

The University of Chicago

The School of Education

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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AUGUST  
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Professor J. H. Tufts,  
Faculty Exchange.

My dear Professor Tufts:

I was calling on some of our neighbors on Woodlawn Avenue between 55th and 56th Street yesterday evening and I heard a circumstantial account given by two families, namely, the Montgomerys and the Carpenters, of a near-riot which occurred about a week ago involving two of the college fraternities on that block. There is one fraternity on the west side of the street at about the middle of the block, and one at approximately the same point on the east side of Woodlawn Avenue. The hour was about two o'clock. Apparently some of the men were drunk. At all events they shouted to one another across the street in the most obscene profanity and kept the thing up for the space of half an hour.

I thought you would be concerned to look into the matter and see if it is not possible to prevent a repetition of this sort of thing.

I am told that the neighbors in that block are very much disturbed at all hours of the night by the various kinds of noise made by these two fraternities.

They say that the fraternity on the east side of the block is in their judgment thoroughly demoralized.

They contrast this fraternity in the middle of the block very unfavorably with the one that is on the corner of Woodlawn and 56th Street.

*drinking*  
Very truly yours,

*Charles H. Judd*  
CHARLES H. JUDD

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*Fraternities*

*Phi Gamma Delta*

Chicago, September 25, 1913

Dear Mr Cheney:

I have read with enthusiasm your letters of July 31 and September 22. My close relations with Newman Miller of Sigma Chi and F. W. Shepardson of Beta Theta Phi have afforded many an opportunity of discussing just exactly the problems which you set forth in your letters. I have no hope of re-instituting the progress in vogue at the beginning of Fraternity history; such plans as the Wisconsin and Michigan ones, however, are very good.

It has long been my contention that the educational scheme aimed at in the English residential colleges, the Princeton tutorial system, and occasionally in such experiments as that of Hitchcock Hall at the University of Chicago, will ultimately be attained for America in the college fraternities. I am glad to have the President of our Fraternity taking officially the position we have in that direction.

It will give me great pleasure to serve with enthusiasm on the committee which you have named.

Sincerely yours,

D.A.R.-D.  
Mr O. H. Cheney  
78 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

Chicago, September 25, 1934

Dear Mr. Clegg:

I have read with much interest your letter of

July 31 and September 21. My close relations with James

Miller of Chicago and Mr. G. Thompson of New York City

have attracted some attention at the University of Chicago

the program which you have in your letter. I have no

hope of participating in the process in view of the

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It has long been my conviction that the University

should stand as in the highest intellectual tradition, and

should be free to accept and reject as it sees fit

as that of University and as the University of Chicago

although we should be free to accept and reject as it sees fit

I am glad to hear the University is now working on

the program which you have in your letter.

I will have to give a number of lectures

concerning the program which you have in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. S. 1934  
Mr. J. C. Clegg  
72 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.



PHI GAMMA DELTA FRATERNITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
78 MADISON AVENUE  
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November 15, 1913.

To the Members of the Educational Commission.

Dear Brothers:-

I should like to make a suggestion to your Commission which may or may not be useful in the plans which you are formulating to improve the efficiency of our Fraternity.

We will doubtless all agree that the fundamental fact upon which the Fraternity is founded and endures is service. Brotherhood is an empty name if it does not include the principles of service. Throughout one's life the benefits of this fraternity service are always evident, but they are especially valuable during the undergraduate days.

It seems to me that in order to strengthen the growth of Phi Gamma Delta we must improve the character of the service which we make available to our undergraduates. How can this be done?

For some time past I have felt that a definite and uniform educational program should be prepared and placed within the reach of all of our chapters. I believe this can be done by providing for five or more educational meetings to be held by each chapter during the college year. These meetings would be held on other than chapter nights and be addressed by the leading members of our Fraternity, including faculty men, well known specialists in technical subjects, statesmen, leaders of the Bar and prominent business men of the country. The idea would be to give the chapter boys educational information not available to them in their college course and supplementing the college work by training the view-point of the undergraduate.

Of these meetings at least three should be public meetings, to which all the students of the college would be invited. On such occasions the chapter of Phi Gamma Delta would be the host. The responsibility attached to the dignified conduct of such a meeting would provide a wonderful training for the members of the chapter. I need not point out to you the improved standing which our chapter would attain in its college if three such meetings were successfully conducted during the college year.

In order to command the service of the men who are leaders in thought and action in our Fraternity, and who could address such meetings, it will be necessary to provide a fund for the payment of their traveling expenses. This fund should be provided by the National Fraternity and not by the chapters. The fund need not be as large as first thought would indicate, because



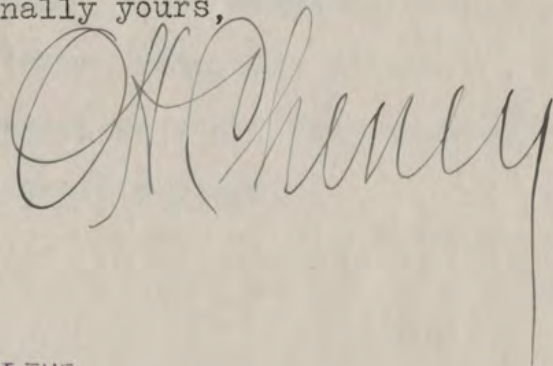
in most cases there could be an interchange of speakers residing within the various sections of the Fraternity. For example, in Section XI., the Dean of the University of Illinois might address the students at Michigan, a Professor of English at Michigan lecture for the Chapter at the University of Chicago, and a well known business man of Chicago talk on business conditions to the student body at Wisconsin. This would not involve heavy traveling expenses. Occasionally, when the Postmaster General explained the work of the Post-office to Yale men, or the Director of the People's Institute talked on Civic Government at Knox College, the expense of travel might be greater.

To finance this plan and at the same time take care of the present administrative expenses of the National Fraternity, I have suggested to the special Finance Committee the possibility of bringing about a change in our constitution whereby our alumni would be required to subscribe to our magazine. We have nearly 14,000 living alumni. If 10,000 of these were subscribers to the magazine at two dollars each we could not only provide a much better magazine than we have at the present time, but there would be sufficient profit to enable us to devote one dollar from each subscription to the administrative expenses of the Fraternity.

If a well defined educational program is carefully prepared and presented to our alumni, I believe they would readily consent to the magazine subscription and the money thus obtained be sufficient to care for the new plan and all fraternity expenses.

This matter is very briefly presented to you, but I trust you will find it worth while to give it considerable thought and see whether something cannot be evolved which will be of great benefit to Phi Gamma Delta.

Fraternally yours,



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WE EXPECT TO SEE YOU AT THE

65th ANNUAL EKKLESIA

Hotel Chelsea, Atlantic City, N.J.

DECEMBER 29-30-31, 1913

Dear Mr.

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Chicago, November 17, 1913

Dear Mr Cheney:

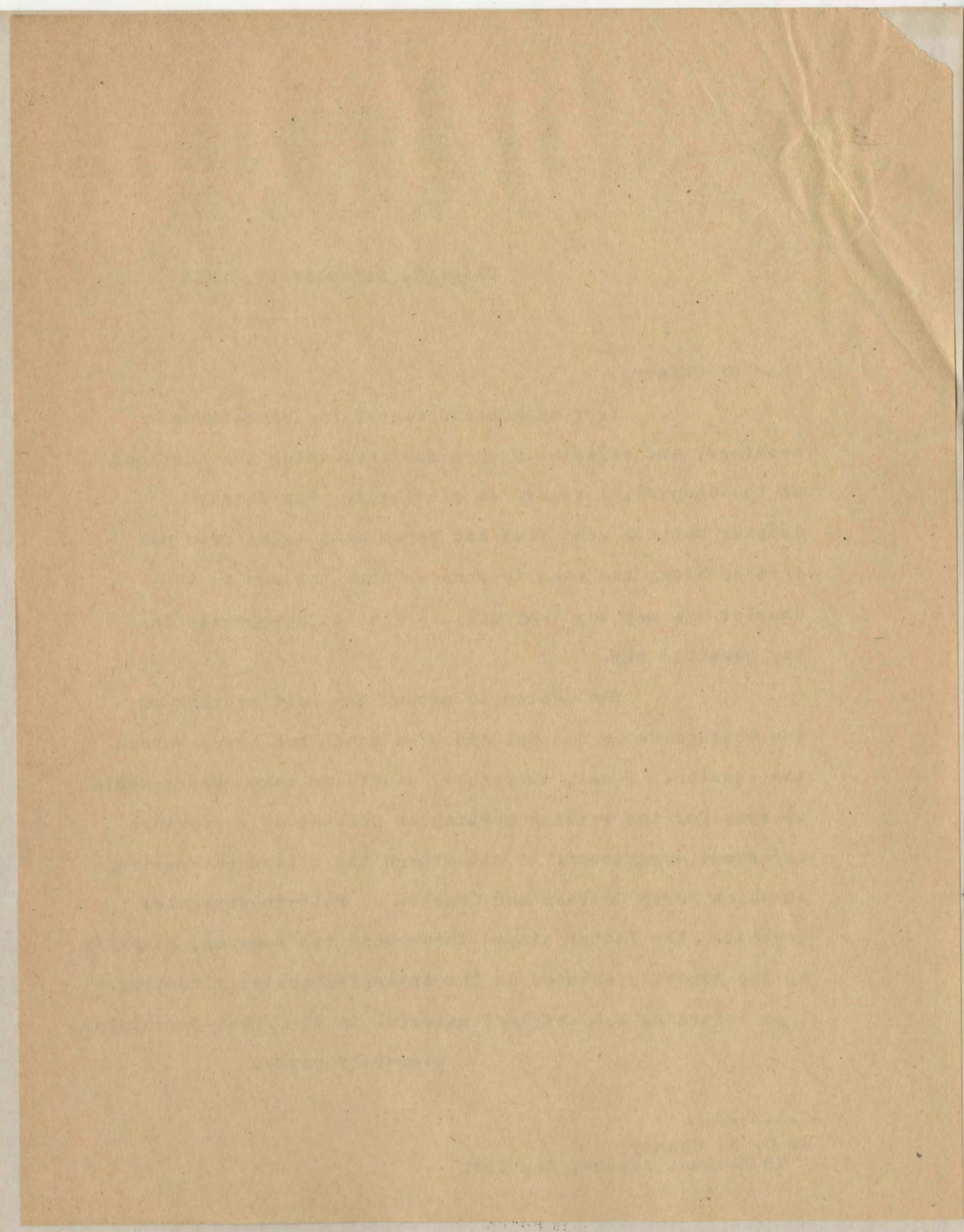
Your suggestion concerning educational meetings, and especially open meetings under the auspices of the Chapter, I regard as excellent. The Chicago Chapter has for some time had occasional talks from men farther along the road to success than the men in the Chapter. I may say they will be glad to co-operate in any possible way.

The notice to attend the last meeting of the Chicago Group did not reach me until two hours before the session. I was, therefore, unable to make arrangements to stay for the evening meeting on account of a previous important engagement. I did attend the afternoon session, at which Harry Coffeen and Charles W. Poltzer were also present. The latter stayed throughout the session, checking up the report presented on the inter-fraternity situation. I am returning the original material to the Field-Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

D.A.R.-D.

Mr O. H. Cheney  
78 Madison Avenue, New York



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Office of the Vice-President and Business Manager

ROOM 1838, 230 S. CLARK ST.  
TELEPHONE DEARBORN 9312

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March Twenty-Six  
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Mr. William E. Scott  
President's Office

My dear Mr. Scott:

Unfortunately, since my return to the City, following my vacation, the large amount of work which we have had at the City Office has prevented my making the study of the fraternity house situation which Mr. Arnett wished to have made. However, at the very earliest opportunity I will arrange to make my inquiries and report to you further.

It was Mr. Arnett's idea that when some tentative plan had been formed that we should call together a meeting of representatives of the various fraternities who might be interested in the plan. I would prefer to delay calling the meeting until Mr. Arnett has returned and has had an opportunity to approve the plan to be submitted and the method of conducting the meeting.

Yours very truly,

*Lyndon H. Lesch*  
Lyndon H. Lesch

LHL:GEB

The University of Chicago

Office of the Vice-President and University Registrar

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60607

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March Twenty Seven

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My dear Dr. Burton:

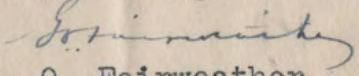
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If you have a plan which is ready for presentation to them so that they may determine now their interest in it, I should be glad to learn of it.

Yours very truly,

Business Manager

By

  
G. O. Fairweather

President E. D. Burton,  
The University of Chicago.

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The University of Chicago

Office of the Vice-President and Business Manager

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Room 100, 1201 E. Clark St.  
Telephone CHICAGO 3311

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Yours very truly,

Business Manager

By G. O. Palmerweather

President E. D. Burton,  
The University of Chicago.

April 2, 1925.

My dear Mr. Fairweather:

You recently inquired whether there exists an opportunity to consider negotiations from fraternities who may desire to build. One fraternity has signified its wish to build and has requested President Burton to indicate the future policy of the University, particularly as regards the location of the Colleges and University residences for college students. President Burton turned over the matter to Mr. Arnett, who asked Mr. Lesch to look into it. Mr. Lesch's vacation came at about that time, and I understand that the accumulation of work awaiting him upon his return, has prevented any further action. President Burton, I am sure, will wait for a report from your Office, before proceeding further. I shall be glad to be of any assistance that may be desirable.

Very truly yours,

William E. Scott (signed)

Mr. George O. Fairweather.

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April 22, 1920.

My dear Mr. Brewster:

You recently invited me to visit you at  
your home in the country. I have been  
unable to do so for some time. I have been  
very busy with my work at the University.  
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William Brewster

Mr. George H. Ragsdale

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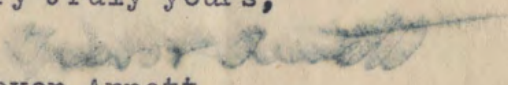
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I am returning herewith the letter from the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity of January 2, 1925, addressed to Dr. Burton, regarding the devotion of University land to fraternity purposes.

This is a matter which the President was interested in before he left for the west and about which he asked Mr. Lesch of my office to make some inquiries among the fraternities - as to whether a proposition along this line would be interesting to them.

I suggest that you hold this letter until the President's return and call his attention to the suggestions made; and it may be that he would wish to have Mr. Lesch of my office, who is now on a vacation, go into the matter further with regard to possibilities of other fraternities.

Very truly yours,

  
Trevor Arnett

Mr. Wm. E. Scott  
Office of the President

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The University of Chicago

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ROOM 1100, SOUTH EAST CORNER  
TOLSON HALL, CHICAGO, ILL.

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Office of the President

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RUSSELL T. ELWELL, PRESIDENT

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LEROY D. OWEN, '21, SECRETARY

38 SOUTH DEARBORN ST.

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GAMA ALPHA CHAPTER

OF

DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY

ESTABLISHED 1898

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DR. E. E. IRONS, '00,

RUSSELL E. PETTIT, '24,

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January 22, 1925.

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Ernest DeWitt Burton, Esq.,  
President, University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

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The plan adopted at Northwestern University seems to offer a logical working basis for the University of Chicago and the local chapters of the various fraternities. This plan would, we believe, put an end to competitive fraternity house building which to a degree now exists at our University.

As a basis for a proposal and looking at the matter from the fraternity point of view, we would suggest that a portion of one of the blocks owned by the University South of the Midway should be allocated for fraternity houses, this portion to be separated from the men's dormitories hereafter constructed. This would give the fraternity homes the individuality which they desire. Such an allocation of land might be made contingent upon procuring within a limited time an agreement from at least six of the fraternities having chapters at the University to locate houses on this land within a specified time.

Contracts with the respective fraternities would provide that the buildings be erected with specified general architectural features in keeping with the other University buildings to be constructed in the neighborhood, this to insure uniformity of external appearance and, to a reasonable degree, of interior arrangement, and the University might determine the size and limit of cost of each building.

FRANK MCKAY, '05  
FREDERICK C. HACK, '06  
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Page 2. Ernest DeWitt Burton, Esq.

January 22, 1925.

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If it is the policy of the University not to sell the lands but to give leases only, commercial borrowing for building purposes would be very difficult. The Fraternity would then have as its alternatives the procuring of cash subscriptions from alumni sufficient for the building and adequate furnishing, or seeking the loan from the University of the excess required over funds available from the sale of the present building and from alumni subscriptions, after reserving sufficient for furnishings. The Northwestern University, we believe, has adopted the policy of financing the building as a loan with provisions for repayment over a term of years.

If the funds for the building are to be furnished by the Fraternity (whether immediately or in repayment to the University over a term of years) the lease should be for a considerable period, at least 50 years with a right to renew at its expiration for a similar term. Only by a long tenure would alumni be interested in making contributions.

For a considerable period of years the ground rental should be very low, nominal if possible, to enable the Fraternity to pay off the building debt.

In our case, we could doubtless through the sale of the present fraternity house realize a cash fund in the neighborhood of \$60,000, the house being clear of debt, and from subscriptions from alumni and under-graduates could procure a reasonable addition to this. After making reservations for furnishing, there would be left for investment in the building a sum which would make a very substantial security for the repayment of the moneys advanced for the building.

The foregoing seems to us to present a feasible arrangement which fraternities could undertake and we should be interested

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The foregoing seems to us to present a feasible arrangement which Fraternities could undertake and we should be interested

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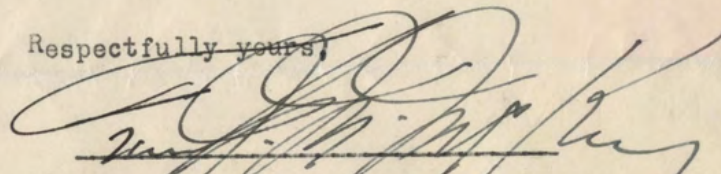
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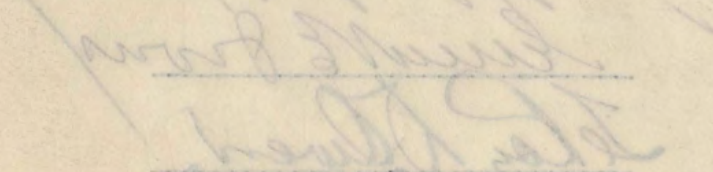
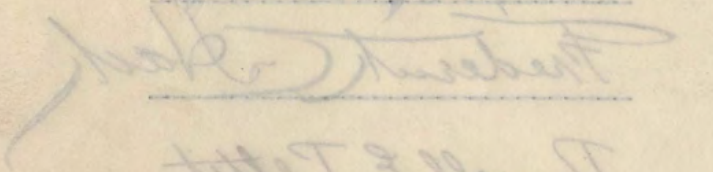
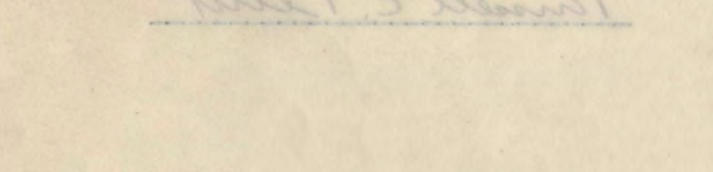
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Very truly yours,

Mr. Frank M. McKey,  
Delta Tau Delta Fraternity,  
5607 University Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill

WES:B

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Mr. Frank M. McKee,  
Delta Tau Delta Fraternity,  
8607 University Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill

WEB:B

March 19, 1925.

My dear Mr. Lesch:

On February 5th, Mr. Arnett informed this Office that you had been making some investigation among the fraternities as to whether a proposal along the lines suggested in the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity letter would be interesting to them. While there has been no further inquiry from the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity since that time, I should judge it were our next move. Have you any recommendation to make?

Very truly yours,

Mr. Lyndon Lesch,  
City Office.

WES:S



June 6, 1925

My dear Mr. Arnett:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter sent to President Burton from the Delta Tau Delta fraternity last January. (This copy was sent to your office once before, but was returned to us.)

The present status of the matter, so far as I understand it, is that Mr. Leach was to look into the situation as a whole and recommend an action to be taken. If there is anything further that this office may do, please call upon us.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the President.

Mr. Trevor Arnett  
The University of Chicago  
WES/R

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Mr. Trevor Amstutz  
The University of Chicago  
WES/H

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The University of Chicago  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
Office of the President

December 12, 1925.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

The South Park Improvement Association has informed this Office that Sigma Nu Fraternity had not paid its dues to the Association for three months, so that they are now owing \$4.50.. Will you be so good as to bring this matter to the attention of the Fraternity?

Very truly yours,

*William E. Scott*

Secretary to the President.

Mr. D. Jerome Fisher.

WES:S

*Dec 23*

*Mr. Young, treasurer of the local chapter of ΣΝ, informs me that this bill has now been paid. Sorry you were troubled about this. Bill was not due till Dec. 10.*

*DJF*

The University of Chicago  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
Office of the President

December 12, 1922.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

The South Park Improvement Association has informed this Office that the \$100.00 subscription has not been paid to the Association for three months, so that they are now owing \$300.00. Will you be so good as to bring this matter to the attention of the President?

Very truly yours,

William C. Cress  
Secretary to the President.

Mr. D. Jerome Fisher.

WCS:2

Dec 13

My dear Mr. Fisher:  
I have just received your letter of the 12th inst. regarding the \$100.00 subscription to the South Park Improvement Association. I am sorry to hear that the Association has not received the money. I will be sure to bring this matter to the attention of the President.

# DECEMBER

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✓ They have agreed to  
attend to the bill  
which they owe South  
Park Commissioners, etc.

Professors (inverted)  
under belts (inverted)  
better following the  
receipt of W.B.'s letter  
& they have agreed to  
attend to the bill  
which they are sent  
Bank Commission (inverted)

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CHICAGO,  
December 7, 1925.

Mr. William E. Scott,  
Faculty Exchange - U. of C.  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Scott:

Confirming our telephone conversation this morning I am listing below the fraternities who in arrears with membership dues with our association, of which there are (\*) four of them so far behind that we would appreciate anything you may be able to do to have them bring their account up-to-date.

|                   |                   |                       |           |            |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| H. L. Wilcox      | ✓ Delta Tau Delta | - 5607 University Av. | - 12 Mos. | \$ 18.00 * |
| Faris             | × Delta Sigma Phi | - 5615 " "            | - 12 Mos. | 18.00 *    |
| J. H. Roberts     | × Phi Kappa Sigma | - 5733 " "            | - 21 Mos. | 26.25 *    |
| J. W. Linn        | Alpha Delta Phi   | - 5747 " "            | - 3 Mos.  | 4.50       |
| D. J. Fisher      | ✓ Sigma Nu        | - 5541 Woodlawn Ave   | - 3 Mos.  | 4.50       |
| Capt. D. Matthews | Kappa Sigma       | - 5715 " "            | - 12 Mos. | 24.00 *    |
| H. R. Humphreys   | Alpha Tau Omega   | - 5735 " "            | - 3 Mos.  | 6.00       |
| Low (Dear H. H.)  | Gamma Eta Gamma   | - 5634 Blackstone Ave | - 3 Mos.  | 3.00       |
| H. J. Holzinger   | Delta Upsilon     | - 5747 " "            | - 3 Mos.  | 4.50       |

You might be interested to know that within our district there are twenty-seven fraternities, of which twenty-five of them are members and cooperating with our association by being a member at least, two of them - Pi Lambda Phi - 5827 Dorchester Avenue and the Phi Beta Delta - 5534 Blackstone Avenue, are the only non-members of the twenty-seven. If it were possible to sign them up by your assistance it would be greatly appreciated, as yet we have not been able to interest them.

R. L. Mott.

Naturally, from time to time, we have trouble with the different houses, keeping their premises clean and tidy. At the present time, some of the houses do not furnish proper receptacles for ashes and garbage, thus allowing ashes to accumulate on their basement floor and then expect the wagon to back up and take all the ashes at once.

Thanking you again for any assistance you may be able to give us on this matter. Call on me for any further information if needed.

Very truly yours,

R. T. Braithwaite  
Secretary

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| Delta Sigma Phi  | " "                  | 12 Mos. | 18.00 *    |
| Phi Kappa Sigma  | " "                  | 21 Mos. | 28.25 *    |
| Alpha Delta Phi  | " "                  | 3 Mos.  | 4.50       |
| Sigma Nu         | 5841 Woodlawn Ave.   | 3 Mos.  | 4.50       |
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Secretary

# Householders' Contract with the South Park Improvement Association

Chicago\_\_\_\_\_192

I hereby agree to pay to the **SOUTH PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION** \$ 1.50  
Dollars per month for the time beginning Jan. 1st, 1925, and continuing until I give the Association  
notice to the contrary, payable quarterly in advance, for the following service to be rendered by the said Association to me, and in its district at large; (1) The flushing of all hard paved streets and alleys; (2) The removal of snow by snow-plows from the sidewalks; (3) Care of parkways on the streets and of vacant lots; (4) General administration; (5) Picking up paper and other debris from streets and parkways.

I reserve the right to cancel this pledge and to discontinue payments at any time upon thirty days notice in writing to the Association.

It is understood and agreed that payments under this contract will not be discontinued because of temporary absence of the householder.

X

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5827 Dorchester Ave

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Chicago

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5827 Dorchester Ave

# Householders' Contract with the South Park Improvement Association

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Chicago

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Householders' Contract with the South Park Improvement Association

5534 Blackstone Avenue

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December 8, 1925.

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Very truly yours,

William E. Scott (signed)

Secretary to the President.

Mr. F. A. Kingsbury.

WES:S  
Encl.

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Mr. H. L. Willett.

WES:S

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**The University of Chicago**

Department of Psychology

January 13, 1925.

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

My dear President Burton:

I am sorry to have delayed answering your valued letter concerning the fraternity report, but two trips out of the city and plans for organization of the faculty counsellors not yet completed have prevented me from writing you sooner.

I am working on a plan for organizing half a dozen standing committees of the counsellors, each to deal with some one important phase of fraternity life, including raising of scholarship standing, care of property, certain moral problems, and the like. I think these committees may very well institute what may be called a continuous survey of their respective problems as well as to formulate constructive proposals. I will be glad to submit more detailed suggestions about the plan as soon as I have rounded it out. In the meantime I would like to ask whether such a program would meet with your approval, and whether it would be in line with your suggestion about organizing the counsellors into a President's Committee on Fraternities. In other words, would it be your idea to have the thirty counsellors organized as a single President's Committee, or to have them assigned to one or another of half a dozen or more special committees?

I shall endeavor to give you a further report on this within a couple of weeks. We hope to have this plan under way before the Winter Quarter meeting of the counsellors.

Yours very truly,

FAK:KM

Forrest A. Kingsbury

*Dr. Ernest D. Burton  
Dec 20 1925  
Counsellors*

The University of Chicago

Department of Psychology

January 13, 1933

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EW:KM

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If this matter requires further attention before the President's return I should be very glad indeed to be of any possible service.

Dean Tufts is also canvassing your report, and is very much interested in the suggestions you have made.

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ETP:CB

*Fraternities*

Gama Alpha Chapter  
of  
DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY

January 22, 1925.

Ernest DeWitt Burton, Esq.,  
President, University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Following your conference on December 29th with Mr. Russell E. Petit of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, the Board of Directors of the corporation, comprising members of the Fraternity, which owns and controls the property of the local Chapter, appointed the undersigned as a Committee to discuss with the University authorities the matter of a possible new home for the local Chapter, in relation to the University's future building program for the Undergraduate Colleges. These we understand are eventually to be located on the South side of the Midway and a plan of acquiring a new residence there would be attractive only if it is settled that Undergraduate Colleges are to be placed there. Because of our present lack of knowledge of the University's plans, we write this letter rather as a statement of some of the problems than as a proposition.

The plan adopted at Northwestern University seems to offer a logical working basis for the University of Chicago and the local chapters of the various fraternities. This plan would, we believe, put an end to competitive fraternity house building which to a degree now exists at our University.

As a basis for a proposal and looking at the matter from the fraternity point of view, we would suggest that a portion of one of the blocks owned by the University South of the Midway should be allocated for fraternity houses, this portion to be separated from the men's dormitories hereafter constructed. This would give the fraternity homes the individuality which they desire. Such an allocation of land might be made contingent upon procuring within a limited time an agreement from at least six of the fraternities having chapters at the University to locate houses on this land within a specified time.

Contracts with the respective fraternities would provide that the buildings be erected with specified general architectural features in keeping with the other University buildings to be constructed in the neighborhood, this to insure uniformity of external appearance and, to a reasonable degree, or interior arrangement, and the University might determine the size and limit of cost of each building.

Gamma Alpha Chapter  
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The plan adopted at Northwestern University seems to offer a logical working basis for the University of Chicago and the local chapters of the various fraternities. This plan would, we believe, put an end to competitive fraternity house building which to a degree now exists at our University.

As a basis for a proposal and looking at the matter from the fraternity point of view, we would suggest that a portion of one of the blocks owned by the University South of the Midway should be allocated for fraternity houses, this portion to be separated from the men's dormitories hereafter constructed. This would give the fraternity homes the individuality which they desire. Such an allocation of land might be made contingent upon procuring within a limited time an agreement from at least six of the fraternities having chapters at the University to locate houses on this land within a specified time.

Contracts with the respective fraternities would provide that the buildings be erected with specified general architectural features in keeping with the other University buildings to be constructed in the neighborhood, this to insure uniformity of external appearance and, to a reasonable degree, or interior arrangement, and the University might determine the size and limit of cost of each building.

We understand from Mr. Pettit's conference with you, that the University would not be inclined to construct the buildings and lease the completed buildings to the fraternities, respectively, thus assuming the financial burden of the enterprise. The financing of the buildings raises questions of some difficulty. If the respective fraternities could acquire the fee title they could readily with some cash subscriptions from alumni borrow moneys to pay for the buildings. The number of alumni of the local chapters, who alone would contribute to any extent, is still so small as to make it questionable whether they can without a considerable loan obtain the amount needed for an adequate and attractive building. The alumni themselves would doubtless subscribe more liberally and readily if the Fraternity permanently owned the home.

If it is the policy of the University not to sell the lands but to give leases only, commercial borrowing for building purposes would be very difficult. The Fraternity would then have as its alternatives the procuring of cash subscriptions from alumni sufficient for the building and adequate furnishing, or seeking the loan from the University of the excess required over funds available from the sale of the present building and from alumni subscriptions, after reserving sufficient for furnishings. The Northwestern University, we believe, has adopted the policy of financing the building as a loan with provisions for repayment over a term of years.

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For a considerable period of years the ground rental should be very low, nominal if possible, to enable the Fraternity to pay off the building debt.

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Ans. by author  
Dec. 10-24

Dear Dean Tufts:-

The Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, of which I am Faculty Advisor, contemplates building a new house and possibly buying a new site. The Chapter has asked me to explain the policy of the University in regard to the removal new systems of colleges on the south side of the Midway. It might want to locate over there.

May I ask you to send me any printed or mimeographed statement of this point, that may be treated as official? Should such action have been taken? And should, of course, it be ready to make public. I'd like to make the statement next Monday eve. if possible. Thank you in advance for reply.

Sincerely  
Scott E. W. Bedford

Dear Mr. Tappan:

The letter from the University of Chicago  
concerning the new book, entitled "The  
New Law and Society" by the  
late Dr. Charles has reached me. I explain  
the policy of the University in regard to  
the removal of new papers of authors on  
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The Colleges of Arts, Literature, and Science

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

November 3, 1924

President E. D. Burton,  
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My dear President Burton:

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*Presidents file*

October 7, 1924

President,  
Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity,  
5735 Woodlawn Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I had occasion again last year to be very gratified at the generous response the fraternities made to my appeals and I am again asking your cooperation.

The Conference Directors have unanimously agreed that it is for the best welfare of Big Ten Conference athletics that a cooperative effort be made to curb one of the growing evils in connection with intercollegiate sports, viz., betting on the games. It is felt that betting is an especially growing menace to intercollegiate football and that it is the biggest evil with which the Conference universities now have to contend.

As I understand it, there are two kinds of betting: One in which the student bets under the impression that thereby he expresses loyalty to his school, the other in which the student thinks he can make some easy money. The former is a mistaken idea and a misplaced impression of loyalty - the latter condemns itself. The result of both forms of betting is harmful to the individual and to the athletics of the University and to Conference Intercollegiate athletics.

The spirit expressed by the students in this manner is totally at variance with the spirit of self sacrifice, devotion and loyalty which the players out for the team exhibit in their hard training and cooperation for the University's success in the games.

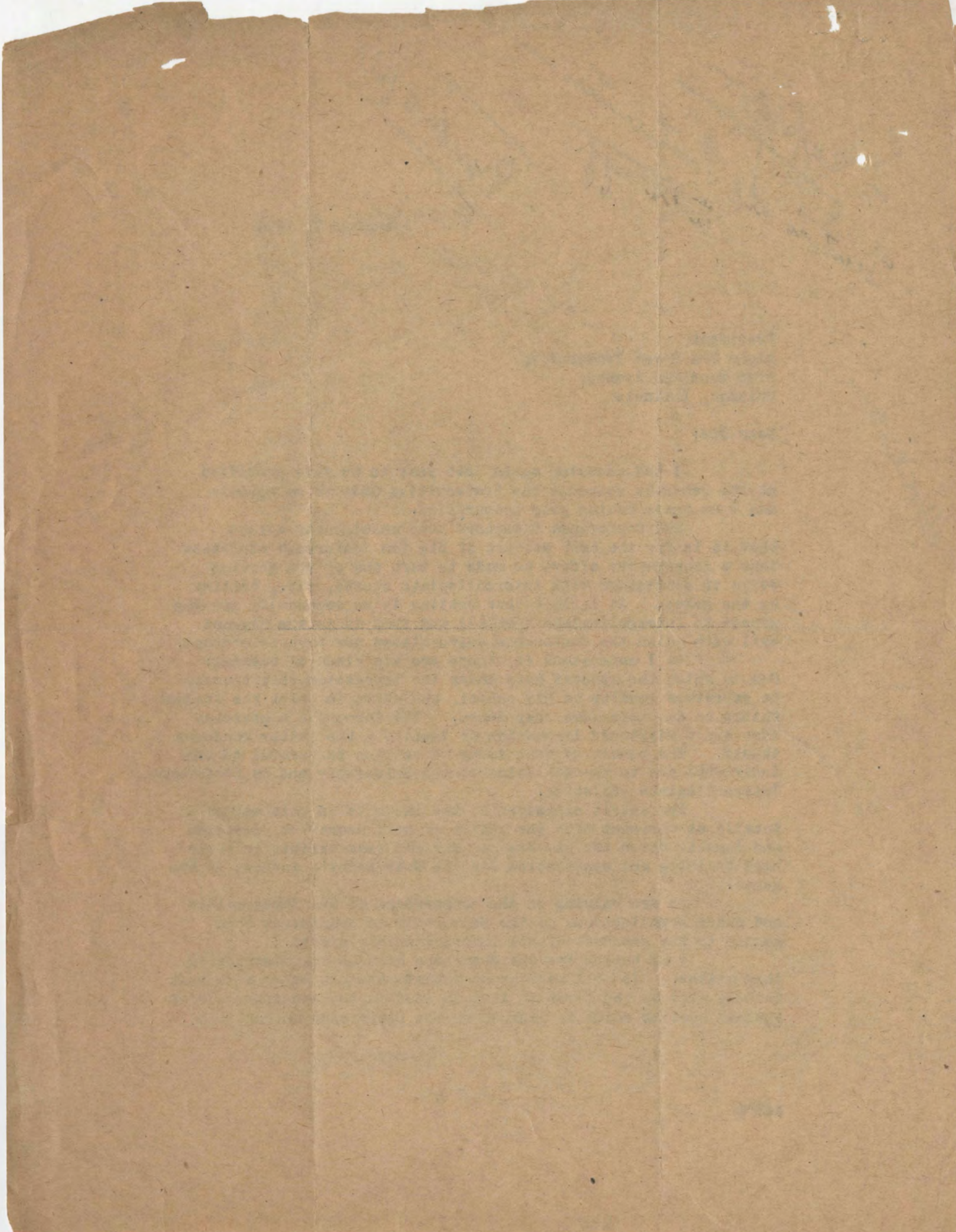
We are relying on the cooperation of the fraternities and other organizations of the University to counteract this menace to the grandest of all intercollegiate sports.

I am hoping for the assurance of your organization in this matter. It will be a great satisfaction to me to know that Chicago will be the first in 1924 to lead in the concerted action against betting which is planned by the Conference universities.

Sincerely,

AAS\*C

*Appreciation Letter*



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**The University of Chicago**  
The Colleges of Arts, Literature, and Science

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

June 12, 1924

President E.D. Burton  
Harper Library

Dear President Burton:

Will you be so kind as to appoint as  
faculty counsellors for the fraternities indicated the  
following gentlemen, who have indicated their willingness to  
serve?

G.D. Fuller, Acacia ✓  
Adolph Noe, Alpha Sigma Phi ✓  
✓ H.L. Humphreys, Alpha Tau Omega ✓  
M.C. Coulter, Beta Theta Pi ✓  
W.A. Payne, Chi Psi ✓  
F.C. Woodward, Delta Chi ✓  
Ellsworth Faris, Delta Sigma Phi ✓  
Scott E.W. Bedford, and ~~Edwin B. Trussell~~, Delta Tau Delta ✓  
Bertram Nelson, Delta Upsilon ✓  
I.W. Mints, Kappa Nu ✓  
J.D. Matthews, Kappa Sigma ✓  
F.A. Kingsbury, Lambda Chi Alpha ✓  
D.H. Stevens, Phi Delta Theta ✓  
R.T. Chamberlin, Phi Gamma Delta ✓  
J.H. Roberts, Phi Kappa Sigma ✓  
John C. Dinsmore, Phi Pi Phi ✓  
J.F. Rippey, Pi Lambda Phi ✓  
G.W. Sherburn, Psi Upsilon ✓  
G.K. Smith, Sigma Alpha Epsilon ✓  
H.H. Newman, Sigma Chi ✓  
D.J. Fisher, Sigma Nu ✓  
Thomas G. Allen, Tau Kappa Epsilon ✓  
Louis L. Mann, Zeta Beta Tau ✓

Very truly yours,

*Ernest H. Wilkins*

Dean of the Colleges

EHW/ES

The University of Chicago  
The College of Arts, Literature, and Science

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

June 12, 1934

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Harvard Library

Dear President Burton:

Will you be so kind as to appoint as  
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John C. Dinmore, Phi Psi  
J. W. Rippy, Psi Lambda Phi  
G. W. Shorburn, Psi Upsilon  
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Thomas C. Allen, Tau Lambda Phi  
Leslie Mann, Beta Beta Beta

Very truly yours,

Ernest H. Williams

Dean of the College

EWY

June 23, 1934

*Princeton*

My dear Mr. Wilkins:

I have in my hand a memorandum dated June 13th sent by you to the President nominating members of the Faculties to serve as counsellors for the fraternities. I do not find that you have included our own fraternity, Delta Kappa Epsilon. May I assume that you will, on the President's request, act as the counselor of that fraternity?

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the President.

Dean E. H. Wilkins  
The University of Chicago

NB/R

June 23, 1934

*Handwritten signature*

My dear Mr. Willard:

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HB/R

The University of Chicago  
The Colleges of Arts, Literature, and Science

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Waterville Valley  
New Hampshire  
July 3, 1924

Dr. Nathaniel Butler  
University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Butler:

The first step in the appointment of fraternity counsellors is a nomination made to me by the fraternity concerned. The second step is my obtaining the consent of the counsellor nominated to serve. The third step is the appointment by the President.

I was able, before the end of the Spring Quarter, to complete the first two steps in the case of nearly all the fraternities, and sent the corresponding list to the President for appointment. In the case of three or four fraternities, however, including our own, completion of the first two steps was for one reason or another impossible, and must now wait until autumn.

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WHL:WCH

July 11, 1924

My dear Mr. Smith:

Upon the nomination of Dean Wilkins and at the request of the President, I am writing to ask if you will accept the President's appointment as Faculty Counsellor for the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

If you are willing to accept this appointment, will you be good enough to send me a memorandum to that effect.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the President.

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The University of Chicago

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Similar letter sent to all faculty members named on Dean Wilkins' letter of June 12th with appropriate changes. July 15, 1924

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The last days of the Spring Quarter and the convocation week have in the past been the occasion of drinking in the fraternity houses by students and alumni. The University cannot and will not stand for a repetition of such drinking. There are three reasons for this. The first is that drinking is in itself physically, intellectually and morally dangerous (the physical danger being particularly great at the present time in view of the actual contents of much of the stuff), and therefore tends to defeat the essential purposes of education. The second is that drinking is in effect a breach of the law of the land - and that college men are the very men to whom we must look for leadership in the observance of law unless American civilization is to commit suicide. The third is that you are in public opinion and in fact representatives of the University, and that wrongdoing on your part brings shame upon the University; if, therefore, your loyalty is more than a matter of words, it's up to you to conform to the University standard in this respect.

I beg to remind you of the statement of the University's attitude as to drinking issued by President Burton at the time of the expulsion and the suspensions which followed drinking at the Settlement Night performance last December. That statement was published in the Maroon early in January and copies were distributed by me at the meeting of the Inter-fraternity Council which was held at my house.

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If any alumnus or any one else brings liquor into your house this June, please show him this letter. I will ask you also to read this letter aloud at lunch or dinner on Thursday of this week and to report to me in person or by telephone or by mail on Thursday or Friday that you have done so.

I have not at any time employed and I am not now employing detectives of any sort; but if valid information comes to me in any way to the effect that there has been drinking in any fraternity house this convocation season, I shall take effective action, which may extend to the point of recommending that the charter of the chapter in question be withdrawn.

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FROLIC MARKET

L. Weglein, Prop.

943 E. 55th St.

Phone - Midway 6879.

July 18, 1924.

Pres. Burton,  
University of Chicago,  
58 University Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

The Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity of the University has owed me \$177.00 for over a year for meat that they have purchased from my store and I have served them with statements from time to time but have been unable to collect. When bill was last presented the boys told me that I could go to H--- for my money.

It appears to me that it should not be necessary to bring this matter to your attention since the Fraternity is a body of University boys affiliated with one of the largest institutions of learning in this country.

I sincerely hope that you will give this your immediate attention and that it will not be necessary for me to give this matter to my lawyer for collection.

Very truly yours,

Leo Weglein

PROF. MARSH

L. Weigle, Prop.

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It appears to me that it should not be necessary  
to bring this matter to your attention since the Fraternity is  
a body of University boys affiliated with one of the largest  
institutions of learning in this country.

I sincerely hope that you will give this your  
immediate attention and that it will not be necessary for me  
to give this matter to my lawyer for collection.

Very truly yours,

L. Weigle

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July 19, 1924.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Leo Weglein of the Frolic Market has directed the attention of this Office to a bill of \$177., that he says the Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity has owed him for over a year. I feel sure that this is a matter that you will wish to explain. Will you call in this Office at your earliest convenience, so that we may be able to adjust the matter.

Truly yours,

Secretary to the President.

To the President,  
Pi Lambda Phi,  
5827 Dorchester Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

WES:AS

July 12, 1914

Dear Sir,

We have received your letter of the 10th

and in reply to inform you that the same has been

forwarded to the proper authorities for their

consideration and we will keep you advised of the

result as soon as it is known.

Very respectfully,

Yours truly,

Wm. H. ...

Enclosure

Very truly,

Wm. H. ...

cc. Mr. ...

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Yours truly,

July 23, 1924.

My dear Mr. Weglein:

I have your letter of July 18th before me. I have communicated with the Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity and regret that the absence of their President from the City makes it impossible for this Office to aid you in clearing up the matter immediately. However, you may feel assured that we shall use every effort to adjust this account. I would personally appreciate it, if before you took any other measures for the collection, that you would communicate with me.

Truly yours,

Secretary to the President.

Mr. Leo Weglein,  
Frolic Market,  
943 E. 55th St.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

WES:AS

July 25, 1933.

My dear Mr. Perkins:

I have your letter of July 19th before me. I have communicated with the St. Louis and Kansas City chapters of the American Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the officers of these chapters from the City where it is possible for this Office to aid you in obtaining the proper documents. However, you may feel assured that we shall use every effort to obtain this document. I would personally appreciate it, if before you took any other measures for the collection, that you would communicate with me.

Very yours,

Secretary to the President.

Mr. J. M. Perkins,  
Public Printer,  
U. S. Government Printing Office,  
Washington, D. C.

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Omicron Chapter  
Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity  
The University of Chicago  
5827 Dorchester Avenue

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July 21, 1924.

Mr. William E. Scott,  
Secretary to the President,  
University of Chicago.

Dear Sir:

In regards to your letter of the 19th concerning the claim of Mr. Leo Weglein of the Frolic market, I beg to advise that the matter has been referred to our president who at the present time is not in the city. No doubt he will make some arrangements that will prove satisfactory to your office.

Thanking you for bringing this matter to our attention we remain,

Yours truly,

Pi Lambda Phi

Gen Robert S. Wolf

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April 29, 1924

President E. D. Burton  
Harper Library

Dear President Burton:

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May I call your attention to the first of the recommendations of the committee, and ask whether you approve it and are willing to appoint counsellors on nomination by the fraternities, as indicated?

If so, I will undertake to assemble the nominations, so that they may be brought to you in a single batch.

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University Club  
of Chicago

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My dear President Burton:

When I wrote you my letter of the 11th inst., I had in mind that your letter might be taken up at the next regular meeting of the Board; however, a special meeting of the Directors had been called prior to the receipt of your letter for the 11th, to take action on the appointment of a new Chairman of the House Committee, as the present efficient Chairman has moved to New York. I therefore presented your letter to the Directors. It was duly considered, and it was unanimously voted that the House Committee be instructed to give a printed notice to all persons giving dinners in private rooms of the Club, that no alcoholic beverages can be served under any circumstances. This rule is in addition to the rule adopted by the Club some time ago prohibiting the serving of alcoholic beverages in private dining rooms of the Club.

The Board of Directors instructed me to thank you for your letter and to say that they very much regret if the rules of the Club were violated as suggested by you in the matter of serving alcoholic beverages at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon dinner held March 10 and that orders have been given to prevent the recurrence of any such thing.

The Board of Directors wish me to assure you that they are in hearty accord with the views you expressed in your letter.

Yours very truly,

*Roswell B. Mason*  
Secretary.

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President University of Chicago,  
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Samuel B. Mearns  
Secretary.

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President University of Chicago,  
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March 22, 1924

The Better Yet Committee on the Faculty Fraternity Counsellor System begs leave to report as follows:

1. At the "Better Yet" dinner, held Tuesday, January 22, at Ida Noyes Hall, the following members of the Committee were present: Messrs. Coulter, Fuqua, Hunt, Kingsbury, Newman, and Payne.

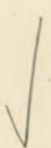
The general scope of the problem presented to the Committee was discussed and the Chairman was instructed to communicate with fraternity counsellors and student representatives of the fraternities, requesting reports from their respective points of view on: 1) what the counsellor has done in the past; and 2) what the ideal counsellor could or should do.

2. In response to the instructions of the Committee at the above meeting, communications were addressed to twenty-five counsellors and thirty-two student representatives. Replies have been received from twenty counsellors and nine student representatives. A digest of the replies from the counsellors and student representatives is appended to this report.
3. Thursday, March 6, at 4:00 P.M. there were present at a meeting of the Committee, Messrs. Chamberlin, Hunt, Kingsbury, Newman, and Payne. A letter from Mr. Fuqua was read, explaining his absence on account of another engagement.

The conclusions of the Committee are:

1. That the counsellor system is sound in principle and has in it greater possibilities of usefulness than have been realized in many of the fraternities.
2. That whether the counsellor is a positive influence for good is largely a personal matter, depending upon his personality and the time which he can and does devote to establishing proper contacts with the chapter.

The Committee recommends:

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1. That counsellors be nominated annually by the chapter and appointed by the President of the University, preferably in the spring quarter for the next college year;

March 22, 1924

The Better Yet Committee on the Faculty Fraternity Council  
System has leave to report as follows:

1. At the "Better Yet" dinner, held Tuesday, January 22, at the Hotel Hall, the following members of the Committee were present: Messrs. Conklin, Fagan, Hunt, Kingsbury, Newman, and Payne.

The general scope of the problem presented to the Committee was discussed and the Chairman was instructed to communicate with the Faculty Fraternity Council and student representatives of the University requesting reports from their respective bodies as to what the council has done in the past and what the ideal council could or should do.

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The Committee recommends:

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2. That, if practicable, men be selected who will agree in advance to give the necessary time to the duties involved in the acceptance of the position, consideration being given to the possible advantages of selecting a young member of the faculty who can live in the fraternity house;
3. That there be a recognition of the two general functions of the counsellor; first, as advisor on fraternity matters, especially those involving University relationships, and second, as advisor to individual members;
4. That under the Chairmanship of the Board of Student Organizations Committee on Fraternities, a meeting of the counsellors be held at least once per quarter to discuss their mutual problems, and that some of these meetings shall be joint meetings of the counsellors with either the Interfraternity Council or the undergraduate presidents of the various chapters, and that recommendations looking toward further standardization of practice should, in general, come from the counsellors in conference;
5. That in handling problems of scholarship and discipline the dean avail himself of the good offices of the fraternity counsellor;
6. That each counsellor submit quarterly written reports of his activities and the status of the fraternity which he represents to the Board of Student Organizations Committee on Fraternities;
7. That the recommendations of the "Better Yet" Committee on Undergraduate Morale under the heading, "Fraternity Control" be transmitted to the proposed conference of counsellors.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nelson Fuqua  
L. J. Hunt  
F. A. Kingsbury  
H. H. Newman  
J. W. Thomas  
Walter A. Payne, Chairman

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**The University of Chicago**  
**The Colleges of Arts, Literature, and Science**

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

January 7, 1924

Dr. Nathaniel Butler  
Faculty Exchange

Dear Dr. Butler:

I am returning herewith  
the letter from Mr. Richner, referred by  
the President to you, by you to me, and  
by me to Professor Kingsbury, together  
with a carbon of Professor Kingsbury's  
reply.

Very truly yours,

*Ernest H. Wilkins*

Dean of the Colleges

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*Theo. G. Richner*

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
R. AMES MONTGOMERY

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Centre College

DANVILLE, KENTUCKY

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December 24, 1923.

To the honorable President  
of the Chicago University  
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My dear Mr. President:

May I be permitted to direct these few lines to you  
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I am a senior in the above college and anxious to make  
a thorough investigation as to the influence of fraternities in  
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I, therefore, dare to address myself to you, Mr. President,  
trusting not to inconvenience or burden you too much in asking you  
for the kind reply of the following questions and adding onto  
them whatever may help me in my research work.

1. Figuratively speaking, are fraternities an asset or a liability to an institute of higher learning?
2. Do students in their academic work really derive any benefit from fraternities?
3. Are the advantages offered by fraternities to their members real advantages or are they mere "Fata morganas" and offset by real disadvantages?
4. Have fraternities any real danger line? In what may they exist?

I shall be very highly indebted to you, Mr. President,  
for any information you will be good enough to give me on this  
subject with the kind permission to make free use of it and beg  
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*Wm. P. Richmond*

January 4, 1924

Mr. Theodore G. Richner,  
Centre College,  
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2. The book, "College Fraternities", which has just been published under the direction of the Conference.
3. Other sources enumerated in the book just named, or in the various volumes of the minutes.

The Interfraternity Conference is an organization of alumni representatives of the various college fraternities, about fifty in number, which holds an annual meeting in New York, attended by these representatives and university administrative officers. It considers questions of common interest to fraternities and educational institutions. The minutes contain detailed reports of several widespread inquiries on significant questions. I know of no source of material more fruitful than this. These minutes are doubtless accessible in your state university library at Lexington, or can be procured (probably) from the Secretary of the Conference, Mr. Henry H. McCorkle, 7 Pine Street, New York. The book (which sells for \$2 per single copy) can be procured from Mr. Wayne W. Musgrave, 120 Broadway, New York.

I think it is safe to say that answers to your questions will be found to vary so widely with institutions which answer them that any generalizations will have to be made subject to qualification. Our inquiry here will concern itself primarily with the local situation, and <sup>it</sup> ~~it~~ will necessarily be found to differ in some details from <sup>other</sup> ~~certain~~ other institutions. Nevertheless, the references which I have cited are very enlightening and suggestive, and whatever conclusions you may reach, I think you will find these documents well worth consulting.

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**The University of Chicago**  
**The Colleges of Arts, Literature, and Science**

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

December 11, 1924

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President E.D. Burton  
Harper Library

Dear President Burton:

I inclose herewith  
copy of a letter with regard to the  
building of a new fraternity house, and  
copy of my reply thereto, dictated after  
my telephone conversation with you yesterday morning.

Very truly yours,

*Ernest H. Wilkins*

Dean of the Colleges

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# The University of Chicago

The Colleges of Arts, Literature, and Science

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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December 10, 1924

Dear Dean Wilkins:

The Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, of which I am Advisor, contemplates building a new house and possibly buying land. The Chapter has asked me to explain the policy of the University in regard to the rumored new system of colleges on the south side of the Midway. It might want to relocate the chapter house over there.

May I ask you to send me any printed or mimeographed statement on this point that may be treated as official, provided such action has been taken? And provided, of course, it is ready to make public. I'd like to make the statement next Monday evening, if possible.

Thank you in advance for reply.

Sincerely,

(Signed) SCOTT E.W. BEDFORD

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**The University of Chicago**  
The Colleges of Arts, Literature, and Science

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

December 11, 1924

Mr. Scott E.W. Bedford  
Faculty Exchange

Dear Mr. Bedford:

In reply to your inquiry of December 10, all I can say officially is that the policy of the University with regard to the housing of its students is not finally determined. It is quite possible that the University may require students of the first year or of the first two years to live in University halls, which would presumably be located on the south side of the Midway.

Unofficially, my advice would be to remain on the north side of the Midway.

It is of course possible, although not certain, that our plans may be more definite by the end of the present college year.

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*Fraternities*

EDWARD H. THOMPSON

Attorney at Law  
Chicago

November 26, 1924

University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

It has been my understanding that the local chapters of the several Fraternities, composed of University students, have quasi-official connections with the University; and that they are under some degree of surveillance by the University authorities. Assuming this to be true, I think it right and proper to report to you certain facts, as follows:

The Phi Sigma Delta Fraternity, Mu chapter, rented my house at No. 5634 Blackstone Ave. for a term ending October 1, 1923. Instead of keeping the building in repair and returning in good condition, normal wear and tear expected, as provided by their lease, they left the premises in such a damaged condition as to require the expenditure of more than \$400.00 to repair and replace the principal items of breakage.

As illustrative of their care, or lack of care, of the premises: Every one of the five large castings of the furnace were cracked -- caused, of course, by the careless turning of cold water against the super-heated cast iron sections. The young men responsible have shown no disposition to make amends for the wreckage of the furnace, nor, indeed, for any other item of damage.

Is it within your province sufficiently to interest yourselves in this matter to use your good offices to the end that proper reparation be made?

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Mabel C. Thompson  
(Mrs. E.H.)

*Intermittent*

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Midway 2637

EDWARD H. THOMPSON  
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~~127 NORTH DEARBORN STREET~~  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

1156 E. 56th St.,  
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Mabel C. Thompson  
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EDWARD H. THOMPSON

ATTORNEY AT LAW

1100 N. Dearborn Street

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

1100 N. Dearborn St.  
November 20, 1934

University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

It has been my understanding that the faculty of the several departments, composed of University students, have assumed responsibility with the University, and that they are under some degree of surveillance by the University authorities. Assuming this to be true, I think it is proper to report to you certain facts, as follows:

The FBI has been instructed by the Attorney General to conduct a search of the University of Chicago for a term ending October 1, 1935. Instead of searching the building in detail and returning in good condition, normal rear end back extended, as provided by the lease, they left the premises in such a damaged condition as to require the expenditure of over \$500.00 to repair and replace the principal items of furniture.

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Edward H. Thompson  
1100 N. Dearborn St.  
Chicago, Ill.

October 29, 1924

Delta Tau Delta

Mr. C. A. Clippinger,  
Delta Tau Delta  
5607 University Avenue,  
Chicago

Dear Mr. Clippinger:

I have your letter of October the twenty-second. I am glad to know if investigation has shown that there was exaggeration and perhaps some misrepresentation in the report that was brought to my attention in the first place. I have myself lived in a fraternity chapter house and know there is likely to be more or less noise.

Probably there should be greater care exercised on both sides, those who take rooms in fraternity houses should clearly understand that they are going into a fraternity house. On the other hand, it is very important that in the summer we keep control of the houses, because our good name is, of course, affected by anything which takes place.

At some later time I am hoping to have a conference of representatives of the various fraternities at which we may take up some of the common problems. Thanking you for your action and letter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

James H. Tufts

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DELTA TAU DELTA  
GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER  
5607 UNIVERSITY AVE.  
CHICAGO, ILL.

Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>

Mr. J. H. Tufts  
University of Chicago.

Dear Dean Tufts:

Mr. Bedford gave me a letter which you had written to him concerning bad conduct which happened in the Chapter House of Delta Tau Delta this past Summer. I read the above mentioned letter in our last Chapter meeting to put the matter upon an open straightforward basis.

I regret to say that the entire situation seems to have been misrepresented and exaggerated. I was not present the entire Summer, but I never once saw drinking or even liquor in the Chapter House. The man who had charge of the House during this Summer, Mr. Sturman, stated decidedly that only once during the entire Summer was there any drinking, and on this occasion there were not enough men present to overcome the opposition. He also stated that this trouble arose mainly over some older men who were not actives of the Chapter.

Never do we allow any such conduct to exist within our Chapter house during the school year. It is rather difficult to control the transient outside roomers who sometimes become objectionable and when few Actives of the Chapter are around. I regret that such a rumor ever started. After just plain "rough house" play is mistaken for drunken brawling and I feel sure this was the case in most instances. I can assure you there will be no such conduct this present year. I wish to express my appreciation in the fair and conservative method you undertook in the matter. Sincerely yours  
C. A. Clippinger - Pres.



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Oct. 25-24.

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ROBERT E. PARK  
SCOTT E. W. BEDFORD  
ERNEST W. BURGESS

Dear J. H. Tufts  
Faculty Exchange

Dear Dear Tufts: -

Your letter of Sept 10. addressed to me, I gave to the President of the ATA Fraternity. The officers gave it careful consideration. Then it was presented to the chapter meeting last Monday evening. I was present, and heard the discussion and urged its careful consideration. The letter and contents were made a matter of record in the minutes of the chapter; a committee was appointed to investigate and draft a letter. This letter is inclosed. The man in charge of the house last summer quarter was present and made a statement to the Chapter; he was on the Committee to investigate and draft this letter. I was pleased with the attitude of

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ALFRED W. SMALL  
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John B. G. (J.B.G.)

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Sept 30-24

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Your letter of Sept-10 - regarding  
the reported situation at the Delta  
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Quarters came while I was on  
vacation. I shall take the mat-  
ter up with the chapter and report  
to you what is done.

Needless to say I regret the  
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do something.

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