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dent Harper thinks it is, to the highest scholarship. But the discussion does not stop here. Men who know little or nothing of the college fraternity spirit take up the cudgels and write the grossest slander and abuse. In one of the most prominent papers of the East an editorial in just this spirit has been found. It applauded President Harper, but went far beyond him. It said that Harvard and Yale were honeycombed by secret societies; that "it has taken many a young man a good many years to overcome the habits which he contracted in these secret societies;" and that the spirit of comradeship which they have built up "is a large penalty to pay for the vices which have killed out what is best in the minds and hearts of a great many young men." These statements, if we put the Yale senior societies aside as a special class, are untrue: The aims of the average college fraternity, those fraternities which are national in character, and which alone can be considered, are twofold: First, they are to promote that kind of pure and manly companionship which is indicated by the very name "fraternity," and fostered by the designation of "brother," when member addresses member; and secondly each, in friendly rivalry, wishes to excel all of its competitors in the character and achievements of its men. In college these achievements are usually in the field of scholarship. All the prominent fraternities keep careful lists of the prizes, the scholarships, and de-

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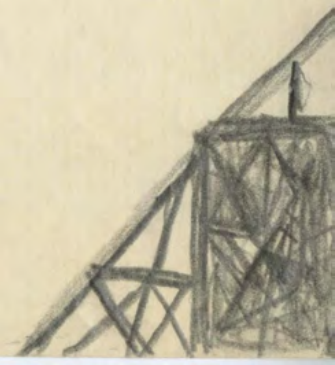

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tion for all honors controlled by
~~Dear Sir~~: the students, dwindles to a
strife where chicanery and tact for
political combinations rides in triumph
over all honest conviction of
real merit.

I had excellent opportunity to compare
the two phases of college life, with
and without the Secret Societies, since
I spent the first two years of my college
course at Madison University N.Y. where
the Societies are excluded. The esprit
de corps and general ambition
of students for literary excellence, as
shown in the two colleges was
in marked contrast and greatly
in favor of Madison.

I hope to send my son to your University
when he is old enough & am rejoiced at your
position in this regard.

Very Respectfully E. P. Hotchkiss

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Chicago

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the purchase of the property at the corner of La Salle and Dearborn streets, Chicago, Illinois. The property is now owned by the Chicago & North Western Railway Company, and is being offered for sale by the Chicago & North Western Railway Company. The property is a valuable one, and is situated in one of the best locations in Chicago. I am sorry that I am unable to purchase the property for you, but I will do my best to assist you in your efforts to purchase the property. I will keep you advised of any further developments in the matter.

Monwood Park, Ills

Oct. 15th 1892

Localman

Dear Pres. Barker:

Taking up the "News"
this Am. I was delighted be-
yond measure at your posi-
tion concerning the evil effects
of ^{college} fraternities. — I have
a right to express myself
thus to you, as I have a
sen in your Senior (Univ.)
Club. — My own experience
& observation tallies precisely
with your statement that fra-
ternities seriously impair if
not destroy the efficiency
of lit. societies such as those
at Princeton. — On my
entering, as a Freshman, an
Eastern College, I found two
such institutions in a
highly flourishing condition

Fraternities were introduced,
as well nigh destroyed these
Lit. Soc.s; they also brought
conscientious students into asso-
ciations which sadly demoral-
ized them, & occupied time
& caused expense which greatly
impaired the usefulness of
these students. ————— I en-
tered one of the best of these
Greek letter "frats", consisting
mostly of Christian men. —————
one short year fully satisfied
me that all the benefits claimed
for said secret societies could
be fully secured by those
similar to the "Whig" & "Clio".
These last were & are free
from many of the objections.

able & extensive associations
of the fraternities. —————

I hope & pray you may
stand firm in your position,
and you will thus cap the
climax of your royal success.
The present generation of ~~those~~
students, & those which fol-
low will rise up & call
you & the noble institution
of which you are the
head, blessed indeed.

J. S. Jormalmon
Pastor.

Manchester Pa Oct-22-94

Pres. Harper.

My Dear Sir

(29)

Hittespie

I notice that your
Faculty contemplates removal
of 'Greeks'

Permit an humble
individual to give his
influences toward this good
reform.

Greek Letter Societies
alias Secret Fraternities are
un-american and anti-
Christian. Therefore the
cause of unlimited discord
and injury to youthful
minds.

They learn deceit and resort to every desperate expedient to appear respectable while secretly dishonorable and selfish.

Peace Temporarily results from discipline or advice but the cause of discord brings fresh trouble.

There is no cure but to place Social life in a Christian School upon a Christian basis by

effecting prohibition of all Secret or similar organizations ~~and~~ from

to hell. ³ The longer
this reform is held
the ~~longer~~ more difficult
it becomes.

I would never send
a young friend of mine
to an institution tolerating
such secret-leagues ~~to~~ which
misguide and pervert the
youthful mind. — to its
lasting injury and detriment
to good citizenship.

I am a Graduate
of Lombard Univ. Galesburg
Ill. and a Minister of the
Universalist Church. (over)

~~4~~ ~~5~~

I am also a friend of
Chicago Univ. and
am very much gratified
to note the contemplated
reform. It grieved me
when the "Frats" gained
a footing there.

I hope you will with
courage and firmness
prohibit this great evil and
believe the fair minded people
of our land will commend
& uphold your course.

Most Respectfully

Henry LaFayette Gillespie

Hodge
462 Morse Avenue
Station J
Rogers Park
14th Oct 1895

President Harper
University. Chicago.

Fraternalities
Dear Sir

Enclosed ^(see page 4) cutting with your remarks
on The Fraternities being run in a way
not satisfactory to the University Authorities
was sent me by a very busy brother in the
faith with the penciled request thereon. I felt
as if any thing I could say would already
be clearly understood by you, and as if it wd.
be intrusion on your precious time to read
my scroll. When I tell you that my
Father was "baptized" by Archibald McLean
Scotch Baptist in Edinburgh 19th April 1796
and that I was the ^{the only sister party in Graceburg} youngest of five, and am
the only one now in the body terrestrial You
will not doubt that I attach great value
to Principles which ought to be Supreme
in the Visible Church and Kingdom of our
Loving Redeemer "delivered for our offenses", and
"whom God raised up": "for our Justification",
the only name under heaven whereby we must
be saved": "declared the Son of God with power
by his Resurrection from the Dead."

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The New Era by Josiah Strong gives a table for 1890 which shows in Eight Cities named 1759 Churches and 4001 Lodges, and our City of Chicago where so many students are who in the near future shall have influence second ^{to those in} no other City in the Nation. - In Chicago in 1890 there were 384 Churches and 1086 Lodges. The fact that Lodgery so often supercedes the Churches is the important point in its influence over the Community.

For Example Freemasonry assures its Members that if they are faithful their salvation is assured in the Grand Lodge above, and at same time they may also be ^{very liberal} members in any other faith - Jew or Christian, Mohamedan or Brahmin, no matter - the 3rd degree true Mason is ^(un-)safe!

Such teaching is fundamental and the University authorities cannot knowingly ^{nurse} allow such fraternities without being from a Christian standpoint unfaithful to the one Lord who is "the Way - the Truth - and the Life" revealed for the Salvation of Mankind by faith & loyal obedience. But the Jews were typical of Christendom in their departures into idolatry as well as in their returns into allegiance to their One God. With such views I for one would rejoice if your ^{intentionally} remarks sounded the death knell of secret societies at the University!"

As Slavery was to Freedom or as the
 Brothel to the Christian Home so is Lodgery
 to legitimate Secrecy. The Principle of
 Lodgery is Condemned by Moses and Jesus. e.g.
 Lev 5:4 Exek 8: and Matt 24: 24-26 & the "swear
nots" in connexion with the recognition of the
 Civil oath as an end of strife, and Christ's own
 answer to the High Priest after being adjured
 Matt 26: 63 maintained the great truths - Son of
 God and Judge of the World. also 28: 31-33.

A very sad illustration of trying to serve
 two Masters has just been given among the
 "Disciples of Christ" at Indianapolis Indiana.
 - but ^{the} I shall enclose a copy of the rules, which
 seem almost incredible for intelligent Christians to
 acknowledge - for example on page 3 and 3rd line from
 just use these words: "This order is not connected
 with any Church." & at top of page 6. "only claims
"to give moral instructions and temporal benefits"
 & continuing on page 3 ^{but} It is as intensely moral
"as is the Religion of Christ". I ask you
 if this last is not - or rather is - blasphemous?

Oh the Contrast between this Seducing
Spirit of boys & into Pharisaical ^{Vanity and} delusion, and
 the Teachings of our Saviour: "God be merciful to
 me a sinner"! The first "Prince" D. R. Lucas,
 is a man of ^{fair} ability in preaching, & is writing in
 Xth Stand: of Cincinnati "Dan Eber a Sequel to Ben Hur"!

Oct.
1895

University Gets \$250,000 More.

President Harper announced the receipt of \$250,000 from the estate of Mrs. Mary Esther Reynolds, widow of Joseph Reynolds. The attendance during the year just closed has been 1,587, and the highest point reached during the summer quarter was 822.

Prof. A. B. Bruce delivered the convocation address. He spoke on the subject, "The Future of Christianity." The speaker took a liberal view of the future regeneration of the race, and took a strong stand on the evolutionary theory.

Opposition to the Fraternities.

President Harper in his address declared that the way the fraternities were run was not satisfactory to the university authorities. The convocation exercises were hardly over before the leading lights among the "Greeks" were seen in little groups on the campus discussing the situation. President Harper was appealed to for a more definite statement, but all he would say was "I meant all I said in the address."

Some of the fraternity men interpreted the remark as sounding the death knell of secret societies at the university, but others were more hopeful. The trustees formulated certain rulings at the opening of the university governing secret societies, but these have never been adhered to, and now, it is believed, the faculty will take a hand in future initiations. ?

Love
Prof. Harper



If you take time to read this I would of course be glad if you agree with the rock principle that such oaths as are prohibited Lev 5:4 are sinful and so also in these modern Lodge Orders. If so why should churches fellowship such works of darkness without reproof of such members?

The Difference: "the way the fraternities were run" was not satisfactory. Inference they might be run satisfactorily! ? But the scroll herewith means they cannot be run satisfactorily to any good American Citizen nor Christian. When the last is loyal to his Master & Redeemer

May you be especially favored by the divine wisdom and guidance. Yours for the truth as it is in Jesus.

Thos. Hodge in Scotland 29 Jan'y 1895

Hodge

15 Oct 95

W. R. Harper Esq

Dear Sir

(17)

I have just seen your letter
in this morning's Tribune. The 4 pages
with this were written 11th but delayed
& shown to my friend - our friend - & I
changed ^{Date} 11 to 14 yesterday. I feel greater
confidence that you & the "University
"authorities" are not like ^{some of} my brethren
at Indianapolis who regard lodge
morality - as equal to that of our
Redeemer! the end of the Law for
our Righteousness by faith in Him -
you by believing God as Abraham did.

Accept congratulations

Yours very truly

Thos. Hodge

15 Oct 96

(7)

W. E. Barker &
Barnes

I have just been from letter
in the morning Boston. In reply
with the same matter. It is
to show to my friend. I have
changed it to yesterday. I feel
satisfied that you to the
"authorities" are not like my
as distinguished and upon paper
thoroughly as to the
I believe the only the
an experiment to find in this
you of believing in a whole lot.
I hope your
P. S. Barker

CHICAGO, Aug 27, 96.

My dear President:

I understand that Ryan pleads "not guilty." May I make the following suggestion:

The inclosed is a list of the officers of his fraternity. They are in a position to know the facts. If he will get a written statement from those in Chicago (Messrs. Hilden and Rush) that to the best of their knowledge and belief Ryan was not under the influence of intoxicants while in ~~Cleveland~~ ^{Cleveland} during the State Convention, he may be regarded as cleared of that charge.

Very truly,

H. P. Judson.

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Ms.

CHICAGO

My dear President:
I understand that you have
been out of the city. May I make it
my duty to suggest:
The enclosed is a list of the
officers of this year's term. The one in
charge is to know the facts of the case and
a written statement from the Chicago
Union. (Hester was sent) that to the best
of his knowledge and belief, Hester was sent
under the influence of interest which in
checking the late Convention, he may
be regarded as cleared of that charge.

Very truly,
H. P. Hester

President - W. L. McCorkle, New York City.

Treasurer - George B. Baker, Cleveland

Secretary - Walter S. Holden, Marquette Building, City.

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CHICAGO

May 14, 1896.

Dear President Harper,

When Mrs. Palmer and I undertook to organize and influence the life and activities of the women of the University we agreed to try to establish three principles, liberty, equality, unity. In view of the special conditions which distinguish this University from all others to which women are admitted, we believed that we could be successful in securing these characteristics to a degree entirely unknown elsewhere.

Although Mrs. Palmer was a member of a fraternity, she believed that ^{the} methods of this kind of organization were in distinct antagonism to the ends we were seeking and we both agreed that even though in some colleges these societies might offer some advantages, together with their generally acknowledged disadvantages, we should discourage every effort to establish them here, where the spirit of a great University rather than of a provincial college should be fostered. Since the general vote of the Trustees allowing fraternities to be established was passed without special reference to the effect on the somewhat complicated and extremely important form of house organization which was developing among the women, we have acted in accordance with our own judgment and when, from time to time women from other institutions have visited us with a view to establishing their fraternities here we have told them of our preferences and they have courteously withdrawn.

Believing that it was very desirable that we should not seek to maintain a policy which should be at variance with the University, I have on every possible occasion sought to learn the real preference of the students. The fact that for nearly four years no organization was formed, although there had been no prohibition and no general knowledge or discussion of our position, has led me to think that there was no demand for fraternities on the part of the women.

As you know, late this winter, a chapter of a fraternity was established here by women from other institutions. When I learned of this, I decided that possibly my own views should be modified and I stood ready to do this, and always shall on any subject, when, with further knowledge, I am convinced that it should be done. At the same time, I made up my mind that no system involving the social relations of all the women of the University could be justly introduced without the approval of those who were even only indirectly involved. As the first step in securing the information I needed, I called a meeting of the women officers of the University. Of the twenty-six invited twenty-two came and, greatly to my surprise, voted unanimously that in their opinion the establishment of sororities in this University is undesirable. Several of those who thus voted were active and loyal members of sororities in other places. They appointed a committee to ask the women of the University colleges to consider the subject. The meeting which was called was not largely attended, probably because of the near approach of the examinations, but of those who voted three quarters were opposed to having fraternities here. It seems to me, however, that not much significance can be given to this vote.

In view of the fact that a petition has been received from a few women asking for the recognition of a ~~xxxxxxxx~~ society, which, if granted, will be followed by the enforced establishment of the whole system, and in view also of the desire of many of the women who have responsibility and influence that the system should not be introduced during this formative period, will it not be possible for you to call together the women of the senior colleges and ask for an expression of their opinion as to whether fraternities should be established now or postponed until some later time when there should be a general demand for them from within rather than without?

I realize fully that the simplest and easiest way of solving the problem would be to recognize the fraternities at once, but, though the dangers which I foresee and which the older women in other institutions warn us against will not come in large measure until after I give up my charge, I am ready to do

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all in my power and spare no effort to establish the life of the women here upon lines along which it can permanently develop to the highest good of the institution and its members.

Faithfully yours

Marion Talbot.

The University of Chicago

FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

CHICAGO

It is my power and mine no effort to establish the life of the world here and
those alone which it can permanently moving to the highest good of the nation
tion and its interests.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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I have prepared a letter covering the several points in the AD ϕ protest, except the suggestion of an investigation, which I consider would be a very bad thing, engendering bitterness among students, since the only testimony would be that of student against student, and much of it would be given with hesitancy. Nothing would be gained, and an enormous amount of ill will would result.

One other point.

Fraternities

If the correspondence is printed, it is only fair to me, to have it insisted that the paragraph of the article be reproduced which state how the cultivation of new men is handled irregularly - and not alone the word "It is doubtful whether this rule is strictly adhered to by any of the fraternities" which is only a partial statement made by me in connection with a paragraph upholding the rule as a good thing.

~~W. C. C. X~~

~~W. C. C. X~~

To the President of The University of Chicago,

*Will Mr. Shepley
read note in woods
dyest & talk met
me. MRS*

In the University of Chicago Weekly of January 24th, 1901, there appeared an article on "Fraternity Life at the University" by a member of the faculty who is also a counsellor of a chapter of a fraternity and a member of the administrative staff of the University. The writer, speaking of the three month rule as to pledging freshman to membership in secret societies, used the following words, "It is doubtful whether this rule is strictly adhered to by any of the fraternities." The undersigned, as representatives of the Chicago Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi, feel compelled to protest against the implication contained in the statement. The rule has strictly been observed by our fraternity from the beginning and therefore the statement is most unjust to us. We inquire whether in view of this statement an investigation ought not to be made to determine the specific facts on which it is based. Such a statement, semi-official as it is, is obviously a dangerous one to leave uncontradicted: it seems to give the consent of the faculty to a forbidden and dishonorable practice. We respectfully ask to be informed whether this statement expresses the views of the faculty on this question, and ask permission to make public our letter and the reply to the same.

Respectfully yours,

*Joseph E. Roycroft
Clarence B. Henschberger
Walter Scott Kennedy
Chas. L. Burroughs
J. Scott Brown
per Wm. A. Moloney*

*Elliott S. Norton
William A. Moloney
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Respectfully yours,

Edward T. L. Brown

Edward Clayton Eicher.

John Backhouse

J. S. Stewart

Frank Joyce Sardam

Royall Ball.

Ferdinand M. Horton.

W. R. R. R. R. R.

Henry Cowles Smith.

Frank A. Horton.

George M. Henry

Orad Greenwood.

H. P. French per Wamotony

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Wm. Brown
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Robert M. B. B.
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W. C. L. L.
Henry Carter Smith
Frank H. H.
George W. H.
Caleb H. H.
H. P. H. H.

Elliott S. Norton and others, members of Alpha delta Phi

Your communication of recent date protesting against a sentence in an article published in the University of Chicago Weekly, which expressed an opinion that the so-called "three months rule" relating to the pledging of students to membership in secret fraternities was not being obeyed, is at hand.

I am glad to know, that so far as the Alpha delta Phi chapter is concerned, there has been observance of the letter and the spirit of the special regulation, which provides that

"Membership in secret organizations among Junior College and Unclassified Students is limited to those who have finished at least three Majors of work in residence at the University. This regulation is intended to be construed ~~to~~ to exclude solicitation to membership, and all forms of agreement to acquire membership before a student has completed three Majors of work in the University."

This is the only official utterance upon the subject which the University has made. An opinion expressed by an individual member of the faculty carries no weight as an official statement, and it is therefore clear that the sentence in the article mentioned can not be construed as the expression of the faculty, and cannot be taken as giving the consent of the faculty to the violation of a plain regulation of the University Administrative Board, which has in charge the questions connected with the government and restriction of student organizations.

I take this opportunity to state that the rule in question was adopted after careful discussion as the best solution of the difficulties connected with the canvass for members of college societies. I believe that it is best for the University, for the students interested, and for the fraternities themselves. Under its correct interpretation no student can be invited to join a fraternity chapter until at least after the second day of the quarter following his completion of three Majors of residence work, that is, until the reports of the previous quarter's standing have been entered upon the recorder's books, and notices to delinquent students have been sent out.

I have no objection to the publication of this answer to your communication, as I am, ^{the more} desirous of having the matter clearly understood by the members of the University, since the appearance of the article in the Weekly, which has been construed by you and perhaps by others as an indication of growing laxity in the enforcement of this regulation.

Yours truly,

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W. R. Harper

Fraternities

May 28th, 1901.

Chancellor R. B. Fulton,
University of Mississippi.

My dear Dr. Fulton:

In reply to your letter of May twenty-fourth, I would say that the University permits Greek letter fraternities to exist, but arranges that in each case there is appointed a member of the faculty, who is also a member of the fraternity, who takes the responsibility for the members of the fraternity. We have found this plan to work very satisfactorily.

Very truly yours,

The University of Chicago

OK Vincent

Fraternities

Chicago, November 14, 1899.

President William R. Harper.

My dear Dr. Harper:-

I am glad to hear through one of the students about the meeting of fraternity men which you have called for to-morrow.

Will you pardon me for suggesting that this will be an excellent opportunity to call attention to what seem to some of us the beginning of an unfortunate fraternity spirit?

As you know, we have been singularly free from the pettiness of fraternity rivalry as it exists in some other western institutions, but I fear there are signs of at least a movement in this direction. I believe a few earnest words from you on the importance of holding up a high ideal of courtesy and loyalty would be of great value. Nothing would be more deplorable than the growth of contemptible, petty rivalries, political combinations, athletic wire-pulling, social segregation, and the like. Much as I believe in fraternities rightly used, I should rather see them all abolished than to have our body of students broken up into factions. I believe that the only way to deal with this problem is to get the really large-minded men in all the fraternities to discountenance recrimination, wire-pulling, small meanness of every kind.

It may be that I exaggerate this tendency, but a number of members of the faculty who seem to have facts on their side have spoken about various signs which are regarded as ominous.

Yours sincerely,

George Vincent

The University of Chicago

Chicago, November 14, 1932.

President William R. Harper,

My dear Dr. Harper:-

I am glad to hear from you of the students about the meeting of the Faculty and which you have called for the meeting.

Will you please be for something that will be an excellent opportunity to call attention to what seems to some of us the lack of an important University spirit?

As you know, we have been somewhat far from the spirit of University rivalry as it exists in some other western institutions. But I feel that a strong sense of rivalry in this direction. I believe a few earnest words from you on the importance of holding up a high ideal of courtesy and loyalty would be of great value. Nothing would be more deplorable than the growth of contemptible, petty rivalry, political combinations, artistic wire-pulling, social assassination, and the like. Much as I believe in fraternalistic rivalry, I should rather see that all abolished than to have our body of students broken up into factions. I believe that the only way to deal with this problem is to get the really large-minded men in all the Universities to discontinue their wire-pulling, small meanness of every kind.

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Joseph P. Kamp

The University of Chicago

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CHICAGO

November 22, 1901

Fraternities

President William R. Harper

The University of Chicago

MY dear Dr. Harper-

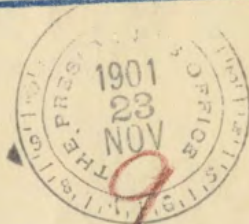
As you know, I have for some time had my doubts about the three months fraternity rule. During the last few days two or three fraternity men have raised the question with me and I have raised it with two or three others. I have, of course, done this in a purely personal way and have made it clear that I had no official right even to raise the problem at all.

I want to suggest the appointment quietly of a committee of judicial men to investigate the whole question of fraternity pledging, etc. I think that such a committee would discover the following to be the facts:

- 1) That the rule is persistently and avowedly broken by all or nearly all the fraternities.
- 2) That the fraternities are demoralized during the whole of the quarter by a partial observance of the rule, which leaves things in great uncertainty.
- 3) That the Freshmen are kept in a state of excitement very demoralizing to their work, and that they are also led to make unwarrantable estimate of their own importance.
- 4) That alumni and friends of the men are constantly being used to direct students in preparatory schools and in the universities into fraternities.
- 5) That the rule is being used to bull-doze Freshmen into holding off when they really have been pledged or virtually pledged to some fraternity.

In these circumstances, different courses suggest themselves:

- a) The abolition of the fraternities. I assume that no one would seriously consider this drastic measure.



THE FACULTY OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF THE
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The University of Chicago
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

November 22, 1901

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make unwarrantable estimate of their own importance.
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universities into fraternities.
 - 5) That the rule is being used to pull-down Freshmen into
holding off when they really have been pledged or virtually
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c) To allow matters to stand as they do at present, which means continual violation of University rules, with a corresponding lack of respect for regulations, a very insidious and dangerous spirit to have working in any body of people.

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Personally I should like to see this policy pursued, but before anything is done in the way of consulting the students, of course the attitude of the administration should be in a general way outlined.

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I do firmly believe that the present situation is wholly unsatisfactory and I hope it may be changed. Perhaps my plan is not the wisest way of doing it. That is why I suggest a committee to consider the matter in all its aspects, if you deem it best to have it opened at all.

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Answered JAN 29 1902
Francis W. Shepardson,

Secretary to the President.



Mr. Jackson

ARKADELPHIA, ARK., JAN. 22, 1902.

DEAR SIR:

The College or Greek Letter Fraternity is becoming more and more a factor in college life. The membership of these organizations is now over 160,000 and is increasing at the rate of about 7,000 a year. Some fraternities have more than sixty chapters. Over one hundred of the leading institutions for higher education now have one or more chapters. At first fraternities were looked upon with suspicion and even prohibited by some colleges, but at present are permitted and even encouraged by nearly all the leading universities and colleges.

Being a student of American college life, I am anxious to know the effect of one of its greatest factors. I have therefore addressed this letter to the presidents and deans of the leading institutions and ask them to give me whatever information they can. I shall be glad to hear from you and shall thankfully receive any answer you may see fit to give.

About what per cent of your students belong to fraternities? Do fraternities violate any of the regulations of your faculty? Do they form cliques that would not be formed if they did not exist? Do only rich men's sons belong to them? Do you believe they are of any value to their members? Do you believe they are a harm to those who do not belong? How would you advise one who has been invited to join? Are they of any value to the institution? Is the American College Fraternity a factor for good or evil in the life of the college student? Please state in a general way what you know about fraternities. If you either favor or oppose them, I shall be glad to have your reasons for doing so. Please find enclosed stamped envelope for reply.

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CHICAGO

February 27th, 1903.

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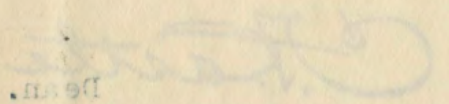
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Alexander Smith
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The University of Chicago

Letter sent

NOV 14 1903

calling meeting for 5 o'clock

Thursday Nov 19 in

President's office

July 1, 1903

My dear Dr. Harper:

I think Messrs Angell, Allen, and Vincent would make good faculty representatives on the fraternity house commission. I think the motion provided for three representatives from the faculty, did it not? Mr. G. S. Goodspeed or Mr. Hatfield can be substituted for any one of the men mentioned above, if it seems to you desirable.

By the terms of the motion you were asked to select three members from the Board of Trustees, you will remember.

Faithfully yours

Frank J. Abbott

Approved

Trustees, Heekman
Parker, Bartlett

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*Law Offices of
Parker & Carter,
Suite 1410, Marquette Building,
Chicago,*

July 13, 1903.

FRANCIS W. PARKER.
DONALD M. CARTER.

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

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Responding to your favor of July 9th which I find on my desk on my return to the city, I would say, that should my services still be desired I shall be well pleased to serve on the commission appointed, to consider questions connected with the occupancy by the fraternities of houses built by the University.

With great regard, I am,

Very truly yours,

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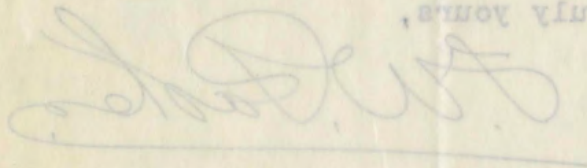
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Berkley

July 13 - 1909

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and my holding the position of Counselor
to the DKE fraternal does not in your
opinion render my appointment inadvisable.

Yours

James R. Angier

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CABLE ADDRESS
WETHERHAWK.

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Please take up
with me
W.H.K.

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New York, Sept. 3, 1903

My dear Dr. Harper:

I want to leave with you, before I go on my vacation, a brief statement with reference to the Fraternity House Commission. I am sorry that it must be mainly negative, but the Faculty members, the Trustee members and many of the student representatives have been out of town all summer so that no formal meetings could be held. Mr. Heckman and I, however, have held one or two conferences.

So far as our present knowledge of the situation goes the plan seems to us feasible and desirable.

We are both inclined to think



Handwritten notes:
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1903, Sept. 3, 1903

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We decided that the best plan to adopt in taking the whole matter up would be to have a meeting



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P.S. Of course this matter of the organization is for the Commission to settle quite independently of the suggestions given above.

April 20th, 1904.

Noted

My dear Mr. Sherer:-

In reply to your communication of April 20th I would say that I have examined the matter presented and after consulting with other University officers I am inclined to think that the case made by you in behalf of Mr. Rhodé is a good one, and permission is hereby given him to be initiated on the basis of the work already performed, namely, six majors credit.

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To the President of the University of Chicago
Chairman of the Board of Student Organizations:

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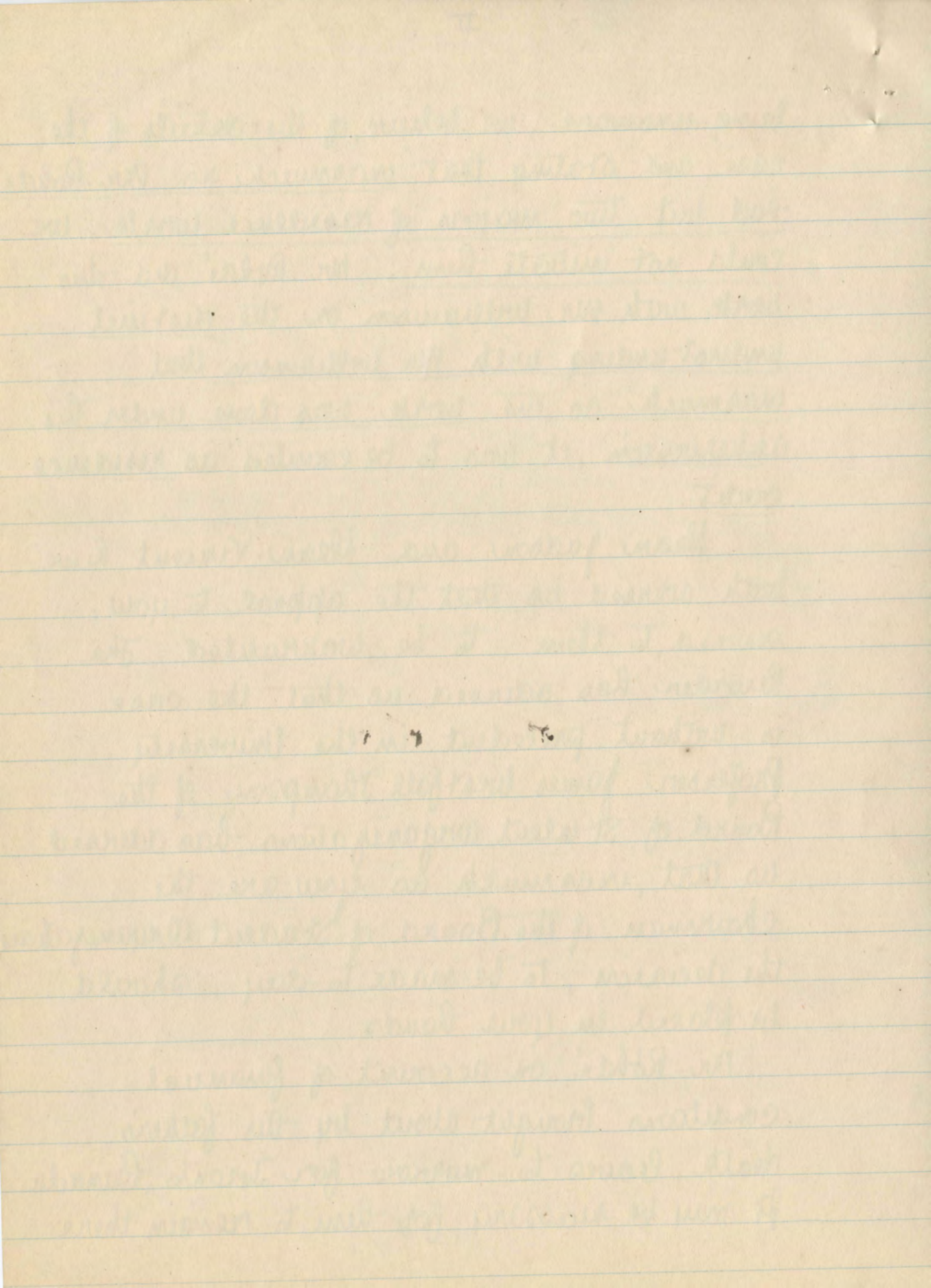
Mr. Rohde is pledged to the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, we desire to initiate him to-night. Invitations have been issued to our Chicago alumni for this initiation and all arrangements have been made. The Board of Student Organizations on Saturday last passed unfavorably on the case.

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being unaware, we believe, of the details of the case and stating that inasmuch as Mr. Rohde had but two majors of residence work, we could not initiate him. Mr. Rohde did his work with Mr. Williamson on the distinct understanding with Mr. Williamson that inasmuch as the work was done under his supervision, it was to be counted as residence credit.

Deanudson and Dean Vincent have both advised us that the appeal to you, seemed, to them, to be warranted. The Recorder has advised us that the case is without precedent in the University. Professor James Westfall Thompson of the Board of Student Organizations has advised us that, inasmuch as you are the chairman of the Board of Student Organizations the decision, to be made to-day, should be placed in your hands.

Mr. Rohde on account of financial conditions brought about by his father's death, leaves to-morrow for Toronto, Canada. It may be necessary for him to remain there



in order that he may support his mother and sister.

We desire very much that Mr. Rohde be a member of our fraternity and upon your decision in this matter, his membership in the fraternity depends.

We feel that we are asking nothing that in any way breaks the spirit of any university ruling and for this reason appeal to you for a favourable decision.

Respectfully,

Albert W. Sherer.

For Delta Kappa Epsilon.

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University
Oxford, England
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The University of Chicago

December 6th, 1904.

December 7, 1904.

President William R. Harper.

My dear Mr. Thompson:-

Dear President Harper:

I have your letter of December 6th. I have noted the contents of your letter of December fifth in regard to the proposed abolishment of the three majors rule covering the fraternities. I believe myself that the students keep on making this request because it is a little easier for them, and that our gentlemen are willing to be importuned into Board of Student Organizations until you can be present. I say granting almost any request.

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March 13.

no date
W. Lawrence
J. L. Tiller
I ~~am~~ President Harper.

There is in my judgment, no ground for changing the hour of closing. Very few University men have been invited to this dance outside of the fraternity ^{or city people} and I think the effect of changing the hour would not be desirable.

Very sincerely.

Maurice Talbot.

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Yours sincerely,

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CHICAGO

no date
entertainments

Dear Dr. Harper.

I have just been in-
formed of a party to be
given on Tuesday by the
Beta Theta Pi fraternity.
In view of the statements
made at the Board meeting
this morning, the chapter house
hardly seems a proper place for
our young women to visit,
until a better report comes.
Am I right?

Very truly,

Marion Talbot.

CHICAGO

Dear Madam,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the admission of women to the Graduate School of the University of Chicago. I am very glad to hear that you are interested in this matter, and I am sure that your efforts will be successful in securing the admission of women to the Graduate School of the University of Chicago. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
M. D. Jones