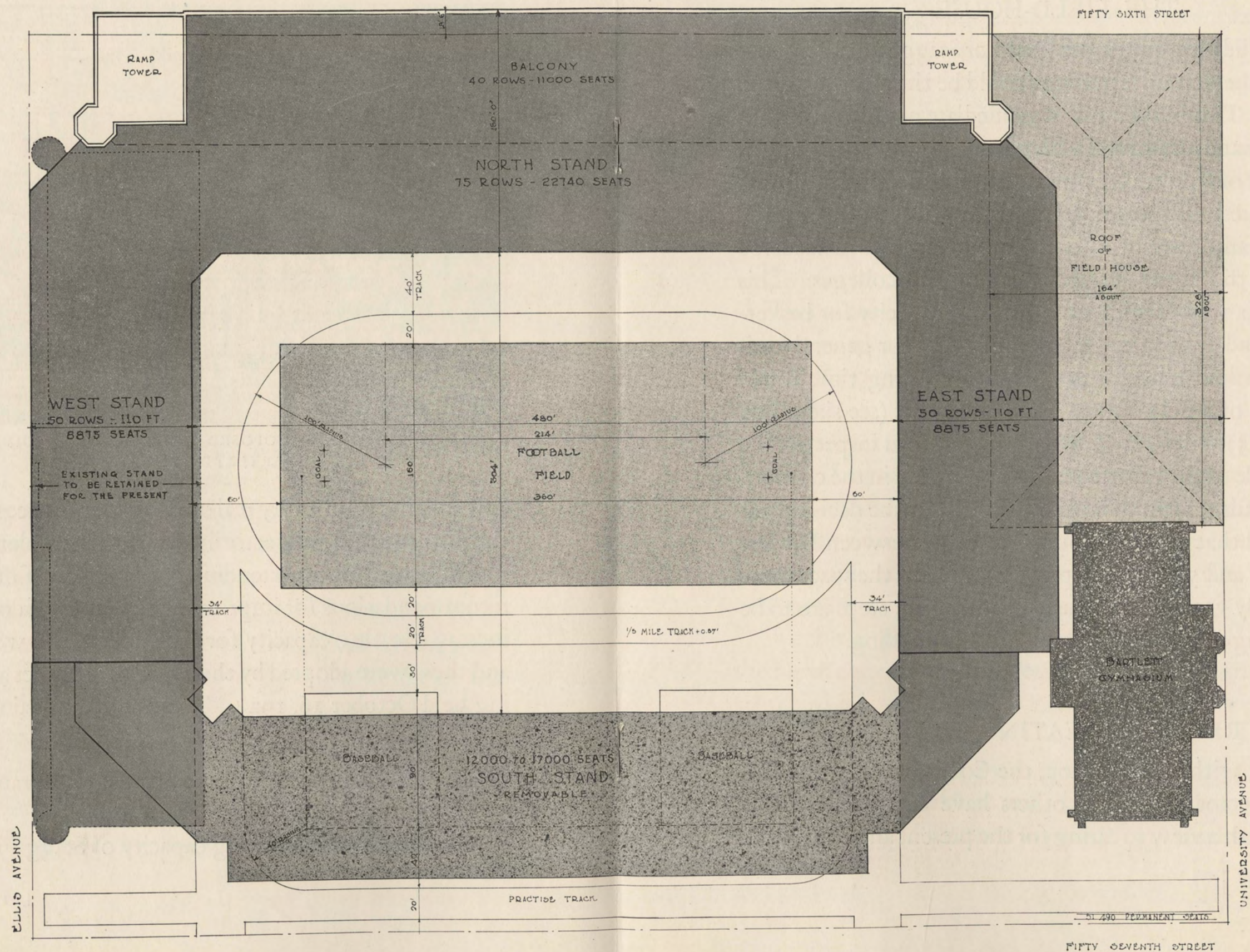


SKETCH OF PROPOSED FIELD-HOUSE ADJOINING
BARTLETT GYMNASIUM

ball field has been a very real one, but the Trustees believe that the plan adopted satisfactorily solves this problem.

After conferences extending over a period of many months, recommendations for improved facilities for indoor sports and increased seating capacity for the athletic field were drawn up and these were adopted by the Board of Trustees at their meeting held October 16, 1924. There are two main divisions of the plan decided upon:

- 1—Erection of a Field House north of the Frank Dickinson Bartlett Gymnasium.
- 2—Increase in the seating capacity of Stagg Field.



PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF STAGG FIELD

THE FIELD-HOUSE

Careful study has convinced Director Stagg and others concerned that the first undertaking should be the erection of the field-house. This building is an immediate need in order that indoor sports and intramural athletics may continue to develop. The capacity of Bartlett Gymnasium has been repeatedly over-taxed. Interest in intramural athletics is growing at the University, and the encouragement of them is considered essential to the better development of the colleges. This building, too, will provide ample seating capacity for basketball games and a much needed assembly hall for general University purposes. Director Stagg has for a long time urged the erection of a field-house. The plans for it (see sketch on pages 4 and 5) will be founded upon a personal inspection he recently made of the best structures of the kind in the country.

Many details remain to be worked out, but the decision has been reached that the field-house shall stand between Bartlett Gymnasium and 56th Street, practically filling the space there available. By vote of the Trustees, immediate steps are to be taken looking toward the erection of this building.

INCREASE IN SEATING CAPACITY

In dealing with this question, the Committee on Football Seating, Director Stagg and others have examined various proposals with a view to caring for the present and the future.

Projects involving removal of the field to an entirely new location have been among suggestions offered. The decision reached is that further development of athletics shall be on and about Stagg Field. Reasons for this decision are:

- 1—Desirability of having the athletic field in close proximity to the educational and residence buildings.
- 2—Necessity of reserving for educational needs of the University other land owned by the University which otherwise might be available.

The definite plan adopted for improvement is that the football field shall be turned about so that the length of the gridiron will extend from east to west, instead of from north to south.

A large permanent grandstand will be erected along 56th Street. The present temporary stands along the east and south sides of the field may continue in use, but the former will eventually be replaced by permanent stands in front of Bartlett Gymnasium and extending partially over the roof of the field-house.

When the present west stand is linked up with those on the north and east sides of the field, there will result a U-shaped stand, which will have a total seating capacity estimated at 51,490 seats.

Temporary or permanent stands may be employed at the south end of the field, increasing the total capacity by 12,000 to 17,000, depending upon the height of these stands. What-

ever the form of this construction along 57th Street, it is considered that it should be low enough to leave open a view to the south.

Thus the total seating capacity to which those interested in athletics at the University may look forward is estimated at between 60,000 and 70,000. The seating capacity at present is about 32,000.

Financing, both of the field-house and of the improvements on Stagg Field, is to be met from athletic funds.

No appeal to the alumni for the financing of either project is contemplated.

The question of athletic development has been studied in its relation to the general development program of the University, and has been recognized as an important feature of that program. The two-fold plan explained above meets with the approval of Director Stagg. It is offered to the alumni in the confidence that it will receive their approval also.

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE
ON ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT

WILLIAM SCOTT BOND, '97, CHAIRMAN

November 1, 1924

