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Office of the Counsel and Business Manager

February Twenty Seven  
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President Harry Pratt Judson,  
The University of Chicago.

My dear President:

I am sending with this a copy of a  
report by Smiley of the detective bureau, contain-  
ing some suggestions that seem to be pertinent.

Very truly yours,

WH:EB  
Enc.

*William H. Wood*

*Detective Service*

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President Harry Pratt Judson  
The University of Chicago  
By Dean Friedman

I am sending with this a copy of a  
report by Salley of the Executive Board, which  
has been adopted and sent to the Council.  
Very truly yours,

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Feb. 16th, 1922.

To the Management of the University of Chicago,  
134 South LaSalle Street.

In the past few years I am informed by the heads of various departments of the University of Chicago, that pilfering, petty losses and various annoyances are almost regular occurrences in and about the University buildings and grounds. Some perpetrators of these offences have been caught and punished but the greater number have never been apprehended, at least the greater number of losses have not been accounted for.

For the purpose of studying the situation and attempting to devise some plan by which these annoyances and losses may be abated, I held a conference with Mr. Fairweather, Mrs. Goodspeed, Mr. Flook and Mrs. Dudley. The various thefts, it seems are spasmodic, frequently several losses within a short period of time, then a considerable lapse of time before a repetition. The things taken from the University Buildings do not indicate the class of thief committing the offence. The instances vary, sometimes it is money, sometimes clothing, there have been thefts of blankets, shoes, coats and in fact a variety of stuff, which as stated above does not give an idea as to the thief.

Ida Noyes Hall has been a productive field for the thieves. Many of the losses there have occurred between closing time Saturday night and the opening of the building on Monday morning, which seems to show that a thief has free access to the building and to all of the rooms therein. In some instances two and three doors have been opened with keys in order to get at the stuff taken. A watch was placed on Ida Noyes Hall, by two men being assigned there from 10:00 P. M. Saturday night, Feb. 11th, until Monday morning at 6:00 A.M., Feb. 13th. During all of these hours no one entered the building who did not have a perfect right there, so far as we are aware and nothing was missed during that period. The night watchman covers the grounds and buildings of the University as best he can. A man was assigned under a proper pretext to accompany night watchman, Garney on his rounds for four nights, beginning at about 6:00 P.M. and ending at about 4:30 A.M. The particular nights covered were Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, Feb. 9th to 12th inclusive. In going over the matter thoroughly with all of the men who were assigned at the University, I have reached certain conclusions, but first I want to mention the fact that the night watchman found the doors to the Rosenwald Building open in the middle of the night on various occasions. He also found the door to the temporary gymnasium open and on one of those four nights found the kitchenette in Ida Noyes Hall with the door and four windows open. Naturally the question arises who was responsible, especially in the case of the kitchenette.



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Night watchman Damon declared that he had closed and locked the windows to that particular room, which a few hours later were found open. It is possible that he did so, but it is also possible that he overlooked it and only thought he did so. The night watchman, so far as thieves are concerned, might as well not be on the grounds. ✓

Ida Noyes Hall is a building which should have special attention on account of its valuable trophies and furnishings. There are times when this building is absolutely without protection from one and one half to two hours during the night. The fact that there is a night watchman about the University would have a very slight moral effect, if any, upon the average thief. The knowledge of his being there might influence amateurs. Watchman Gafney covers about twice as much territory as he should cover in order to do good work. His principal object, and I say this without criticism, is his endeavor to pull so many clocks at a specified time. There are many things neglected on his rounds because he wishes to pull his clocks at the time he is supposed to do so. Doors are not tried and windows are not examined. Inside of Ida Noyes Hall the doors are not tried, in every case for lack time. A building so richly furnished with articles of such great value, should not be left unprotected one hour out of twenty-four of each day. The University authorities are to be congratulated because they have not lost many very valuable furnishings. I am at a loss to understand why a band of thieves have not backed a moving van up to Ida Noyes Hall in the middle of the night and loaded on thousands of dollars worth of valuable rugs. There is absolutely nothing to hinder their doing so. ✓

I find a list of fifteen different persons who hold pass keys and master keys to Ida Noyes Hall. In some instances several of these persons have keys to every door inside and outside of the building. I might be wrong, but it seems to me a ridiculous situation. Never in my experience have I found a building containing so many valuable articles, where some responsible person did not look after the keys. There seems to be an impression existing with the various authorities about Ida Noyes Hall, that someone's feelings might be injured if various ones in and out of the place were not furnished with pass keys. I can think of no good reason why half of this number of keys should be out standing. The watchmen, both Damon and Gafney require a key, the Supt. of Buildings and Grounds should have a key, the "trouble man" should have a key, Mrs. Goodspeed as a matter of courtesy should have a key and possibly the head Janitor, but why all of the others should carry keys I am at a loss to understand. Surely they do not visit the building at an hour when either the watchman or the Janitor is not available to admit them if business should call them there. It seems that many of the keys are given to semi-officials merely that they may come in and go out of the back and side doors in order to make a short cut and if they feel so disposed, possibly leave the door open behind them. One thing is certain and that is that responsibility for open doors and windows and even the responsibility for losses can not be placed definitely so long as Tom, Dick and Harry carry keys to this building. If a great number of these keys were recalled, the feelings of someone might be temporarily injured but they would recover. ✓



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The situation is one for very serious consideration. As above stated, the night watchman so far as thieves are concerned is practically useless. If thieves wished to enter any of the buildings and select valuable material, they would have to follow the watchman but for one night to determine just when and where they could work without being observed. As it is Ida Noyes Hall for instance, is without protection two or three times between 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M. for one hour to two and a half hours. There is no protection whatever between his rounds during the night nor is there any between the time he discontinues at 4:30 A. M. and the time that the Janitor comes to work at about 8:00 A. M. If there were two night watchman an arrangement could be made so that Noyes Hall would not be without protection for a minute between 6:00 P. M. and 8:00 A. M., which is of course the most dangerous time. One man could go on at the usual time at about 6:30 and end up in Noyes Hall after pulling his boxes the first time and remain there until relieved by a second watchman, who could come on duty say at 8:00 or 9:00 P.M. They could then take turns working East, West and North from Noyes Hall, pulling boxes in the various other buildings but always one of them remaining in Noyes Hall. This is only a suggestion and the details would have to be worked out. One thing which has attracted my attention for sometime past, is the fact that there are so many people with just enough authority around Ida Noyes Hall to make them of no particular value. It seems that everyone has an assistant and every assistant looks to someone else, and it is a very easy thing to pass the buck from one to another. No particular responsibility for any particular wrong doing attaches to any particular person. I am not concluding who is responsible for this condition, but it occurs to me that some individual should be absolutely and irrevocably responsible in and about Ida Noyes Hall, so that when anything does go wrong you could put your finger on that particular person and find out why.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chicago, Illinois.  
Feb. 16th, 1922.

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Re-University of Chicago.  
Inv. M. M. T.

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In my several nights with Officer Gafney I found him to be a very conscientious, hard worker. The work, however, mapped out for him to do can not properly be done by one man. About all Mr. Gafney can do is to travel rapidly from post to post without regard to detail and without being able to observe much unless it comes directly in his path. The protection afforded Noyes Hall by his presence is of little value, as there is so much time during the night that the Hall has no protection whatever. This could be remedied by having two or three watchmen to divide up the time during the night and arrange the beats so that one man would at all times be in Ida Noyes Hall. All of the outside doors, as well as the inside doors could then be tried several times during the night and it would be impossible for intruders to gain entrance without being observed. From my conversation with Gafney and others about the buildings and grounds, I am of the opinion that persons stealing stuff from Ida Noyes Hall or other buildings are familiar with the watchman's beat and figure so as to miss him, which is an easy matter.

After finishing my conference with Mr. Flook and giving him such information as I possessed I returned to the office and discontinued.

Time 1 day  
No expense

\$10.00



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Chicago, Illinois.  
Feb. 18th, 1933.

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Feb. 12th, 1922.

1233 D.  
Re-University of Chicago.  
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Continuing upon this case I reported for duty at 6:00 P. M. at the Press Building and in company with Special Officer Gafney patrolled the grounds and buildings until 4:20 A. M.

The Newman Clock system is installed through the buildings and grounds and Officer Gafney's duty is to pull nine clocks on the first and fourth rounds, all of these being in the basements and main floors. On the second and third rounds the officers duty is to pull eleven clocks on each round, all of these clocks are on the second and third and fourth floors, making a total of forty clocks pulled during his time on duty. Under the present system, clocks are pulled first round 6:05 P. M. to 7:30 P. M. Second round 9:00 P. M. to 10:30 P. M. Third round 1:00 A. M. to 2:30 A. M. and the fourth round 3:00 A. M. to 4:20 A. M., leaving some parts of the post without Police protection one and a half to two and a half hours at a time and no protection from 4:20 A. M. until the day janitors come on duty. A few doors and windows were found open during the night, but this seems to be not uncommon. I discontinued at 4:30 A. M.

Time 1 day	\$10.00
Supper, Car Fares etc.	<u>.95</u>
Total	\$10.95



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Feb. 11th, 1922.

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Re-University of Chicago.  
Inv. M. M. T.

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In making the rounds we found the kitchenette of Ida Noyes Hall open at 1:20 A. M. with all lights burning and on entering we found four outside windows open. The interior was, so far as I could observe, O. K. This kitchenette had undoubtedly been used by some of the dancers during the evening and then left open with the lights burning. Officer Damon is supposed to remain in this Building until the dancers depart at 11:30 P. M. or later and see that all windows and doors are closed before he leaves the building. We also found the door of the main entrance to Rosenwald Building open on two occasions. This door will not close unless considerable force is used. We also found that the same condition exists in the south door of the temporary Gymnasium. The door will not close unless particular attention is paid to the same. The doors mentioned are used by students, janitors, etc., and remain open until discovered by the watchman, which in some instances may mean two hours later.

We saw no one prowling around the grounds and no suspicious actions during the night.

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Supper, Car Fares Etc.	<u>.95</u>
Total	\$10.95



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Chicago, Illinois.  
Feb. 11th, 1932.

1233 D  
Re-University of Chicago.  
Inv. M. M. T.

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Chicago, Illinois  
Feb. 10th, 1922.

1233 D  
Re-University of Chicago.  
Inv. M. M. T.

Continuing upon this case I reported for duty with Special Officer Gafney at 6:00 P. M. and traveled post with him until 4:20 A. M.

In going through the buildings we occasionally found students working as late as 1:00 A. M. Officer Gafney would speak to them and in some instances take their names and then go on, the students claiming that they had examinations and were preparing for the same. We also found doors open and janitors passing to and fro until 12:30 A. M. The same routine of clock pulling was observed as on the previous night. ✓

Friday night there was a dance in Ida Noyes Hall, third floor. The second floor of the building, at the east end I am told is sometimes used for dances. Officer Damon is detailed to this building and Gafney and I had no means of knowing what time the dancers left. We found the building clear on our third round. Officer Gafney keeps close lookout for open windows and doors or lights in the building, but as stated in yesterday's report, he has no time to try all doors and windows, many of which should be tried several times each night. I understand also that the doors inside of Ida Noyes Hall are supposed to be tried but the limited time does not allow the night watchman to try these doors. Nothing of importance occurred during the night.

Time 1 day	\$10.00
Supper, Car Fares etc.	<u>.95</u>
Total	\$ 10.95

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Chicago, Illinois.  
Feb. 9th, 1922.

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Re-University of Chicago.  
Inv. M. M. T.

For the purpose of familiarizing myself with the protection afforded by the watchman service at the University of Chicago and to learn the actual conditions existing there from 6:00 o'clock in the evening until 6:00 A. M. the next morning, I went to the University in company with Manager S. and first made a survey of the buildings and grounds. I then called at the residence of Mr. Flook, 1307 E. 60th Street and arranged with him that I was to travel post with Special Officer Gafney, the night watchman.

I joined Gafney at the Press Building, 58th and Ellis at 6:00 P. M., at which time Gafney registers in. Starting from that point we went first to the Rosenwald Building, where two boxes are pulled, one in the basement and one on the 4th floor. We continued on to the Walker Building, where a box was pulled in the basement and one on the third floor, then to the Ladies Dormitory where one box was pulled on the main floor. Our next stop was at the garage in the rear of the President's house, where a box was pulled and we then proceeded to Ida Noyes Hall where three boxes were pulled, one in the basement, one on the second floor at the east end and one on the third floor at the west end of the building. We next went to the Kimbark Building where a box was pulled in the basement and one on the fourth floor. From here we went to the temporary Gymnasium, where one box was pulled on the main floor. Our next call was at the Blaine Building where three boxes were pulled, one in the basement, one in the west end and one in the east end of the building. We next went to Belfield Hall where there is a box in the basement and two on the third floor. We finished the first round at the Lexington Building where one box was pulled, at about 7:30 P. M. On the first round all boxes in the basements and on the first floors were pulled but not the ones above the first floor.

At 9:00 P. M. on round #2 we pulled all boxes on floors above the main going through the buildings the same as on the first round and finish at the Ladies Dormitory, by closing four doors in the basement.

Round #3 was started at 1:00 A. M. and was the same as round #1, finishing at 2:30 A. M. Round #4 was the same as round #1. We started at 3:00 A. M. and finished at about 4:20 A. M.

There is so much ground to cover that it is impossible to try all doors and windows and make the round on time as scheduled. We discontinued at about 4:30 A. M., which from my understanding leaves the buildings unprotected from that time until perhaps 8:00 A. M. when the Janitors arrive.

Time 1 day	\$10.00
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I joined Gahney at the Press Building, 58th and Ellis at 6:00 P. M., at which time Gahney registers in. Starting from that point we went first to the Rosenwald Building, where two boxes are pulled, one in the basement and one on the 4th floor. We continued on to the Walker Building, where a box was pulled in the basement and one on the third floor, then to the Ladies Dormitory where one box was pulled on the main floor. Our next stop was at the garage in the rear of the President's house, where a box was pulled and we then proceeded to Ida Noyes Hall where three boxes were pulled, one in the basement, one on the second floor at the east end and one on the third floor at the west end of the building. We next went to the Kimbark Building where a box was pulled in the basement and one on the fourth floor. From here we went to the temporary Gymnasium, where one box was pulled on the main floor. Our next call was at the Blaine Building where three boxes were pulled, one in the basement, one in the west end and one in the east end of the building. We next went to Bellfield Hall where there is a box in the basement and two on the third floor. We finished the first round at the Lexington Building where one box was pulled, at about 7:30 P. M. On the first round all boxes in the basements and on the first floors were pulled but not the ones above the first floor.

At 9:00 P. M. on round #2 we pulled all boxes on floors above the main going through the buildings the same as on the first round and finished at the Ladies Dormitory, by closing four doors in the basement.

Round #3 was started at 1:00 A. M. and was the same as round #1, finishing at 2:30 A. M. Round #4 was the same as round #1. We started at 3:00 A. M. and finished at about 4:30 A. M.

There is so much ground to cover that it is impossible to try all doors and windows and make the round on time as scheduled. We discontinued at about 4:30 A. M., which from my understanding leaves the buildings unprotected from that time until perhaps 8:00 A. M. when the Janitors arrive.

Time 1 day	\$10.00
Supper, Car, Fares etc.	95
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