

The University of Chicago

The Senior Colleges

November 6, 1912.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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Honor Commission

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Chicago, May 3, 1915.

Dear Sir:-

In the absence of President Judson I acknowledge your letter concerning the honor system. At the University of Chicago the Honor Commission is at present in control of examinations. That it has not failed I can vouch, for only last week I referred a case to the court and the trial is now on.

The present chairman of the Commission is Mr. Lawrence MacGregor, to whom I refer you for any definite information as to the working of the system. Dean James R. Angell has also been close to the organization and may be able to give you a testimonial from the Faculty standpoint.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the President.

D.A.R.-D.

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BOISE 3 June 1914

To the President's Secretary,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I learn that an Honor Commission has been established at the University. I am very anxious to know the facts concerning it and shall be grateful for any information you can give me.

Yours sincerely,

E. O. Sisson

Honor of Commission

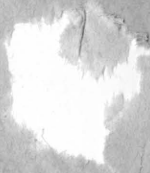
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Chicago, June 16, 1914

Dear Mr. Sisson:

It so happens that in the same mail with your query there came to me a report of the Honor Commission for 1913-14. I am sending the report to you. When the pamphlet mentioned on page two has been printed, I shall be glad to see that you receive a copy.

I think as an alumnus you would be tremendously interested and pleased by the development of a vigorous, manly attitude on these questions among the University men. An extreme illustration of the movement of which this whole Honor Commission is a part, was the presence at the Kansa City Convention of over one hundred representatives of the University of Chicago -- the largest delegation present. That such a number from an institution which used to be regarded as godless should attend any religious convention is very significant. From my knowledge of life in Hitchcock Hall, of which for two years I have been Head, and from my knowledge of fraternity and other conditions, I should



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I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the first printed bulletin of the State Board of Education.

Sincerely yours,

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

December 8, 1924

President E.D. Burton
Harper Library

Dear President Burton:

I am transmitting
herewith, with my hearty approval,
recommendations from the Honor Commission.

I am hoping that
you will also approve them, and that if so,
you or Mr. Tufts will issue directions
which will lead to their being carried out,
during the coming examination period.
Very truly yours,

Ernest H. Wilkins

Dean of the Colleges

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The University of Chicago

The Law School

CHICAGO, December 4, 1924.

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If these recommendations meet with your approval, we request that you transmit them to the President.

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The University of Chicago
The School of Commerce and Administration

May 25, 1925

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My dear Mr. Tufts,

I have an informal report from the Honor Commission with respect to the conduct of a student in the School of Commerce and Administration, which, briefly, is as follows;

Charge: That H. C. Milkes cheated in
Geology 1 in a quarterly examination
given by Mr. R. Flint.

Decision: As Mr. Milkes admitted cheating simply for cheating's sake, the Honor Commission recommends that he be suspended from the University this quarter and loose any credit he might have obtained.

Date; May 19

Signed - Seward Covert
Case Secretary

This action, as I understand it must be approved both by the President's Office and by the student's Dean. In view of the informal nature of the report which I have from the Honor Commission I think that this letter may safely be considered a record of the decision of the Honor Commission bearing your approval as well as mine.

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Carbon to: James H. Tufts
Recorder's Office
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C & A Files

The University of Chicago
The School of Commerce and Administration

May 25, 1935

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