PROBLEM OF HOUSING FOR THE (JUNIOR) COLLEGES

Proposed:

Eight halls for Junior College men, each housing 75 students	600	
Non-Resident members	150	750
Eight halls for Junior College women, each housing 75 students	600	
Non-Resident members	150	750

Undergraduates	Men	Women	Total
In Residence Halls	133	251	384
In Fraternity Houses	478		478
At Home	811	705	1516
In Off-Campus Rooms	526	409	935
TOTAL	1948	1365	3313

The number of students in resident halls may be assumed to be practically constant and already provided for. The number in fraternity houses may be assumed to be constant and already provided for. The same would be true of those living at home. The total of 935 students now living in rooms would remain to be provided for in the proposed new resident halls. Query: What proportion of the 935 now living in rooms are Junior College students? This is an important item because the provision proposed in the new halls would be for Junior College students only. When these are provided for there would still remain the question of providing for Senior College students and Graduate students. The foregoing has reference only to undergraduate students. The following figures are for Graduate and Professional students:

Graduate and Professional	Men	Women	Total
In Residence Halls	198	60	258
In Fraternity Houses	62		62
At Home	285	107	392
In Off-Campus Rooms	487	222	709
TOTAL	1032	389	1421

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TOTAL	1035	389	1424

JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Now in Off-Campus Rooms	935 ÷ 2	468
Now in University Halls	384 ÷ 2	192
Total Junior College Students to be provided for in Halls		660
Proposed provision for Junior College Students		1500

SENIOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Now in Off-Campus Rooms	935 ÷ 2	468
Now in University Halls	384 ÷ 2	192
Total Senior College Students to be provided for in Halls		660

The proposed provision for Junior College Students would take care of Junior and Senior College Students for the present cf. 1500 (660 x 2) 1320

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Now in Off-Campus Rooms	709
Now in University Halls	258
Total Graduate Students to be provided for in Halls	967

The Residence Halls now take care of

Junior and Senior College Students	384
Graduate Students	258
Total Students in Halls	642

JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Now in Off-Campus Rooms	232 + 2	466
Now in University Halls	364 + 2	192
Total Junior College Students to be provided for in Halls		660
Proposed provision for Junior College Students		1800

SENIOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Now in Off-Campus Rooms	232 + 2	466
Now in University Halls	364 + 2	192
Total Senior College Students to be provided for in Halls		660

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GRADUATE STUDENTS

Now in Off-Campus Rooms	702
Now in University Halls	365
Total Graduate Students to be provided for in Halls	967

The Residence Halls now take care of

Junior and Senior College Students	384
Graduate Students	365
Total Students in Halls	649

CAPACITY OF EACH OF THE PRESENT RESIDENCE HALLS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Men's Halls

Hitchcock	92
Snell	61
N. Divinity	45
M. Divinity	89
S. Divinity	40

Women's Halls

Foster	70
Green	72
Kelly	43
Beecher	42
Greenwood	49
Woodlawn I Woodlawn II	29
Drexel	16
French	8 - 22

Total capacity approximately 677

Total number in halls 642

Students in Off-Campus Rooms

Undergraduates	935	
Graduate & Professional	709	
TOTAL	1644	
Students living in halls	642	(actually)
Total	2286	
No. of students in halls	677	(capacity)
No. to be provided for by proposed undergraduate halls	1500	
	2177	
Shortage	109	

CAPACITY OF ROOM OF THE PRESENT RESIDENCE HALLS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Men's Halls		Women's Halls	
Hitchcock	92	Foster	70
Snell	81	Green	72
N. Divinity	45	Kelly	42
M. Divinity	89	Hoagner	42
S. Divinity	40	Greenwood	40
		Woodlawn I	
		Woodlawn II	25
		Drexel	16
		French	8 - 32

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Total number in halls 642

Students in Off-Campus Rooms

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Graduate & Professional	706
TOTAL	1644
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No. to be provided for by proposed graduate halls	1800
	2477
Shortage	109

June 2, 1924

My dear Mr. President:

You may remember that some days ago, at your request, I made a little study of the distribution of our students as to the housing of the respective groups, and that the figures furnished us seemed to show that the actual number in the residence halls is 35 below the capacity of the halls. I took this matter up with Miss Etnyre of the Housing Bureau. She tells me that there was some error in certain of the figures upon which we were working and that, as a matter of fact, all of the halls are filled to capacity. She says that this is practically always the situation, the only exception occurring when some occupant of a room drops out in the middle of the quarter and the vacancy is not at once filled.

Very truly yours,

President Ernest D. Burton
The University of Chicago

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June 2, 1934

My dear Mr. President:

You may remember that some days ago, at your request, I made a little study of the distribution of our students as to the housing of the respective groups, and that the figures furnished us seemed to show that the actual number in the residence halls is 30 below the capacity of the halls. I took this matter up with Miss Hayre of the Housing Bureau. She tells me that there was some error in certain of the figures upon which we were working and that, as a matter of fact, all of the halls are filled to capacity. She says that this is practically always the situation, the only exception occurring when some occupant of a room drops out in the middle of the quarter and the vacancy is not at once filled.

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The University of Chicago

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May 21, 1924

My dear Miss Etnyre:

Figures which have been reported to me apparently on reliable authority show that the total capacity of the residence halls of the University is 677, and that the total number now residing in our halls is 642. The question arises why the actual number in the halls is 35 below the capacity of the halls. Can you make any suggestion as to how we can get at the answer of that question?

Very truly yours,

Assistant to the President.

Miss Marjory Etnyre
The University of Chicago

NB/R

May 21, 1934

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Very truly yours,

President to the President.

Miss Dorothy Murphy
The University of Chicago

MB/R

The University of Chicago
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Office of the President

May 19, 1924

Memorandum to Mr. Butler:

I thank you for your careful tabulation of data bearing on the housing problem. Can you tell me why the actual number of students in the halls is 35 below capacity?

Ernest D. Burton

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E.N.W.
A.G.G.
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Dr. Nathaniel Butler
University of Chicago

CAPACITY OF EACH OF THE PRESENT RESIDENCE HALLS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Men's Halls

Hitchcock 92

Snell 61

N. Divinity 45

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S. Divinity 40

Women's Halls

Foster 70

Green 72

Kelly 43

Beecher 42

Greenwood 49

Woodlawn I } 29
Woodlawn II }

Kenwood — 29

Drexel — 16

French — 8-22?

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Total capacity approximately 677

Total number in halls 642

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J. Coll = Halls = 192
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Sum " " 258
Total Halls = 542
Total Houses = 687
? Vacant places = 145

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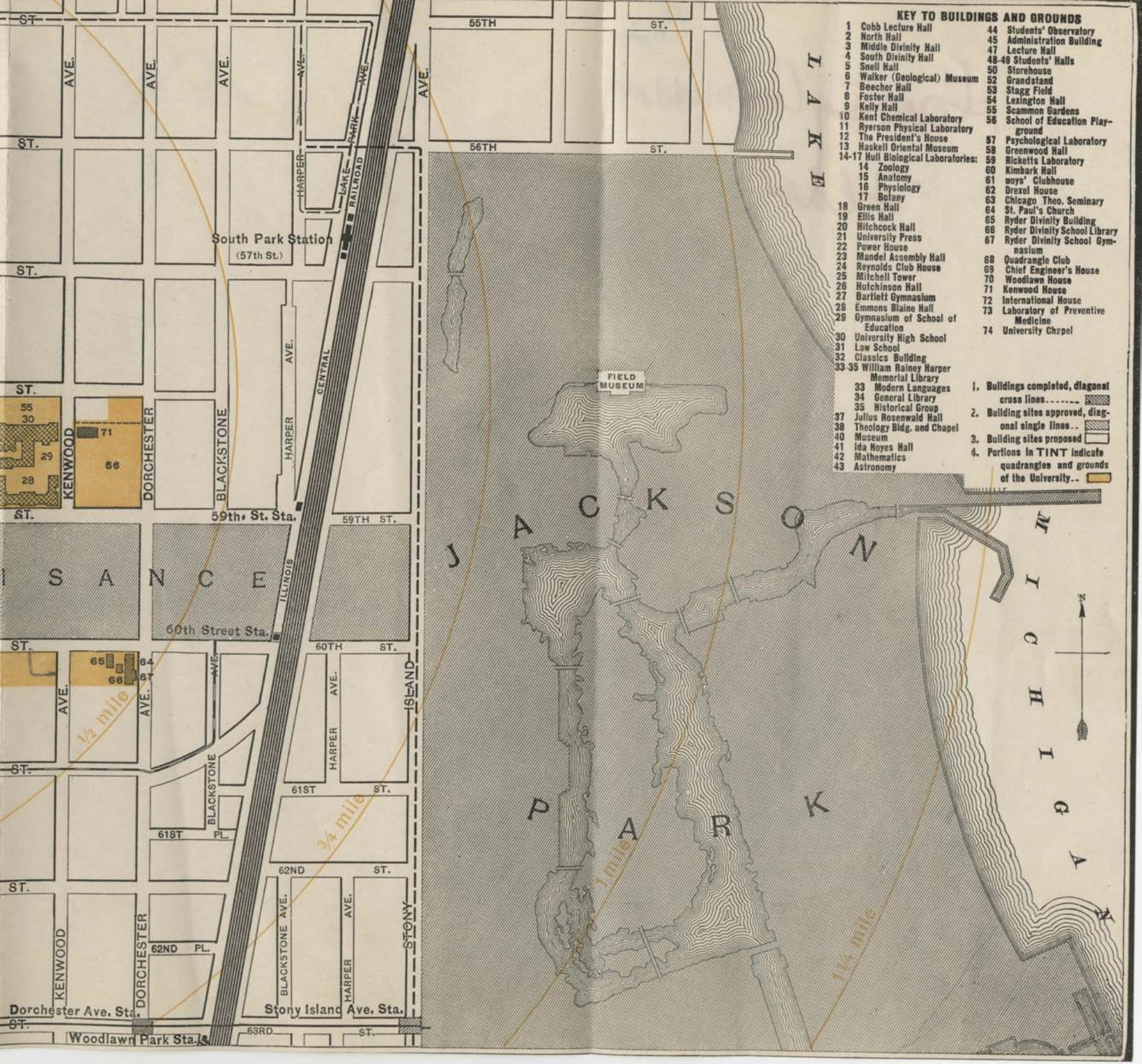
KEY TO BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
1 Cobb Lecture Hall
2 North Hall
3 Middle Divinity Hall
4 South Divinity Hall
5 Snell Hall
6 Walker (Geological) Museum
7 Beecher Hall
8 Foster Hall
9 Kelly Hall
10 Kent Chemical Laboratory
11 Ryerson Physical Laboratory
12 The President's House
13 Haskell Oriental Museum
14-17 Hull Biological Laboratories:
14 Zoology
15 Anatomy
16 Physiology
17 Botany
18 Green Hall
19 Ellis Hall
20 Hitchcock Hall
21 University Press
22 Power House
23 Mandel Assembly Hall
24 Reynolds Club House
25 Mitchell Tower
26 Hutchinson Hall
27 Bartlett Gymnasium
28 Emmons Blaine Hall
29 Gymnasium of School of Education
30 University High School
31 Law School
32 Classics Building
33-35 William Rainey Harper Memorial Library
33 Modern Languages
34 General Library
35 Historical Group
37 Julius Rosenwald Hall
38 Theology Bldg. and Chapel
40 Museum
41 Ida Noyes Hall
42 Mathematics
43 Astronomy
44 Students' Observatory
45 Administration Building
47 Lecture Hall
48-49 Students' Halls
50 Storehouse
52 Grandstand
53 Stagg Field
54 Lexington Hall
55 Scammon Gardens
56 School of Education Playground
57 Psychological Laboratory
58 Greenwood Hall
59 Ricketts Laboratory
60 Kimbark Hall
61 Boys' Clubhouse
62 Drexel House
63 Chicago Theo. Seminary
64 St. Paul's Church
65 Ryder Divinity Building
66 Ryder Divinity School Library
67 Ryder Divinity School Gymnasium
68 Quadrangle Club
69 Chief Engineer's House
70 Woodlawn House
71 Kenwood House
72 International House
73 Laboratory of Preventive Medicine
74 University Chapel
1. Buildings completed, diagonal cross lines
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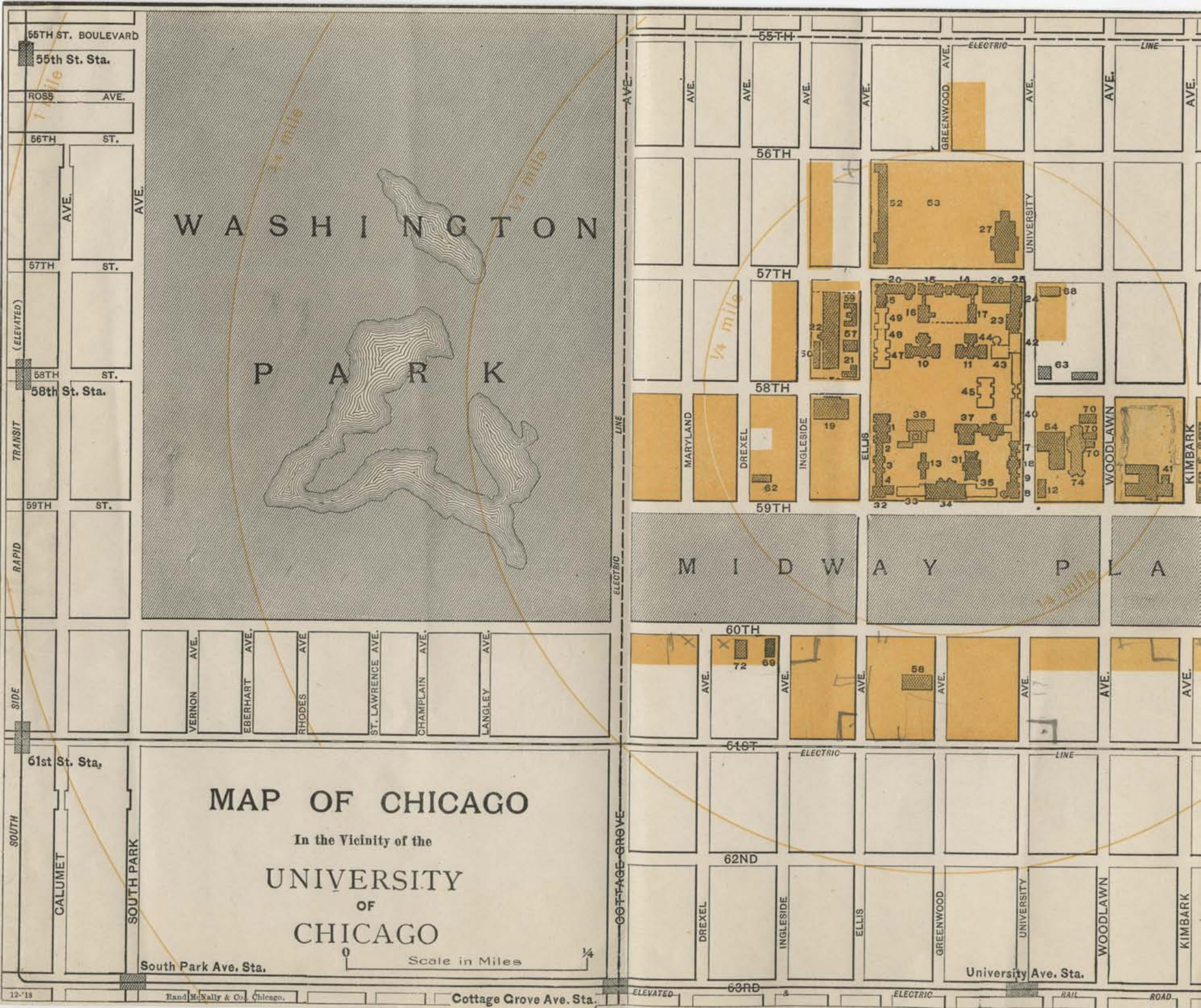
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KIMBARK AVE.
MARYLAND AVE.
DREXEL AVE.
INGLESIDE AVE.
ELLIS AVE.
SOUTH PARK AVE.
CALUMET AVE.
SOUTH SIDE RAPID TRANSIT (ELEVATED)
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TABLE SHOWING WHERE STUDENTS LIVED DURING WINTER QUARTER 1923

MEN	Undergraduates including Arts, Lit. & Sci. Ed. C. & A., S.S.A. & Unclassified.	Grad.	Law	Div.	Total
In Residence Halls	133	116	25	57	331
In Fraternity Houses	478	29	33		540
At Home(*See note below)	811	178	66	41	1096
In Rooms in the Vicinity	526	333	99	55	1013
Total	1948	656	223	153	2980
WOMEN					
In Residence Halls	251	57	1	2	311
At Home(*see note below)	705	97	2	8	812
In Rooms in the Vicinity	409	187	4	31	631
Total	1365	341	7	41	1754
Grand Total	3313	997	230	194	4734

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MARCH 1924

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MEN					
In Residence Halls	153	116	25	57	351
In Fraternity Houses	472	29	32		540
At Home(*See note below)	811	178	66	41	1096
In Rooms in the Vicinity	324	533	99	55	1015
Total	1762	856	222	153	2990
WOMEN					
In Residence Halls	251	57	1	2	311
At Home(*See note below)	703	97	2	9	811
In Rooms in the Vicinity	432	187	4	31	651
Total	1386	341	7	42	1776
Grand Total	3148	997	232	194	4766

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May I suggest that you confer with Mr. Fairweather as to the form in which your data shall go to him?

May I also inquire when your Commission expects to be able to present its Report in full?

Very truly yours,

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EDB:CB

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The University of Chicago.

EDB:CB

Housing

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At Home(*See note below)	811		178		66		41		1096	
In Rooms in the Vicinity	526		333		99		55		1013	
Total		1948		656		223		153		2980
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In Fraternity Houses	476	29	3		540
At Home(*See note below)	811	178	6	41	1036
In Rooms in the Vicinity	526	385	9	55	1013
Total	1969	658	23	153	2800
WOMEN					
In Residence Halls	254	57		2	311
At Home(*See note below)	745	67	3	2	812
In Rooms in the Vicinity	429	187	4	31	651
Total	1428	441	7	41	1774
Grand Total	3397	1099	30	194	4574

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The Hollywood,
Southern Pines, N. C.
February 13, 1924.

My dear Mr. Tufts:

In view of the important relation which the matters now under consideration by the Commission of the Colleges, and by the Housing Commission sustain to the Statement of Needs of the University as well as to the Budget for 1924-5, I have been asking myself whether these Commissions could possibly get forward with their work. At the same time, I am aware of the danger of getting from them a report which fails to take into account all the data and all points of view.

On the whole therefore, it seems to me that it might be well to ask each of these commissions to plan for a meeting at which you and I could be present, soon after my return, February 24th.

Among other things I should like to get before both these commissions the considerations which I presented to Mr. Swift and you in my letter to him of February 9th, beginning on page 1 and covering all but the last two lines of page 2.

If you concur in my feeling that it would be well for us now to get in touch with these commissions, I should be glad to have you arrange for meetings of these commissions soon after Feb. 24th.

Another matter on which I feel that we must come to some conclusion because of its bearing on the budget of 1924-5 is the retirement of men over sixty-five. I note your reluctance to ask questions of the Alumni, and I share it. My only purpose is to get accurate information, and I know no better source of information than those who have taken courses with these men. But perhaps they would not give it. Since Mr. Prescott, Mr. Laing, and Mr. Wilkins have all made recommendations on this matter, and doubtless have in mind or could

The Hollywood,
Southern Pines, N. C.
February 12, 1924.

My dear Mr. Butts:

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Cordially yours,

Dr. James H. Tufts,
Vice President,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Cordially yours,

Dr. Ramon E. Curtis,
Vice President,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

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The University of Chicago

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DECEMBER TWELFTH
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President E. D. Burton
The University of Chicago

My dear Dr. Burton:

I am sending with this a memorandum of a conversation with Professor Jenkins this morning. Mr. Jenkins was introduced to me by Mr. Moulds to whom he had been referred by Mr. Goodspeed concerning a plan for a dormitory and hostel of the Society of Friends.

The Society has access to about $30,000. They consider making some proposal for a plant to be located on University ground.

Mr. Jenkins states that he has considered with Mr. Goodspeed the three story stone fraternity house at 923 East 60th Street, now occupied as a dormitory and known informally as the Phi Pi Phi House, under short lease.

I suggested to Mr. Jenkins that there had been a similar development at the corner of Dorchester Avenue and 60th Street by St. Paul's Church and Ryder Divinity School. He stated that his Society would not have sufficient funds at this time to go into a permanent and extensive development.

I indicated to him that the present arrangement respecting 923 East 60th Street provided directly for men students under University control, and that there might be a question of dispossessing these students and turning over the premises to another group which do not make as large a contribution to the housing needs. Mr. Jenkins then suggested that he thought from what Mr. Goodspeed had said this would not be regarded as a difficulty. Mr. Jenkins asked for some indication of a rental charge for this house so that his proposal, when made, would be based upon the approximate charge which the University might make for this property.

I therefore suggested that a recommendation would probably be as follows: $1,800 a year net rental, the Society to pay in addition, taxes, if any, insurance, repairs and water tax. These three items would probably aggregate about

$900, of which the taxes would represent about $600.

I am sending this report to you now so that it will be available to you in your files in the event Professor Jenkins should have some further discussion with your office in reference to it.

Yours very truly,

G. O. Fairweather

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November 21, 1923

My dear Mr. Parmenter:

I hand you herewith a letter from Mr. Moulds and an accompanying report from Miss Thayer.

May I add that I have been informed by Mr. Gerald Karr Smith that though he consented to rent a room it was not applied for? In other words, non-approved rooms were apparently taken in preference to approved rooms.

I have a strong feeling that we shall not be in satisfactory shape until we are able to refuse to allow students to live in non-approved rooms. What I want to know is what would be necessary to make this practicable?

Very truly yours,

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Faculty Exchange

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The University of Chicago
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Office of the President

November Board Meeting.
1923

The President recommends that in view of Mr. Long's absence on vacation Mr. N.W. Barnes be added to the Housing Commission.

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October 26, 1923.

My dear Mr. Parmenter:

Mr. Barnes has consented to serve in the place of Mr. Long on the Housing Commission.

Very truly yours,

Mr. C. E. Parmenter,
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EDB:CB

October 26, 1923.

My dear Mr. Farmenter:

Mr. Barnes has consented to serve in the place of Mr. Long on the Housing Commission.

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The University of Chicago

The School of Commerce and Administration

October 24, 1923

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My dear President Burton:

If you think I can be of service to the University as a member of the Housing Commission recently appointed by the Board of Trustees, you may count on my accepting the appointment tendered in your letter of October 23.

Very truly yours,

N.W. Barnes

President Burton
Faculty Exchange

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I should think his name should be reported to the Board. Let Long remain. I have notified Barnes as you requested

Dr. Dickerson
Barnes takes the place of Long who is only residence
Shall this be reported to the Board? GDB

I should think he might be added to the faculty group JHT

N. W. Barrows

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October 23, 1923

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Very truly yours,

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5588 University Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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The University of Chicago

Office of the Dean of Faculties

October 19, 1923.

Memorandum to the President

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Board Rec'd

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R. M. Hutchins

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The University of Chicago

Reynolds Student Clubhouse

Oct. 5 1923

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Pres. Ernest De Witt Burton,
University of Chicago.

My Dear President Burton:-

The last week of September I visited Columbia and the Universities of Pennsylvania and Michigan for the purpose of observing the work of their men's clubs.

The officers of Columbia University believe the dormitory life to be the most strategic point for their social work with men. The assigning, renting and managing of their dormitory rooms has been taken from the business department and placed in the hands of a personnel man,- a high grade, full time man. This man is not now a faculty man, but the question of whether or not he should be, is being considered.

The results of the first year of this experiment showed much more satisfaction among the students, and on the same number of rooms and with no change in price, an increase of $5,000 in revenue.

A few weeks before the opening of the University this personnel man writes the incoming student a friendly letter offering to assist him in establishing himself at the University. Two or three letters pass before the student leaves home. The student goes directly to this man upon his arrival, who makes it his business to see that the student is happily located. Through the offices of this man, the University makes the student feel, before he leaves home, that it is interested in his welfare. The friendship thus established is followed up throughout the student's stay at the University. While the personnel man is the head of the dormitories, he administers them through student self-government.

The University of Chicago

Hampden-Sidney College

Prof. Emmett Da Wit Burton,
University of Chicago.

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There is a small building, Earl Hall, where are offices for the personnel man and the University Chaplin, under whom all the religious work of the University is done. The building also affords meeting places for student organizations.

The welfare work does not extend to students who live off the campus. Columbia is planning to spend Seven Million Dollars on a men's building to contain gymnasium, club and restaurant.

University of Pennsylvania.

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Union at Michigan.

The Union at the University of Michigan was the most successful club that I visited. It is financed and controlled by the students and alumni. The top floor of the building furnishes the best hotel accommodations in Ann Arbor, but such an activity would be useless to us. The natatorium, which is being installed, meets a real need there, since they have no natatorium in the gymnasium. There is a large dining room for men only, a small one where members may dine with ladies, and in the basement a"Tap-room", a large room with soft drink fountain and an all day cafeteria. This room is very popular and not large enough to meet the demand. The "Mims", a dramatic association similar to our Black Friars, is housed, financed and managed by the Union. The Union brings lectures, puts on entertainments, runs the Glee Club and other musical organizations, It has the equipment and the financial resources to do anything for the students which is approved by their manager and his board of governors.

The Michigan Union has solved the problem of saddling the responsibility on the students and alimni. They pay for the Union, elect its officers, use it and are proud of it. It is off the campus, has but one trustee of the University on its Board of Governors, and is quite conscious of its independence of the University. The Secretary is the type of a man we do not want here: a forceful, efficient man, but too conscious of

his own virtues and his independence of the institution which provides the only purpose for his activities.

The Michigan Union is a big busy place, but I would not duplicate it on our campus. I hope, however, that we may find some way of getting the students and alumni behind the Reynolds Club, as they are behind the Michigan Union, not with a feeling of opposition or aloofness from the University, but in active co-operation with it. At present the University carries the whole responsibility, and the student passively receives. I see no way of remedying this as yet.

Suggestions.

A. Columbia's method of handling its housing problem is suggestive. Our housing bureau is handled efficiently, but not in the light of a purposeful educational policy. The method used at Columbia shows this to be a worth while point of contact with the student. This service might extend to off-campus housing as well as to the dormitories.

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C. All the institutions that I visited had one or more full time men at the head of their club activities. We may find that policy advisable at the Reynolds Club. I make this suggestion with no thought of disturbing the present arrangements until experience warrants a change.

D. I am told that many of our students, after an evening of study, go to 55th St. for light lunches. The "Tap-room" at Michigan, with its all day lunch counter service which is very freely used, suggests the need of a light lumch service in our Spa. Should our experience be the same as Michigan's, we may find it advisable to use the room west of the Spa for light lunch service.

All of these institutions were fitting their social work to their own peculiar needs. None of their clubs would exactly fit our conditions. Nevertheless, through becoming acquainted with their problems, I see our own much more clearly. The trip was the best preparation I could have had for the coming year's work in the Reynolds Club.

Yours very truly,

B. G. Nelson.

F. S. Miller

July 25, 1925

My dear Mr. Heckman:

I have been considerably troubled over the housing situation in this vicinity as it affects both faculty and students. At my suggestion Mr. Dinsmore took up with a builder in the vicinity, the question of building an apartment house, the apartments of which could be sold to members of the faculty, and, as you perhaps know, such a building is now in process of construction between Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth Streets on University Avenue. This, however, will offer relief to only a limited number of the faculty, and only to persons of very small families. It is coming to me from time to time that the valuable members of our faculty are led to look favorably upon calls elsewhere largely because of the difficulties of the housing situation here.

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If this action seems to you wise, should the initiative in bringing it to the Board of Trustees be taken by you or by me?

Very truly yours,

Mr. Wallace Heckman
Room 1838
230 South Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois

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My dear

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Harold H. Swift
Union Stock Yards
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September 4,
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President Ernest D. Burton,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Burton:

In your absence from the August Board meeting Mr. Heckman read your letter of July 25 as to the appointment of a housing committee to study and report. The Board moved that such a one be appointed.

This seems to me so much a matter of intimate University relationship that I feel a little helpless in the matter and am wondering if you would be good enough to indicate the individuals that you recommend appointing. The motion provided for a personnel of from 7 to 10 persons representing the Faculty and other interests.

Yours cordially,

Harold H. Swift

Paul Goode
H. Dinsmore

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September 10, 1923.

My dear Mr. Swift:

With reference to the Commission on housing facilities, after consultation with Mr. Moulds I suggest the following members of the faculty in residence:

Mr. C. E. Parmenter — Mr. R. L. Lyman

Mr. E. R. Bong — Mr. F. A. Kingsbury

Mr. R. S. Platt

Dr. Cole?
Lydia Dewitt?
Dr. Ortmayer

As members, or consulting members, according as you may think best, I would include Mr. Moulds, Mr. Dinsmore, and Mr. Wilkins. Most of these persons are relatively young; some selected because they themselves would be interested in homes for themselves, others because of their interest in students.

Is it your thought to include some members of the Board of Trustees? If so, I should suggest Mr. Bond (if his health does not forbid).

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