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It is not likely that the University wants to work such a hardship on the fraternities and if they understand the situation, will more than likely be reluctant to put this ruling into effect.

At your convenience, I would like to discuss this matter thoroughly with you and see if we can plan some kind of a group meeting with the other alumni advisors of the various fraternities to map out some sort of campaign, if it is necessary.

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Of course, you might have been elected president of Des Moines University - that would have been a fundamental error.

Don't let the Blackfriars kid you about your age. You will never be mistaken for a freshman - their trousers are wider and their heads are narrower.

Do you play football? Fine. We need a fast, rangy halfback. In fact, we need ten other good players as well. Pullman berth checks are about the only souvenirs our recent teams have acquired to show that they played football.

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Remind me to tell you more about Mr. Stagg in another letter. He came from Yale, too - in the Paleozoic Age.

One more warning - George Lott is a great tennis player - not a subdivision.

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The trouble with the University, as I see it, can be put in five words:

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It seems to me that this has been increasingly true of recent years. There has been evidence within the last few months of some change. But it is still hard to believe that the change is real, or if real, that it is fundamental enough to bring about any great improvement.

One sees the effect of this lack of heart both among the undergraduates and among the alumni. Because I know them better, I want to talk particularly about the alumni. I have been in very intimate touch with one of the most interested and most closely knit classes ever graduated by the University, and I have watched the signs of disintegration these past few years, and of waning interest.

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The untimely death of President Burton naturally snuffed out all the demonstrative quality from the current reunion. But, does it follow that all reunions should continue to be "dead" from that time on to the present?

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What has happened the last few years is this: Let us take again my class at its fifteenth reunion. The city nucleus of this class can muster 25 to 50 people for a class meeting or party at any time, at the home of a member or a downtown meeting place. Yet, when our fifteenth reunion came, it drew less than that number to the University. Though the old alumni activities of Friday night had been largely abandoned, we tried to continue our traditional midnight spread. Less than 30 showed up, as against several times that at the tenth.

For Saturday we had made elaborate preparations. We had been urged to do so by the Reunion Committee. We had been told that the alumni activities would be as extensive and as lively as those of a few years before. We assessed the class \$300 and built for the parade a fifteenth reunion edition of our well-known Midnight Special. What was the use? We were alone. And even of our own group only those alumni came who could be personally urged to come because they were within reach by telephone. The general alumni program had not developed any enthusiasm, any intense desire to come back to the campus among the people out of town.

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My dear Mr. Whiting:

I am pleased to enclose herewith a pamphlet "Awards and Aids" which I believe gives, pages 9 - 12, most of the information which you have requested. The Junior College Honor Scholarships mentioned at the top of page 10 are those with which you are doubtless familiar and about which a brief article appeared in the last number of the University of Chicago magazine. I am informed by the President's Office that the number of these scholarships available for exceptional men for the year 1929-30 will be materially increased, perhaps at least doubled. The undergraduate scholarships listed on page 9 and the first group at the top of page 10 are available for students entering from secondary schools, as are likewise theoretically, at least, some of those listed under the heading, "Endowed and Other Scholarships". The majority of this latter group however go to worthy students who have a record of one or more quarters in the University.

You will observe that there are five "Permelia Brown Scholarships" and a similar number of "Henry Strong Scholarships". Likewise, that during the current quarter sixty La Verne Noyes Scholarships covering full tuition have been awarded to undergraduates. A similar number, I have been informed, will be awarded in the Spring quarter. The demands on this foundation in the Summer and Autumn are so great that the amount of the award to each student is in most instances \$75 instead of full tuition, \$100. I am also informed that the award of sixty scholarships made for the Winter Quarter of this year, and which will be continued for the Spring Quarter, provides full tuition for all undergraduate students who are eligible for this aid under the provisions of the bequest.

If fuller information on this subject is desired or on any other subject in which your Committee is interested, I shall be glad to endeavor to supply it upon request.

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Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Whiting:

I am pleased to enclose herewith a pamphlet "Awards and Aids" which I believe gives, pages 9 - 12, most of the information which you have requested. The Junior College Honor Scholarships mentioned at the top of page 10 are those with which you are doubtless familiar and about which a brief article appeared in the last number of the University of Chicago magazine. I am informed by the President's Office that the number of these scholarships available for exceptional men for the year 1929-30 will be materially increased, perhaps at least doubled. The undergraduate scholarships listed on page 9 and the first group at the top of page 10 are available for students entering from secondary schools, as are likewise theoretically at least, some of those listed under the heading "Endowed and Other Scholarships". The majority of this latter group however go to worthy students who have a record of one or more quarters in the University.

You will observe that there are five "Permelia Brown Scholarships" and a similar number of "Henry Strong Scholarships". Likewise, that during the current quarter sixty La Verne Noyes Scholarships covering full tuition have been awarded to undergraduates. A similar number, I have been informed, will be awarded in the Spring quarter. The demands on this foundation in the Summer and Autumn are so great that the amount of the award to each student is in most instances \$75 instead of full tuition, \$100. I am also informed that the award of sixty scholarships made for the Winter Quarter of this year, and which will be continued for the Spring Quarter, provides full tuition for all undergraduate students who are eligible for this aid under the provisions of the bequest.

If fuller information on this subject is desired or on any other subject in which your Committee is interested, I shall be glad to endeavor to supply it upon request.

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Recorder and Examiner.

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In concluding there is one matter of comparatively less importance which are distinctly distressing to the coaches. It is the flunk notice system which is a worry to all athletes and most unsettling to the coaches. The University of Chicago has had from ancient times a flunk notice system entirely different from any member of the Big Ten. In the Fall of 1925 the conditions were changed so that one F notice or two D notices received at the end of seven weeks will make ineligible the athletes receiving them for the rest of the quarter. This system while it seems fair and simple often times works hardships to athletes in particular, as it is used by some instructors as a threat rather than a punishment, and by others as a tool to extract more work. The greatest number of notices have been received by athletes: 1, by missing an exam because of an athletic trip; 2, because of late papers, missed work, missed reading, absences all seemingly reasonable reasons for flunk notices. On the other hand, in a large number of courses, there are large classes, few readings, few papers, and few exams, and the fact that a man is on a team does often times cause the student to make minor misdemeanors and you must remember that a single personal prejudice often times puts a man out of athletics for the season. It may be well to consider the other universities in the Big Ten in this matter. No other college has a flunk notice system. Some like the University of Michigan make men ineligible that cease to go to classes-- this is as it should be-- others like Illinois do not. At seven, there are two oppor-

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More than ever before in this country, there is the need of loyalty, constructive purpose, and to stop the destructive criticism which seems to be the national pastime. In athletics year in and year out, nearly every team in the Big Ten has great teams. This is particularly true in football. There was a time that there was a marked superiority of coaching at certain universities. This is no longer true to a marked degree as all the colleges now have good coaches. The University of Chicago has been most fortunate in having a strong department that has been left free from alumni bickerings--this has in no small way accounted for Chicago's splendid success. It has been a revelation throughout the country that the alumni have stood solidly by my father through defeat, and is without doubt the greatest tribute of kindness that could have been given him. In passing, it seems to me only fair to add that to no small measure the work of his assistants has been splendid.

Their loyalty and hard work as well as brains have always been present. In H.O. Crisler, my father has one of the outstanding all around young coaches in the country. The work of Norgren on the specialties, and in particular the kicking is not to be excelled anywhere. Chicago missed Red Jackson last Fall, but the work of Bub Henderson and Kenneth Rouse has aroused nothing but commendation from those who saw them work. It is safe to say that nowhere else in the country are gathered together such a loyal and yet superior coaching force as at Chicago under Coach Stagg. If Chicago is to regain its place at the front, it is going to be quite as largely their combined efforts as the "Old Man's".

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Another very important point is that as time goes on the trained and educated man is probably going to make the fastest progress and be in a better position to support such an institution as the University of Chicago. Furthermore, alumni and graduates and those who have attended institutions are going to turn to them and support them before lending their financial aid or time to other institutions. If the University turns away men with desirable financial connections, wealthy localities and to all intensive purposes would be leaders in the next generation, it may find itself in a more and more embarrassing position in the raising and maintenance of funds to support the University; as an institution as large as it has grown to be.

Primarily, the University appeals to me as a business organization that must sell its wares just the same as any other well known company. It has the advantage today of having its buyers seek its product but I can see no reason why the promotional phase of the University should not be advertised and the University developed just the same as any other corporation having an investment of some \$75,000,000 and dependent upon the public furnishing not only its customers but footing the bill. Confidence in the University's ability to successfully teach and prepare its students with the ways

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