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September 21st, 1906.

Miss Beretha Bain,

The Elsmere, Kansas City, Mo.

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the basis of gossip, and I dare say that a great deal you
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arrangements with regard to Miss Strauchon are in the
course of satisfactory adjustment. I appreciate your
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Very truly yours,

of the faculty who
have young relatives
to love and be anxious
for will not allow
her to be excluded.
I am confident that
they would never re-
gret giving her another
trial. Just two weeks
ago you asked the
graduating class for
suggestions. This is
my first plea; forgive
me if I am on the
wrong side.

yours respectfully,
Bertha Baue

The Elsmerept,
Kans. City, Mo.
Sept. 14, 1906

Dr. H. P. Judson,
University of Chicago

My dear Sir:

While I was in
Chicago this Summer,
I heard some gossip
about one of our girls,
which I am very
sorry not to have
hunted down. Since
I came home, I have
learned that it is
much more serious

than I thought. I refer to the case of Ethel Strachan, a member of Green Hall last year. I was instrumental in having her placed there, and for that reason wish to put myself on record as still having perfect confidence in the child's good intentions and good character. She is inexperienced, and therefore may have gone too far, but she

cannot justly be called "base" or "vile", as I understand she has been called. I sincerely hope that the authorities will allow her to redeem herself. I am sure all will agree that this can be done only in the Halls. The University of Chicago has been a friend to me and to many others that I know, and I cannot think that it would blacken the reputation of one young girl. Surely, the members

September 21st, 1906.

My dear Miss Talbot:-

Your favor of the 19th inst.
is received. I think your view of the case is entirely
correct. I will write Mr. Strauchon to that effect and
meanwhile will have a room reserved. I will ask the reply
to be sent to me as I do not know just when you expect to be
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With best wishes, I am

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Very truly yours,

I sincerely trust that
his suggestions will seem
reasonable and a real aid
in settling the matter justly
to all concerned.

With cordial greetings
from the family.

Sincerely yours,
Marion Talbot.

Lexington, Ky. 103
Sept. 19, 1906.

Dear President Mason.

Inquiry from the
letter I have had from Mr. Cam-
mack, there is a good deal of mis-
conception about the facts in the
case of Miss Stranahan. Sometime
I shall hope to see the correspon-
dence. I am inclined to think
that a statement from me and
one from her Dean would change
its character greatly and not
add to its mass materially!

With a slight modification I
am quite willing to assent to your
judgment as to her return to Green
Hall. It has never been a question
of the girl's intentional spirit, but
rather of her general attitude in
ways which are perhaps not within
her control. Her ^{sister} ~~parents~~ questioned
the fitness of the life for her last
year, each quarter her return was
uncertain, in a letter of Sept. 2nd she
wrote "my parents and sister deemed
it wise for me not to go to Chicago"
... as we were examining the
catalogues of other schools every-
thing seemed to show that it was

best for me to return to Chicago".
I have written her that the condi-
tions in the University cannot be
much changed to meet her needs.
If now her parents and sister
will make a statement of the
way they wish her to live, I will
take it as a basis for considering
her return to Green Hall. In
other words her family must
to a certain extent direct her
private domestic and social life
and indicate what would be satis-
fying to them. Questions pec-
taining to the Home can be
adjusted easily by her and me.

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Chicago, Sept. 18, 1906

My dear Mr. Judson:

I had a talk with Miss Talbot about the Strauchon case last week and I think we cleared up most of the difficulties involved. I give you a summary of the results of my inquiries:

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3. Rumor that Miss S. had been expelled from H.S. also erroneous. See Cammack's letter.
4. Miss S. cannot be altogether objectionable to his student associates in the Hall, else she would not have been unanimously elected to membership last Spring.
5. Miss Reynolds writes me that, from the little she knows of Miss S., she would be glad to have her assigned to Foster. Will send you letter if you desire it.
6. Frank Miller writes that after investigation he formed the highest opinion of Miss S. It seems that Miss Strauchon conferred with him as well as with me (both her instructors), with Schutze (instructor), and with Vincent, her Dean-in-chief. If have had no communications from these others. *Miller letter 7 inclosed.*
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In conclusion, may I say that I regret having been brought into this case originally, but if I have been instrumental in clearing the character and standing of this young woman in the eyes of Miss Talbot and others, I am content.

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Yours sincerely,

Edward Green

September 21st, 1906.

Mr. William Strauchon,

303 Dwight Building, Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mr. Strauchon:-

Since returning from Canada this week I have been going over the matters relating to your daughter's residence in Green Hall. Undoubtedly, as often in such cases, there has been more or less misapprehension on various sides. Without going into that matter, which seems needless, it sums itself up in this way. Last year, on the whole, your daughter in her resident at Green undoubtedly did not in all respects conform to such methods of house life and action as either you or she would entirely approve. If she wishes to return to the University there of course can be no objection. If you wish her to resume her life in Green it is my own judgment that that is the best thing she could do provided that she resumes that life with the spirit and intention of making this year an exceptionable record. Of course I should not warrant her being placed in any of the halls

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There is also one other matter. Miss Talbot as head of the house will wish to know some further facts as to your wishes with regard to some conditions relating to your daughter's domestic and social life. These are things about which I think you could without difficulty consult with Miss Talbot herself. You will find her I am sure entirely reasonable in the matter, and wishing nothing but the best interests of your daughter.

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that she gets the communication promptly.
Very truly yours,

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Miss E. Margaret Strauchon,

2639 Forest Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Miss Strauchon:-

Your favor of the 10th

inst. was duly received while I was absent from the city and hence did not receive prompt answer. I am writing to your father by this day's mail and hope that all matters relating to your sister are in the course of satisfactory adjustment.

Thanking you, and with best wishes to yourself, I am

Very truly yours,

September 21st, 1906.

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My dear Mr. Capps:-

I thank you very much for your letter and enclosures of the 18th inst. I have been taking up the matter and I think have reached a satisfactory conclusion. The Foster suggestion does not appeal to me. I think that would lead to more complications than it would remedy. Under reasonable conditions Miss Strauchon will be received again in Green Hall. I am writing Mr. Strauchon to-day.

Cordially yours,

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Cordially yours,

Central High School,

Kansas City, Mo.

Copy

September 15, 1906.

Miss Talbot,

Dean of Women,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Miss Talbot:-

The work of enrolling sixteen hundred pupils and the organization necessary to start the term has been so great that many private duties have been neglected.

Your letter has unfortunately been misplaced and must be answered from memory after a hurried reading.

Green Hall and life at Chicago had nothing whatever to do with our selection of a school for our daughter.

We held the University and the Halls in high esteem. Many of our teachers and friends have lived in the Halls and have uniformly commended them. We have no objections to Green Hall. The only question that has arisen in our minds is the desirability of an institution where a school girl escapade may be so treated as to call in question the good name of any of its resident members.

The case of Miss Strauchon appears to be the one at issue. My conversation with a young lady in one of the offices in Cobb Hall seems to have been wholly misunderstood. I do not see how any inference derogatory to the character and good name of the girl could have been drawn. No such thought or intention existed.

I have inquired concerning a reported expulsion. It seems that an entire class of twenty-five or thirty members failed to report at school on Friday, the day following Thanksgiving. For this offense the entire class was temporarily suspended, not

I. I. CAMMACK,
PRINCIPAL.

Central High School,
Kansas City, Mo.

Sep 15, 1905

E. C. WHITE
VICE-PRINCIPAL.

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Miss Strauchon has always borne the best reputation here. It is much to be regretted that any question has arisen concerning her.

Very respectfully yours,

I. I. Cammack.

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Kansas City, Mo.

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VICE-PRINCIPAL.

September 15, 1906.

Dean Edmund Capp,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find copy of letter to Miss Talbot. I sincerely hope the case against Miss Strauchon may be settled in a satisfactory manner for I certainly believe the girl innocent of the charges that have been brought against her.

Very respectfully yours,

I. I. Cammack.

Central High School

Kansas City, Mo.

September 25, 1906

Dear Edward Cary,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find copy of letter to Miss Talbot. I sincerely

hope the case against Miss Stenhouse may be settled in a satisfactory

manner for I verily believe the girl innocent of the charges

that have been brought against her.

Very respectfully yours,

J. J. Conner

2639 Forest Ave.,
Kansas City, Mo.,
10 Sept. 1906.

Dear Mr. Gadsden:

Just returned from
my summer trip. I find
my sister is refused ad-
mission to Green Hall. My
father has already written
explaining, as well as we
know, the trouble of last
March. This I wrote to both
Miss Tallist and to Miss
Breckinridge at the time,
neither of them answered
my letters asking what
I had had done. I guessed

and must as well as
could. I shall be
at home to write to
of anything further as
would at present know
what it is all about.
My father will cover
for me at least 3 days
of my school, he can bring
the letters to receive
from him. I shall not
find any trouble at all
for to write to both
Miss Tallist and Miss
Breckinridge at the time,
neither of them answered
my letters asking what
I had had done. I guessed

and wrote as well as I
could, so that the matter
settled. Now I write to you
as acting president of
the University to know
what it is all about.

My father will come up
with E. del. to see you. If
you wish, he can bring
the letters I received
from Miss Talbot and from
Miss Buckinridge. Last
fall I wrote asking if
E. del's health were good
enough to return. Useful
that there is no question
of her mentally and morally.

Because I am a master's

To Dr. J. G. Anderson,
M. D. and Dr. J. G. Anderson,

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2639 Forest Ave.,
Kansas City, Mo.,
10 Sept 1906.

Dear Mr. Caffers:

I wish to thank you for
your interest in my sister
E. Chelms who seems still to be
in the shadow of Miss Talbot's
displeasure. When I wrote
last March, neither Miss Tal-
bot nor Miss Breckinridge
would tell me what she
had done. They not only
made her write what they
should have written but
they ignored the letters I

I thank you so very much. Is
there anything else that I can do?

Sincerely,

E. Wright Strachan.

wrote. It was a most
unusual proceeding
from every point of view. Had
I not been confined to my
bed with grippe, I should
have gone up.

I have just written to
Dr. Judson asking what it
is all about, and requesting
that he bring the matter
before the faculty if necessary.
Father will come up with
Ethel a few days before the
term opens. We intend to
see Ethel then and to have
her in Chicago the Autumn
quarter.

EDITORIAL OFFICE
Classical Philology

The University of Chicago
Chicago

Sept. 8

My dear Mr. Judson:

You will be interested in Miss Strauchon's letter just received. It seems to explain certain matters. Miss McGrew, to whom she refers, is one of the best young women we have ever had in the Greek Department. Her father is one of the faculty at Berkeley.

Would it not be well to have the Registrar reserve a room in Foster for Miss Strauchon, pending your decision as to the merits of the case against her? In my opinion it would be a grave mistake to exclude her from the halls. We have always been strong in the Kansas City H.S., the letter from whose principal I sent you yesterday.

Yours sincerely
Edward C. Latta

Sept. 8

My dear Mr. Hudson:

You will be interested in Miss Stronach's letter just received. It seems to ex-
plain certain matters. Miss Stronach, to whom the letter, is one of the best young women
we have ever had in the Greek Department. Her father is one of the faculty at Berkeley.
Would it not be well to have the Committee reserve a room in Foster for Miss Stronach?
Soon, needless to say, we shall be to the verge of the same situation here. In my opinion it
would be a grave mistake to exclude her from the office. We have already been forced to
the Kansas City office, the letter from which I sent you yesterday.

Yours truly,
J. Edgar Smith

Cherry, Sept. 7 [1906]

Dear Mr. Jackson -

I have not heard from Miss Sturges, to whom I wrote as directed by you. But here is a letter from Principal Cameron, whom Miss Turbot referred to. I took the liberty of assuming his correctness, his opinion of Miss Sturges, in view of the adverse judgment which was attributed to him. There too, the points made in Miss Turbot's letter to you, 1) bad class standing in the Academy, 2) bad standing in her Cameron's eyes are shown to be based upon some mis-understanding.

I am personally strongly of the opinion
that to exclude Miss Planchon from
the Hall would be an act of
great injustice, and I trust it will
not be done. Dear Minister and
Mr. F. J. Miller, I judge, think
as highly of her as I do.

Sincerely

Edward Capps

but that was because of my health. But I was so well when I came home at Christmas time that there was no question about my returning.

Because my father is away from the city about four or five days of every week, my sister has tended to all the correspondence concerning my school affairs. Unfortunately, she has been in Canada all summer and knows nothing about this affair. However, she will return Saturday morning and will write Sean Judson not later than Sunday, probably Saturday.

Sep 6, 1906

My dear Mr. Capps:

Your very kind letter written Monday just reached me last night. There seems to be something wrong with the mails, for the letter you wrote on Saturday did not reach me until Tuesday. Father had already left the city again. However, I telephoned him asking him to write Mr. Judson at once. I think Mr. Judson has a letter by this time.

You spoke about my work not being good. The autumn

harassed until the last minute so that I was not only ^{un}able to keep up my daily work but failed completely in my German examination. My health went down so fast that, although I really worked harder than even in the spring, I was not able to do myself justice. Miss Breckinridge and Miss Talbot knew that I worked hard last spring. I cut out almost all social functions in order that I might not leave my mind taken off of my work.

It is true that my sister deliberated about my going back after Christmas

quarter, I confess I did not work as hard as I might have. I felt tired probably because of my trip last summer, when my sister and I spent three months traveling in Europe. My work for the winter, however, I feel sure was as good as that of the autumn, until about the twenty second of February. Then I was absent for several days because of illness. And on the first of March came that dreadful escapade from which I have never recovered. It was just three weeks before examinations, I have explained to you before how I was

I do not know the heads of
any of the other girls well enough
to judge as to whether they
would object to me or not. I
never in my life had anyone
object to my presence except
Miss Talbot and her assistant.
as to the girls of Green — there
is no question but that they
really want me to come
back. I had not told them that
I was going back because
I wanted to surprise them.
All summer I have had letters
from about nine of them asking
me to please return. If you
would like to see their letters
I shall send them to you.

I received my eighteen-dollar deposit
from the Registrar yesterday. Shall
I send it back?

I just now received a letter from
Father saying that he had written to
Mr. Judson.

Very respectfully yours

W. Ethel Strachan

September - 6, 1906

2639 Forest Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri

These are from the younger
girls, however. But I have
a great many friends
in Green among the older
girls - the doctors and the
masters. I shall ask them
to write Mr. Judson if you
think it wise. Miss McGrew
of your department was a
great friend of mine. When
I was elected to house member-
ship, I received every vote.
I still really want a room
in Green, and my father
prefers that I have a room
there rather than in any other
hall.

Central High School,
Kansas City, Mo.

Sept. 6, - '06.

Prof. Edward Gapp,
from College of Arts,
U. of C., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The contents of your note
of recent date was a very great
surprise. I do not understand how
I could have been so misrepresented.
Miss Stranahan is a trusted friend of
myself and family. For four years my
daughter has been in very intimate
touch with her. We believe her to be
a most estimable young lady in every
respect. She has trust of friends here who
will not believe otherwise. The only
question I have ever heard emanated
from Green Hall. Before the un-
fortunate episode there, we seriously
considered making application at
that Hall for our daughter on
account of the presence of Miss S.

Sep 6, 1906

I. I. CAMMACK,
PRINCIPAL.

Central High School,
Kansas City, Mo.

E. C. WHITE
VICE-PRINCIPAL.

Since that time we have more seriously questioned the management of any institution that would so magnify a school girl's fault as to raise any questions affecting the good name of its members.

You may create me as testifying unreservedly to the integrity and good character of Miss Stanchum. To ban her from the Hall, I believe, would be an act of great injustice.

Very Respectfully Yours,
I. I. Cammack.



THE STATE LIFE BUILDING.

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THE STATE LIFE Insurance Company

OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

WM. STRAUCHON, District Manager
303 Dwight Building
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Kansas City, Mo. Sept. 5, 1906
2639 Forest Avenue,

Mr. H. P. Judson, President,
University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Judson:--

Last spring when my daughter Ethel left the University, because of her health, I thought it best for ^{her} not to return in the fall, However, about a month later, we decided that she should go back to Chicago, accordingly, with Mr. Goodspeeds permission, She applied with the customary five dollars for her old room number fourteen Green Hall. Before the first of September, she sent \$ 13.00 to pay the balance of half the room rent, Last Friday, August 31st. Ethel received a letter from Miss Talbot, Head of Green Hall, saying that she and Miss Breckinridge had decided Ethel was not to return, Just before the close of the Winter Quarter, last spring, Ethel, together with seven other freshmen of Green Hall started into a frolic which went very much farther than the girls had ever thought of, My daughter was very painfully but not seriously injured at that time, although it was just one of those frolics that often occurs among school girls, I did not approve of this escapade in any way, Nor did I approve the way the girls were treated, Some older girls reported the affair to Miss Talbot and Miss Breckinridge making Ethel the ringleader, Because of this report and because of the injuries on her hand, she had to take the blunt of the punishment, She was sent for by the head of the house and her



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One Dwight Building
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2839 Forest Avenue,
Kansas City, Mo. Sept. 5, 1906

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University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Judson:-
Last spring when my daughter Ethel left the University, because of her health, I thought it best for not to return in the fall. However, about a month later, we decided that she should go back to Chicago accordingly, with Mr. Goodspeed's permission. She applied with the customary five dollars for her old room number fourteen Green Hall. Before the first of September, she sent \$13.00 to pay the balance of half the room rent. Last Friday, August 21st, Ethel received a letter from Miss Talbot, Head of Green Hall, saying that she and Miss Breckinridge had decided Ethel was not to return, just before the close of the winter quarter, last spring. Ethel, together with seven other freshmen of Green Hall started into a frolic which went very much farther than the girls had ever thought of. My daughter was very painfully but not seriously injured at that time, although it was just one of those frolics that often occurs among school girls. I did not approve of the escapade in any way. Nor did I approve the way the girls were treated. Some older girls reported the affair to Miss Talbot and Miss Breckinridge making Ethel the ringleader. Because of this report and because of the injuries on her hand, she had to take the blunt of the punishment. She was sent for by the head of the house and her

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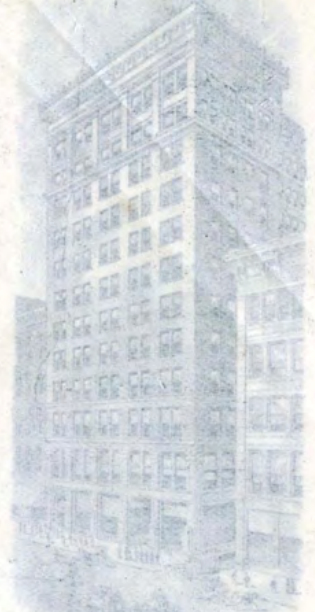
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Sept. 3, 1906

My dear President Judson:

Miss Talbot's letter to Miss Strauchon reads as follows:

"I have learned from the Registrar that you have applied for a room for the Autumn quarter. It was my understanding when you left that you did not intend to return. Dean Breckenridge and I agree that that decision should stand. I have therefore directed the Registrar to return your deposit".

Miss Strauchon tells me that she did at one time intend to go to the University of Missouri next year, feeling pretty sore about being made the sole culprit in the episode of last Winter, but that this was her decision, not that of her Dean. Her father, however, much prefers the University of Chicago for her, and she herself, after Dean Breckenridge had asked the Junior College for a special concession for her and feeling that the old case was closed, was eagerly longing to come back and felt at perfect liberty to change her mind. She feels that Professor F.J. Miller and Dean Vincent, both of whom knew about the hazing affair, think that she has suffered enough-- and none of the other eight suffered at all. Would it not be well, pending your decision, to have the room which the Registrar reserved for her, kept in her name, or at least another room reserved, so that she shall not be excluded in case of a favorable decision? Her address is: M. Ethel Strauchon, 2639 Forest Ave., Kansas City.

Sept. 2, 1908

My dear President Johnson:

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Miss Stranahan writes me that she did at one time intend to go to the University of Wisconsin next year, but that she has decided to stay at home. She says that she is not of last winter, but that this was her decision, not that of her Dean. Her father, however, soon offered the University of Chicago for her, and she accepted. She says that the old had asked the Junior College for a special concession for her and feeling that the old case was closed, was eagerly looking to come back and take at perfect liberty to arrange her mind. She feels that Professor C. J. Miller and Dean Vincent, both of whom know about the matter, think that she has suffered enough--and none of the other girls suffered at all. She is not at all, regarding your situation, to have the room which the Registrar reserved for her, kept in her name, or to have another room reserved, so that she shall not be excluded in case of a favorable decision. Her address is: W. Ethel Grosvenor, 287 Forest Ave., Kansas City.

Sept 3, 1906

I have not forgotten your request that I think of some solution of the Deanship question. The best thing that I can propose would be the appointment of Allen. Certainly he is the only one of the Arts faculty of last year who could take hold intelligently and with the acquaintance and good will of the men as an asset. The added responsibility would do him good, and if the matter of compensation is vital, he might be released from some of his courses over six. Mrs. Allen would be an important factor in the appointment, for she likes the boys and they like her, and she entertains simply and graciously. Castle, Bechtel, and Laing are the only three Classical men available, and Allen probably the most classical man outside of our staff of instructors. Since none of the three could be asked to undertake the position, for the reasons you advanced the other day, I can think of no one better and more likely to succeed than Allen.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Capps

I have not forgotten your request that I think of some solution of the German question. The best thing that I can propose would be the appointment of Allen. Certainly he is the only one of the Arts faculty of last year who could take hold intelligently and with the acquaintance and good will of the men as an asset. The added responsibility would be his, and if the matter of communication is vital, he might be released from some of his courses over the year. Allen would be an important factor in the appointment, for she likes the boys and they like her, and she entertains easily and graciously. Gable, Schmitt, and Baker are the only three Classical men available, and Allen probably the most classical man outside of our staff of instructors. Since none of the three could be asked to undertake the position, for the reasons you advanced the other day, I am left with Allen as the only man who could do the job.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Gable

THE MEDICAL COURSES

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

The University of Chicago

FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

CHICAGO , Jan. 18, 1907.

My dear President Judson:-

In accordance with your note of yesterday I have this morning informed Mr. Moloney that his registration for this quarter will be cancelled and that he will be refused further registration in my office.

Yours very truly,

John M. Dodson

Dean.

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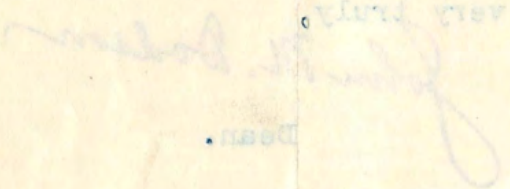
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Dean.

February 25, 1907.

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My dear Mr Judson,

I am heartily sorry
for misrepresenting the facts
to you in our conversation. I
did not intend that you should
think I never did such things
as you suggested. I merely
told you the untruth in the
hope of bringing to a climax
the investigation and as such

was^{not} the result I am very
sorry indeed.

I am sorry you did
not know of these things before
my service to the University
was ended, for my conduct has
been no different during the
past year than the three
previous years.

I congratulate you
most heartily upon the Presidency
and wish you all the success

possible.

Hoping this apology will meet
with your approval I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Walter H. Ekersall.

675 East 65th Street

DRUNKEN ORGIES AMONG STUDENTS

**Fraternity Members to Be Ex-
pelled From Chicago
University.**

FACULTY KEEPS SECRET

**Chorus Girls Join in All-Night Rev-
els at Chapter-Houses and Cham-
pagne Flows—Phi Kappa
Psi Men Expelled.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Members of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity of the University of Chicago are to be expelled and members of other fraternities are to be placed on trial by the faculty because of drunkenness and alleged presence of chorus girls in the chapter-houses after dark. This much was admitted by Acting-President Harry Pratt Judson tonight. Utmost secrecy has been thrown around the matter.

The charges against the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity are these:

Champagne and Chorus Girls.

That at certain nightly revels held in the chapter-house on Lexington avenue and Fifty-seventh street, champagne was freely used, to such an extent that many of the members became intoxicated.

That at certain of these nightly revels chorus girls from some of the Chicago theaters were guests at suppers, which began at 11 o'clock at night, and that the chorus girls were not seen to leave until the sun was well in the heavens on the following day.

That at the president's reception last Monday night, the greatest official and social event of the university year, student members of the Phi Kappa Psi and other fraternities were present in a condition far beyond semi-intoxication, and that this condition was reached in sojourns at the chapter-houses immediately before the reception began.

Secrecy Among Faculty.

These are the charges. The guilty are known, but will not be revealed. Such strict precautions have been taken by both Dean Judson and the officers of the fraternity that even the members of the faculty professed tonight to be in total ignorance of it. Even members of the chapter, when confronted with the facts, admitted they were innocent as babes in regard to knowledge of the matter.



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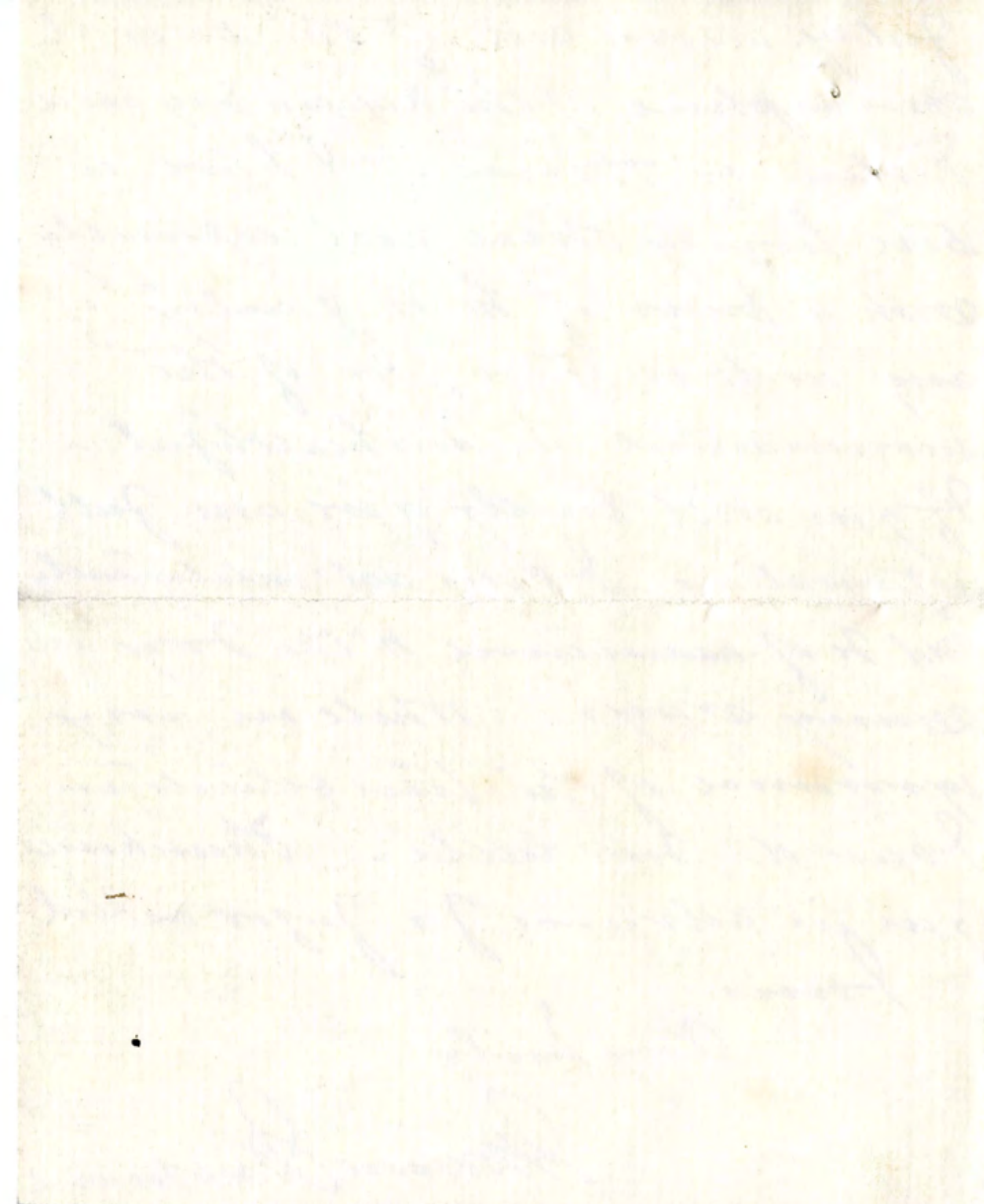
Engene Auger
Feb. 18th 1907.

President Jackson
Chicago, Ill

Very Dear Sir:

Will you kindly
let me know if members of
the Kappa Sigma Fraternity,
6040 Ellis Ave., are included
in list mentioned in enclosed
envelope shipping -

I shall regard this
information as strictly
confidential. and consider
it a great favor if you will



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No smaller what- it- is -



It is better for no both- that-

I know-

Gen. Wm. H. Lawrence

fully across one of the moral
atmosphere of the Kappa Sigma
Fraternity House - I have a
sore living thorn and especially
wrote to know if he is guilty of
any indiscretion, or if the
environment is unhealthy -
If you will kindly give me full
information I can not intelligently
and be of assistance to the boy in
many ways. While in my
ignorance of the true situation
I can do but little. Thanking
you in advance for your cordial
fare

Very truly

Miss Jackson

Mr. Shephardson -
Please speak with
Mr. Judson

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President Judson,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I regret very much to bother you with this matter - concerning my diploma - but I am forced to do so, for I do not think that I have been treated quite fairly. I left the University the middle of the summer term 1906 because of difficulties with my physical culture credits. At that time I had considerable talk concerning the subject with Mr. Shephardson. The outcome of it all was that I would not be able to graduate at the summer convocation, 1906, as I had intended. Before I left, however, Mr. Shephardson gave me definitely to understand that should I take a year's work at the University of Illinois, as I contemplated, and then re-enter the University of Chicago, that there would then be no further difficulties in the way of my graduation.

With such understanding and such purpose in view I did attend the University of Illinois for a year and then as pre-arranged between Mr. Shephardson and myself, I re-entered the University of Chicago.

I do not remember the exact date, but sometime after I had had sufficient time to pay all my dues, I was informed that my

on this point I told him that a year of regular study at Illinois properly certified would give him 9 majors of credit, if he took that much work.

I do not recall a case of deliberate lying equal to this. My only statement to Mr. Horton was that he could never graduate from the University unless he made his peace with the department of physical culture. He declared to his comrades his intention to November 11, 1907. He went to Illinois in this matter, went to Illinois in anger because he were inflexible - returned to university to be told by me that the P.C. was absolute requirement - ignored my suggestion to see the gymnasium authorities at once - and finally withdrew without form or ceremony. He knew the requirement from the start, ignores it and boasted of his intentions as to Dr. Dr. Raymont will support me in my statements and Miss Ott will tell of frequent information given him by me. He has been conforming to our rules.

Horton
H. W. Shephardson
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November 11, 1907.

President Truman,

University of Chicago

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

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November 13th, 1907.

Mr. Horace B. Horton,

10206 Longwood Boul., Chicago

My dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 12th inst. is received. Your understanding of the matter does not agree with that of the administrative officers. It was their understanding, of course, that you might receive credit here for the work done at the University of Illinois, but in any case the degree cannot be given until the work which you neglected while you were in residence here is made good.

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What I should like to know now is whether after paying the penalty of a year in time and Fifteen Hundred Dollars or so in money for my lack of physical culture, I am still to remain one of those sad specimens, the so called "quitate".

I would consider it a very great favor if you would look the matter up and see if there is not some chance of my receiving a degree.

*Sincerely yours
Horace B. Horton*

P. S. I have more than the thirty-six majore required for graduation.

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10308 Langwood Blvd.,
Chicago, Ill.

November 19th, 1907.

Mr. H. B. Horton,

10206 Longwood Boul., Chicago.

My dear Mr. Horton:-

Your favor of the 15th inst. is received. I may say in answer to your inquiry that Mr. Swift was excused from physical culture for reasons entirely satisfactory to the faculty. The request and the reasons were duly presented in advance, properly considered and the excuse given at the time. Your own case is prejudiced because it was not taken up at the proper time and in the proper way; because there was no adequate reason given as should have been done in advance; because it was very well understood that you gave it out that you would not need to attend physical culture and could get around it and in the end could get your degree without it. That of course precludes any consideration of the case that might otherwise have been given. Personally I should be disposed to recommend that the degree be given you provided you will register in the gymnasium and do such

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President Jackson;

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you state that I cannot take
my degree until my physical
culture is made good. How
I can make good this lack
is what I have been trying
to find out for the last
year and a half - but as
yet with absolutely no
success. If you would be
so kind as to advise me

whether it is possible for
me to make good without
spending several more years
at the University I would
be ever so much obliged.

Correspondence courses
in my case are denied I
understand.

Will you be so good as to
inform me how Harold H
Swift managed to graduate
without one solitary physical
culture credit. I suppose the
answer will be he made
arrangements with the
department - very good, so
did I (try too). Yet with a

much better excuse, that various
other people, my physical culture
credits could not be granted me.

You may or may not know that
during the ten or eleven quarters I
was at the University I lived at
home, which meant that I made
a journey of twenty-two miles a
day (some of which I had to walk). This
however made no difference to
the "administrative officers;" in
my case they could see nothing
but the fact that I had not taken
my physical culture according
to the letter of the law. Such being
the facts can I or can I not make
up my p.c.

Thanking you for your interest
in the matter I am,

Yours ~~fraternally~~ sincerely
H B Horton.

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Nov. 29th, 1907.

My dear Mr. Stagg:-

I am asking you to present to the Conference at their meeting to-morrow the following statement as embodying the views of our Board of Physical Culture and Athletics.

In the judgment of the Board of Physical Culture and Athletics of the University of Chicago, the action taken by the Conference in the winter of 1905-6 was most important in its character and most salutary in its results. It has been effective in eradicating from our football games many insidious tendencies towards professionalism. It has been effective in lessening excessive excitement in University circles relating to intercollegiate sport. It has been exceedingly important in putting such sport in its right relation as subordinate to academic interests and the various interests.

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Very truly yours,

Nov. 23rd, 1907.

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Nov. 6th, 1907.

My dear Mr. Stagg:-

1. I am a little surprised to learn that the band and the team were kept in Minneapolis over Sunday. It seems to me that that is not a good plan. I do not see why all should not have been back here Sunday morning.

2. You were out of the city during the conference a year ago. I do not know whether I told you that we found there was a certain amount of feeling among the delegates of the nine on the ground that the University of Chicago alone of the nine was represented in the regular conference by its coach, ~~the other~~ institutions being represented by members of the academic staff and not by the coach. I feel that as a matter of fact you ought to be at the conference, at the same time I am sure it would be conducive to good results in the conference if we should send two delegates, yourself and some other member of the faculty not connected with the Physical Culture department. The suggestion to this effect would come much more graciously from yourself than from

Nov. 6th, 1907.

somebody else. What do you think of it?

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Harry Pratt Judson, President,
58th & Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir:-

John F. Dille until the present summer has been a student at the University for several years. He resides at 1886 Diversey Boulevard, Chicago. He has been seeking an education entirely without means. In order to help himself as much as possible he was endeavoring in different ways to earn what he could, and as I understand it, was employed by the Chicago American as reporter.

It has now been several months since he was suspended, the cause of which I understand was on account of the publication of some news concerning the University. He claims he had nothing to do with the article as published in the American.

As I have been furnishing him funds for the completion of his education at some little sacrifice, I am especially interested to know why he was suspended, and if possible, would like to know what the prospects are for his reinstatement, and when he will likely be able to again take up his studies ?

I would prefer to have this letter treated in a confidential manner.

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THE CHICAGO RECORD-HERALD

FRANK B. NOYES, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

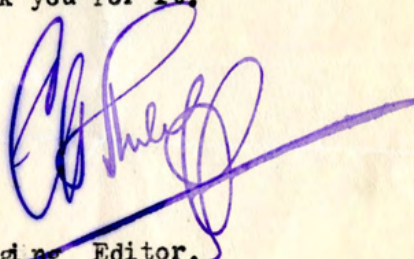
August 24, 1907

Mr Francis W. Shepardson,
University of Chicago,
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Dear Sir:--

The editor of The Record-Herald directs me to acknowledge
receipt of your favor of the 23d inst. and to thank you for it.

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Managing Editor.

August 24, 1907

Mr. Wendell W. Thompson,

University of Chicago,

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THE
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EDITORIAL ROOMS

FORM 1675

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Dear Sir:-

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The Chicago Record Harold,
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My dear Mr. McAuliff:-

Replying to your letter of recent date inquiring for further particulars regarding the University discontent with Mr. William J. Cuppy I am writing to say that after a conference, at which Mr. Cuppy and President Judson were present, it seems that we have, perhaps, misjudged Mr. Cuppy. The University withdraws all objections to him as a reported with the Record Harold.

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Mr. J. Keely,

Chicago, Tribune,

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Dear Sir:-

I am returning to you the letters from Messrs. Stagg, Zueblin and Starr.

I have had several conferences with Mr. Van Patten, one of them in conjunction with President Juddon. His testimony regarding Mr. Van Patten is substantially that given by the gentlemen whose letters you sent me. A careful examination of the situation has convinced us that Mr. Van Patten has not been guilty of the things ascribed to the newspaper men in my letter of August 12th.

Because of this conviction I am writing to say that the University withdraws all objections to Mr. Van Patten as a reporter for the Tribune.

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The Chicago Tribune.

OFFICE OF THE MANAGING EDITOR.

August 17, 1907.

My Dear Mr. Shepardson:-

For your information, I am sending you three letters I received this afternoon.

Yours sincerely,

JK-CPM

F. W. Shepardson, Esq.,
Dean University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Enclosures.



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August 13, 1907

Mr Francis W. Shepardson,
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Dear Sir:--

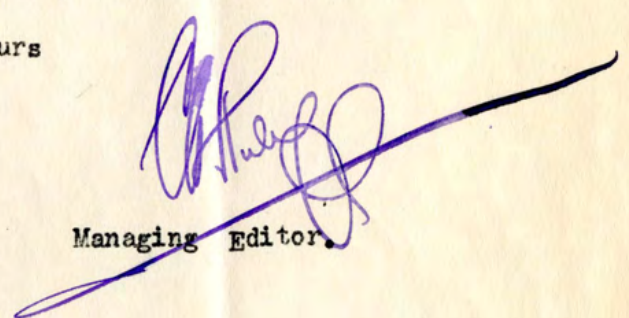
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Mr. Cuppy has served The Record-Herald at the University for several years. The impression in this office was that he had done his work faithfully and well. In these circumstances, as you can well realize, the editor is reluctant to dismiss him in disgrace until he has the evidence to warrant such dismissal.

Hoping to hear from you at your early convenience, I am

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Managing Editor.

January 13, 1907

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This newspaper and I might say all the others , regard the Midway school as one of the leading institutions of the city , are proud of its achievements and want to assist in spreading its fame . Any other view of this newspaper's attitude is wrong and our representatives at the school understand this plainly .

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Aside from the general questions involved in this matter I have also a particular interest in our correspondent, Mr Henderson. From my observation of his work and his personal bearing, I believe Mr Henderson is a most deserving young man and if he has erred in his method of handling University news, it has not been with any idea of misrepresenting his school.

In the letter received from the faculty about Mr Henderson's dismissal it was requested that he be dismissed from the paper, or at least not be employed as our correspondent at the University. Can you not modify this request so that he can continue the work? I believe under the circumstances he will not make the mistakes he has made in the past and his university career will not be ruined, as it would be if he is not allowed to enter again.

I hope you will pardon the length of this letter and see your way clear to giving Mr Henderson another chance.

Yours very truly

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Acting Manager Ed.

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I believe the faculty have had just cause for complaint against the newspapers for some of things that have been printed, and what they have done will correct matters to a great extent. But to announce, and that is what their drastic action appears to mean, that if a correspondent prints any news to which they take exception, they will be dismissed, appears to me to be a wrong way of correcting the matter. One effect such a course has is to make the newspapers feel that the university does not desire the co-operation of the press and that it fails to appreciate the desire on the part of the newspapers to give it deserved publicity. Of course the newspapers will go right along printing the news just the same and trying to it justly and fairly, despite the implied censorship.

Aside from the general questions involved in this matter I have also a particular interest in our correspondent, Mr. Henderson. From my observation of his work and his personal bearing, I believe Mr. Henderson is a most deserving young man and if he has erred in his method of handling University news, it has not been with any idea of misrepresenting his school.

In the letter received from the faculty about Mr. Henderson's dismissal it was requested that he be dismissed from the paper or at least not be employed as our correspondent at the University. Can you not modify this request so that he can continue the work? I believe under the circumstances he will not make the mistakes he has made in the past and his university career be ruined, as it would be if he is not allowed to enter again. I hope you will pardon the length of this letter and see your way clear to giving Mr. Henderson another chance.

Yours very truly

Robert J. [Signature]