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My chief duties in coming up two days a week are to oversee the work of Kennan and Miss Wood, to answer the more difficult problems of the entire staff, to keep the machinery well oiled, and to keep up the morale of the office which would be in rather bad shape were there no responsible head.

As you can understand, however, I am anxious to turn over the direction of the work of the Board to a successor as soon as possible. My responsibilities here at Columbus are growing, and my desire to get off my Ph. D. examination in January is insistent. I hope sincerely that at Saturday's Board meeting a decision upon policy may be reached so that in the near future I may be relieved of these weekly trips to Chicago.

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In the event that the administration decides in favor of plans two, three, or four suggested above, may I remind you that for the clinical position Dr. Carr would like you to consider the candidacy of Dr. E. G. Stoy who last year took his Doctor's degree in the Psychology Department. I know Stoy very well and shall be happy to talk with you about him if you care to have me.

I am presenting this memorandum to you about three weeks before my departure for my new position and I shall be happy to come over and talk with you about its contents any time at your convenience in the interim.

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Dear Mr. Haynes:

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We would not only find out where students go, but we would also discover the facts about their promotion, their salary scales, and perhaps most important of all the history of their turbulent adjustment period just after graduation. I know of one college graduate who has had eighteen jobe in the five years since he has graduated. I know few who have not had at least two or three. What are the facts about this adjustment period taking college graduates as a group? How many settle down permanently into their first jobs? Why? How many bet from job to job for one year or two-or five? Why? I consider the answers to these questions of utmost importance. We have few facts at hand now. We very much need them if we are ever to do a real job of helping students find their places easily and quickly in the economic structure.

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Self-Supporting Student
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The
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The purpose of this pamphlet is to present a frank and honest statement concerning the problem of working one's way through the University of Chicago.

THE UNIVERSITY ATTITUDE

It is well to consider several general questions of policy and procedure with reference to working one's way through college. Many students in the University of Chicago are partially self-supporting, and some men and women of exceptional ability are even successful in working their entire way through school. Thus, the educational advantages offered by the University are denied to no student of outstanding ability and promise. The average person, however, is likely to find the combination of parttime work and study clearly beyond his capacity. The Board of Vocational Guidance and Placement offers assistance to the student, but it never assumes responsibility for the success of the student's efforts. The placement officers can only assist. They can never guarantee employment. The limitations which classroom work place on a student's time and the difficulty of obtaining jobs which offer adequate return tend so to restrict the number of opportunities that it is impossible to make a guarantee of employment, or to secure a position for every available student. Because of the actual uncertainty of securing work, no student should enter the University without a reserve fund of approximately \$400.00. This capital will meet the expenses of the student during the period of adjustment to his University work, and it will give the placement counselors an opportunity to place the student in a satisfactory position that will not tend to jeopardize his academic standing.

Self-supporting students are usually represented in every branch of extra-curricular activity. Men working their way through school are represented on every athletic team, every publication, every dramatic production, and every social project which the University offers. A student's prominence and popularity depend on his qualities of leadership and personality, and not at all on his financial circumstances

There is no stigma attached to the large group of students who are engaged in part-time work in order that their University work may be made possible.

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The services of the Board of Vocational Guidance and Placement extend not only through the academic year, but also through the summer months. Many students who are unable to do term-time employment earn part of their expenses by remunerative efforts during the summer vacation. The amount that may be earned for the type of work secured is entirely dependent upon the individual's ability and the nature of the employment that may be available for the summer months.

Our contact with and interest in the alumni is as great as with the student in residence. Graduates look to the University when assistance is needed in making occupational changes. The alumni in the community and city at large are continually reporting to the University remunerative opportunities for the self-supporting students. The Board maintains constant contact with employers throughout the city, many of whom depend upon the University to supply student help whenever opportunities become available in which student help may best be utilized.

REGISTRATION WITH THE BOARD

The Board of Vocational Guidance and Placement is located in Room 215, Cobb Hall. Entering students who are in need of part-time work are encouraged to register with the Board. but in no case can applications be accepted by mail nor may prospective students register until they have actually been admitted to the University. The student is encouraged to present his entire financial condition to the placement counselor. He is further encouraged to keep in close contact with the counselor, and to notify the Board immediately of any changes of address or telephone number. When a student is recommended for a position, he is expected to report to the employer immediately, and, equally as important, he must notify the placement counselor as to the results of the

interview. The co-operation of the student is indispensable in effective placement work. The student rate of compensation is usually fifty cents per hour, unless the job requires some particular training or experience, in which case the hourly compensation may be considerably greater. Entering Freshmen must bear in mind that they are competing with upper classmen for work. The Freshman does not always secure the most desirable type of work, but if he is willing to persevere and establish a successful employment record, his problem will be considerably diminished as his college work progresses. The Board places over three thousand students each year in remunerative part-time jobs. These jobs are assigned to students who are in need and who have the necessary qualifications to meet the demands of the employer. Part-time work must always be co-ordinated with classroom efforts so that conflict which tends to affect classroom achievement, health, or satisfactory job performance will not develop.

CLASSIFICATION OF PART-TIME POSITIONS

The following classification of part-time jobs is given in order that the student may have some idea as to the type of work in which students are engaged. There are many types of opportunities which do not lend themselves to classification but which are available. For the women there are calls for:

Camp councilors
Houseworkers
Checkroom clerks
Cashiers
Waitresses
Saleswomen
Odd jobs

Clerical workers
Readers
Companions
Stenographers
Switchboard operators
Typists
Typing theses

Women who wish to work in a private home doing housework or taking care of children in exchange for room and board have no difficulty in finding desirable homes in the neighborhood.

For the men there are opportunities for:

Athletic instructors
Salesmen
Chauffeurs
Switchboard operators
Draftsmen
Hotel clerks
Typists
Houseworkers
Waiters
Waiters
Messengers

Companions
Real estate agents
Soda-fountain attendants

Ushers Proctors Checkroom clerks Stenographers Research workers Gas-station attendants

Clerical workers Solicitors Musicians

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES

The following table will enable the student to form an estimate of his quarterly expenses, exclusive of tuition and laboratory fees which are common to all students in the University.

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Rent and care of room	\$ 60.00	\$ 85.00	\$120.00
Board	84.00	100.00	115.00
Laundry and pressing			50.00
Textbooks and sup-		The Table	in the to
plies	13.00	25.00	40.00
Incidentals	15.00	35.00	55.00
Total	\$187.00	\$285.00	\$380.00

Our tuition fee for each undergraduate student is \$100 per quarter, or \$300 for the three quarters—Autumn, Winter, and Spring—which constitute the regular college year for most of our students.

There are certain other necessary expenses which are common to all students; and in view of variations in quantity and quality, three estimates are given. These estimates are for a single quarter, and should be multiplied by three to arrive at an estimate for the regular college year of three quarters.

Applications for rooms in the Residence Halls, which rent for from \$48.00 to \$120.00 a quarter, should be sent to the University Cashier.

Applications for furnished apartments maintained by the University for married graduate students, ranging from \$50.00 to \$70.00 per month, should be made in advance to the University Cashier.

Board may be obtained at Hutchinson Commons, Ida Noyes Refectory, and Emmons

Blaine Lunchroom. A cafeteria service is provided, the cost of meals averaging about \$7.00 per week.

Students may secure furnished rooms in the neighborhood of the University at prices ranging from \$60.00 to \$150.00 a quarter. Lists of rooms may be obtained in person from the Housing Bureau, Room 105, Press Building, about one week before the opening of each quarter. Desirable furnished rooms for light housekeeping are rather difficult to find. They range in price from \$40.00 to \$75.00 a month. Furnished apartments vary in price from \$65.00 to \$125.00 per month.

CONCLUSION

The Board of Vocational Guidance and Placement attempts to aid the student continuously and progressively through his University work. First of all, it is the desire of the Board to help the Freshman get properly oriented, and to plan with him what his expenses and earnings should be. An earnest effort is made to develop every student's earning power as the student himself develops and progresses with his University work. Many a student, glad to do anything in his Freshman year in order to meet his necessary expenses, tends to be steadily promoted to more important assignments until graduation. The Board is then interested in assisting Seniors to promising positions after graduation. Thus it is that from Freshman days through and after graduation there is a continuity of effort in behalf of the student. It must be remembered, however, that success depends upon the individual. Character, determination, and successful scholastic achievement are pertinent factors for which the student alone is responsible. No man or woman possessing the proper qualifications coupled with the desire to secure the educational advantages offered by the University of Chicago need have them denied because of a lack of funds alone.

If this pamphlet does not provide you with sufficient information, or if your circumstances are such that you would like further advice, do not hesitate to write to us. Address The Board of Vocational Guidance and Placement, The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

For use with the Penney Foundation

Memorandum on Conversation with Mr. Woellner on Vocational Guidance

Work Throughout the Country

At the University of Chicago's School of Education they have courses on the administration of vocational guidance. They have the courses in the summer time because it is at this season that school superintendents and the like come here to study. They find that many of these superintendents want to introduce vocational guidance into their school system but do not know how to do it.

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Northwestern University, following President Scott's work in the personnel service of the War Department during the War, has certain courses in personnel management. These are in connection with their School of Commerce and Administration.

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The University of Chicago The Board of Vocational Guidance and placement OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY June 21, 1928 Dear Mr. Stevens: May I hope to have your support in the project discussed in the attached letter to Mr. Payne? The problem is much more fundamental, I think, than I have been able to make it appear. I think it would be too bad if our board should be relegated to nothing more than a clerical unit when there is clamoring to be done the larger work of coordination and research in guidance and placement. The project that I have outlined in my letter to Mr. Payne would bring to us data that would make it possible for us to do a really important piece of work. Some time at your convenience I hope I may come over and talk about it with you because it seems to me that the principle involved is urgently important? hfully yours, WHC*K Mr. D. H. Stevens Faculty Exchange

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- 2. You will notice that we are requiring that the card be filled out on both sides so that we may have information not only concerning the students whereabouts, but also additional information concerning the general placement problem at the University. If the work of our board is to be more than that of a catch—as—catch—can employment agency, we need to have at our disposal adequate statistics giving us information about trends and tendencies and the general placement situation at the University. We need to know for example:
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At present there are no means of getting this information, and it is my considered conviction that we ought to have it at our disposal if we are to do the sort of job that needs to be done. If we could have these cards from the Senior College, the Graduate Schools, the School of Commerce and Administration, the School of Education, the Divinity School, and the School of Social Service Administration, we should be able each quarter to review our placement problem and to save ourselves a clerical burden that our budget doesn't permit handling adequately. There are two reasons, then, for the proposed additional coupon.

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Dear Mr. Woodward:

Last week I brought over a copy of the attached proposed program for the following year about which we had talked a couple of weeks ago, but in your absence I went over it with Mr. Stevens who presided at the Board meeting Saturday morning in your place.

Very likely you will want to review the action of the Board upon this program, and there are several points that perhaps should be discussed sometime soon. The Board passed the program in toto, and that makes it necessary to discuss the following:

- 1. On pages seven and eight the relationship of our work to the Board of Alumni Relations is briefly referred to. I have talked with Mr. Barrows about the program that I have tentatively evolved, but he has told me that he isn't able to take over the alumni work this year. Since many of our procedures will depend upon having our alumni relationship well defined, I hope I may go over this program soon with whoever is taking hold of the alumni situation.
- 2. The Board voted to approve the principle of centralization of part-time employment under this Board. The Board was of the opinion that such centralization should not be consummated until budgetary and other considerations adjust themselves, but I think it would help our whole setup if we might plan on a tentative date, I should like to suggest January 1st, because then we shall have office space for the two people who will come over from Mr. Mather's organization. I am going over this tomorrow with Mr. Mather, and perhaps we shall be able to make a joint recommendation.

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4. The Board also approved the proposed publicity program discussed on pages nine and ten, and this will very likely require an expenditure which will also need consideration by the Committee on Expenditures.

May I come over sometime and discuss these developments

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The Proposed Program for the Year 1927-28 The Board of Vocational Guidance and Placement The University of Chicago

After conference between the Board's executive secretary and the departments of the University who have interest in either its vocational guidance or placement work, this tentative program has been drawn up for the discussion of the Board at its initial meeting. The two functions of the organization are herein discussed and a plan submitted for their administration.

The Proposed Vocational Guidance Program

Objectives: The vocational guidance program of the Board of Vocational Guidance and Placement of the University of Chicago should include two services.

- 1. It should help the student analyze himself and his vocational inclinations and potentialities by putting at his disposal the best known techniques for unearthing his motives, interests, aptitudes, abilities, deficiencies, and limitations.
- 2. It should collect and put at the student's disposal all obtainable information about careers in general and vocations in particular, and make contacts for the student with people experienced in the careers or vocations he may be contemplating.

Technique of Counsel: The administration of such a vocational guidance service depends upon the development of a technique of counsel. It should be understood at the outset that no well developed counseling technique is available. A few studies have been made seeking to develop techniques for measuring interests and motives, but they are admittedly inadequate and in need of much more capable construction. Professor Kitson at Teachers College and Professor

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Strong at Stanford University, as well as a number of other people, are working on this problem and while this office administers a technique of its own, incorporating all the best known methods used elsewhere, it will be our task also to keep in touch with research developments. To this end it may be the desire of the Board to appoint a committee of its members to keep in touch with the work done elsewhere and to act as advisers in setting up and administering the method to be put into effect this year.

The method of counseling suggested for immediate use consists of an interview with the student aided by concise forms to help him in analyzing himself and his objectives. When, thru the aid of the analysis forms and the interview, the student has narrowed down his vocational choice to less than half a dozen possibilities, interviews will be arranged for him with people in Chicago who have been successful in each of the careers he is contemplating. It may be that this office will want to hold group meetings for undergraduates to be addressed by experts in various professions and industries, but for the time being it seems best to keep the vocational guidance program as thoroughly personal as possible -- keeping the individual ever in mind rather than the group.

Routine: One principle suggests itself as fundamental in building up the routine of the vocational guidance service, namely, that the vocational guidance work of the University be stressed during the sophomore year of the University's undergraduates. This will mean that each year the vocational guidance emphasis of this office will be concentrated upon one class so that that class will have faced the problem before going on to Senior College. It may be that the work of some undergraduates will be materially influenced during their senior college years by having faced and perhaps having decided upon their vocational objectives. It is too much to hope

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