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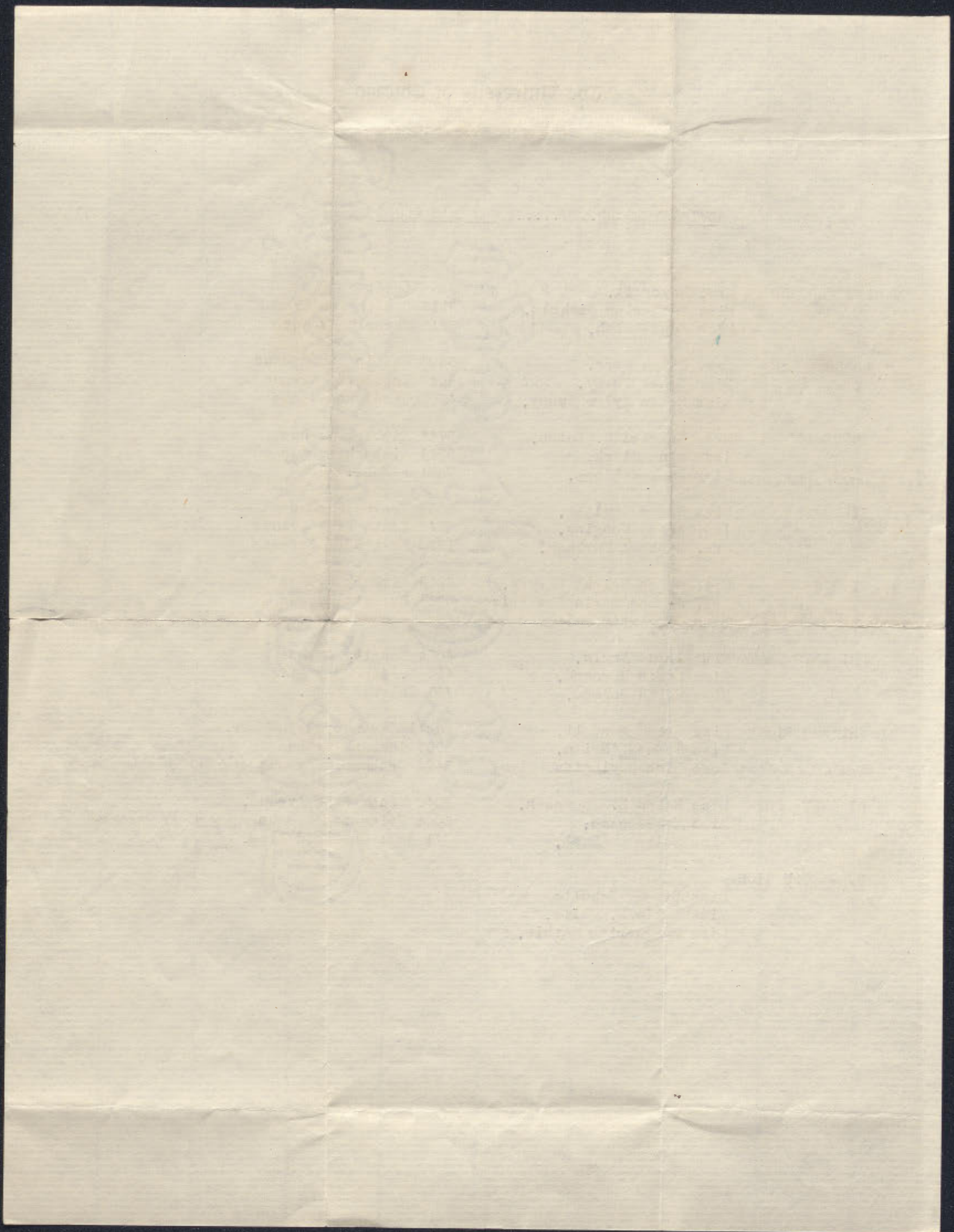
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*Prepared Dec. 1917.*

The accompanying list of University organizations to which women students may belong has been prepared by the Committee on Social Needs of the Woman's Administrative Council. It includes the name and address of an official representative, the purpose, qualifications for membership, and when practicable the time and place of meetings. The Calendar, The Maroon, and various bulletin boards may be consulted for special notices.

*Organizations restricted to freshmen are not included.*

Woman's Administrative Council, Marion Hicks, Beecher Hall.

Composed of delegates from different organizations for the purpose of promoting the social interests of the women of the University.

Monthly. 4:30 P.M.

*Ida Noyes Hall Administrative Council. Mrs. G. S. Goodspeed. Members appointed by the President of the University.*

Young Women's Christian League, Mary Lois Brown, 5485 Hyde Park Boulevard.

To foster friendship among all the women of the University, and to meet their spiritual needs. Further information in "C" books.

The Memerah Society, Ben Perk. *42 Snell Hall*

Open to all men and women students who are interested in the Hebrew language, customs, and ideals.

The Brownson Club, Theresa Quigley, 6027 Kenwood Ave.,

To bring Catholic students into closer fellowship with one another.

The Christian Science Society, Derwent Whittlesey,

To enlighten the University community ~~meetings~~ regarding Christian Science and to promote friendship among those interested.

The first and third Tuesday of each month. 7:45 *Harrell Assembly Hall*

Student Volunteer Band, Bruce H. Douglas, *5531 Kenwood Ave.*

The enlistment and correlation of college men and women for the work of foreign missions.

Mondays. 7:00 P.M. *Lexington Hall*

Women's Athletic Association, Pauline Callen, *5930 Calumet Ave*

To promote the physical activity of the University Women. Membership open to any University Woman who has made the necessary points as explained in booklet.

Monthly Meetings, Fridays. 10:10.

The Neighborhood Clubs, Florence Kilvary, *6359 Kenwood Ave*

To bring together in a spirit of good fellowship, all women of the University, but especially those living off-campus. Open to all University women.

French Club, Elizabeth McPike, 4450 Woodlawn Ave.,

Open to all students who have attained some proficiency in speaking and reading French.

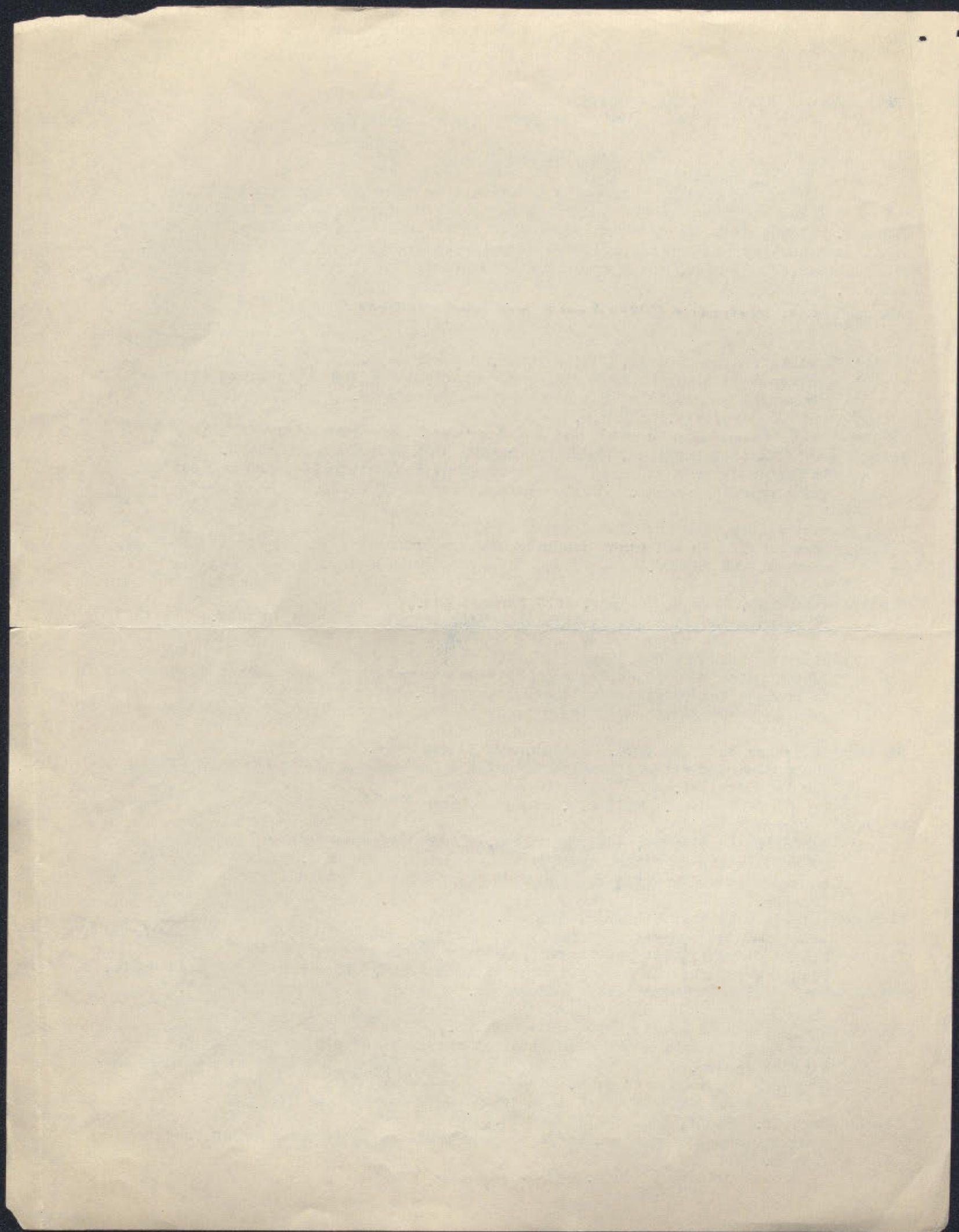
Thursdays at 4:00. *Ida Noyes Hall*

German Club, Mr. Balduf, 5610 Ingleside Ave.,

Open to students who have attained some proficiency in speaking or reading German.

Fridays at 4:35. *Ida Noyes Hall*







Philosophical Club, Mr. Grover Clark, *5476 University Ave*  
Meetings every other week. Wednesday 7:45

Physics Club, *Harvey B. Lemon*, 5453 Woodlawn Ave.,  
For research in Physics.  
Thursdays. 4:30

Graduate History Club,  
Open to all graduate members of history department.  
Wednesdays every other week. 7:30.

Systematic Theology Club, Gerald Birney Smith, 5551 Kenwood Ave.  
First and third Tuesdays. 7:00

Botanical Club, Professor J.M. Coulter,  
Open to all students of Botany. A social hour followed by a lecture on  
timely subjects of Botany.  
Mondays. 4:30

Kent Chemical Society, Mary A. Welton, 6556 University Ave.,  
To widen chemical interest and bring together socially all students of  
Chemistry.  
Tuesdays. 7:30

Medical Women's Club, Anna B. Grey, Green Hall.  
Open to all University women interested in the study of medicine.

Junior Mathematical Club, *E.P.* Mr. Lane, *5727 Kimbark Ave*  
To promote interest and research in mathematics.  
Wednesdays. 4:30

Undergraduate Classical Club, Emma Kuebler, 6054 Harper Ave.  
To provide social life for students of the classics.  
Tuesdays. 4:30

University Orchestra, J.B. Cragun, Faculty Exchange.  
To provide orchestral music for the University and to encourage musicians.  
Thursdays. 7:15-9:15. Lexington Hall.

MacDowell Club, Janet Casto, *1223 E. 57<sup>th</sup> St.*  
To promote the study of musical problems and to gather musical people  
together for social purposes.  
Five Wednesdays in a Quarter. 7:30.

Harpsichord, May Friedman, 4363 Greenwood Ave.,  
To foster good music among University women. Open to all who show ability to  
sing or play a musical instrument.

Ukulele Club, Katherine Llewellyn, 5480 Everett Ave.,  
To learn Hawaiian music and provide good fellowship.

Dramatic Club, Dorothy Fay, 4359 Grand Boulevard.  
Open to those who pass two try-outs. Regular members must have taken part in  
a play.

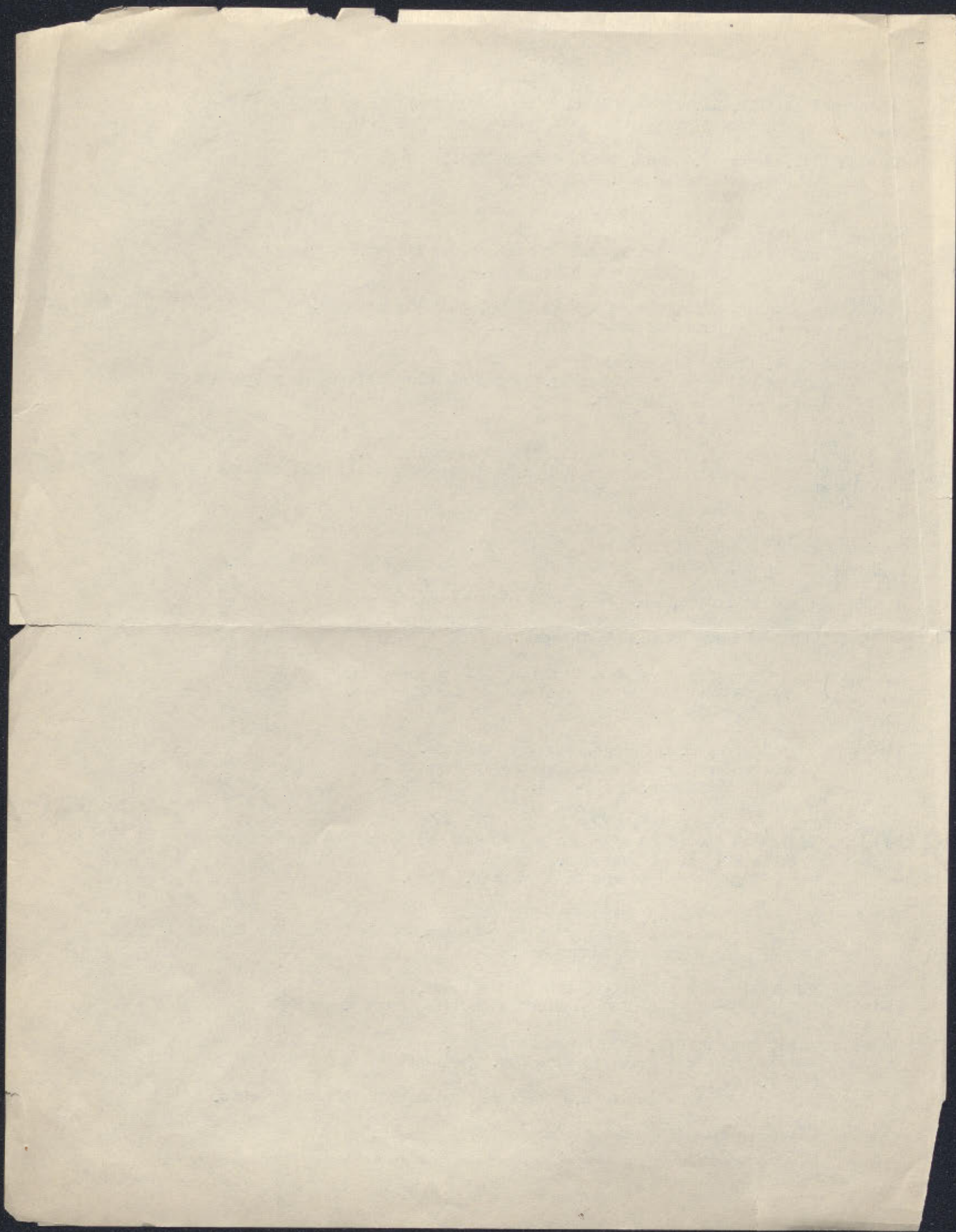
Monthly meetings. Quarterly presentations and try-outs.

Poetry Club, Edna A. Straus, Elms Hotel.

Open to students interested in poetry and producing original verse.

*Semi-monthly*







clubs

It has been agreed by the Mortar Board, the Esoteric, the Quadrangles, Sigma Club, and the Myveru, that they shall not pledge First Year junior college women until the end of the year. It is the aim of the afore mentioned clubs to eliminate all strain in their relations with First Year women in order that the Freshmen may adjust themselves to the work and activities of the University. There



clubs will have no petty rules  
which artificially restrict the  
growth of natural friendships  
with the freshmen, and which  
heretofore have caused a lack  
of dignity among club girls.

Maldine F. Brown, Norton Board  
Laura Wilder

Eroteme

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Quadrangle

Mary C. Phister

Sigma Club

Adelaide E. Roe

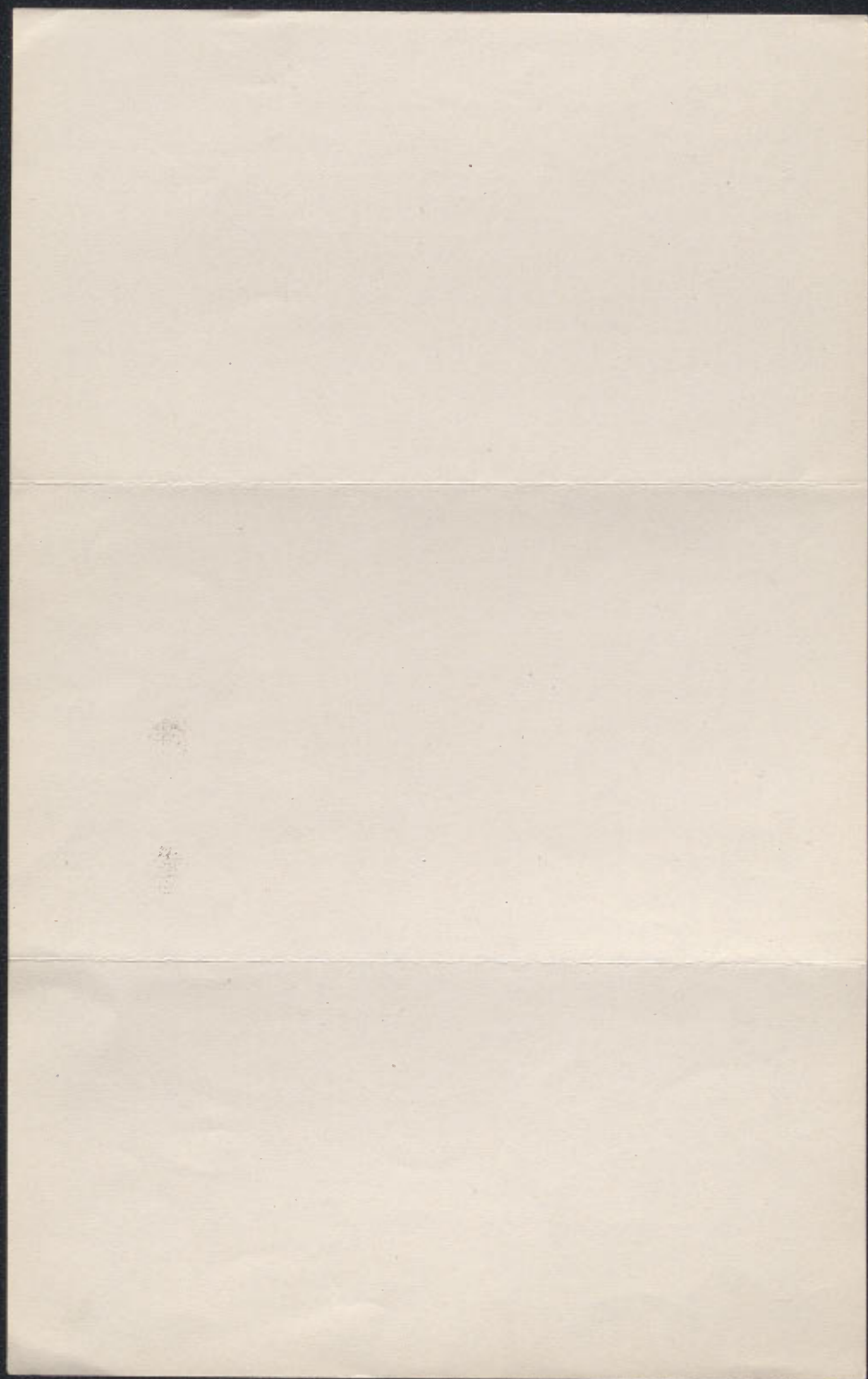
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Sept. 22. 1910.

Dear Mrs Coulter

I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that Mrs Terry was probably right when she spoke as she did of the futility of bringing representatives of the clubs together in conference. I had hoped that the older members of the clubs would be interested in helping find a method by which the evils of the system could be lessened if not removed. As the opening days of the quarter are always filled with urgent claims on my time and strength, I think I will not try to meet with the club members as they courteously proposed. If at another meeting any cordial readiness





to cooperate is generally expressed. it will be the strongest possible evidence that the system should be tolerated in a community where it has been our constant endeavor to have friendly, frank, and democratic ideals prevail among the women.

I cannot adequately express my gratitude to you for taking the position you did nor my disappointment that the other women <sup>seemed to</sup> ~~failed~~ so completely to support you

With sincere regards

Very truly yours

To

Grace Coulter



5532 Monroe Ave.  
Sept. 25, 1910

My dear Miss Talbot:-

We have only just returned to the city and I find your letter awaiting me. I don't like to take more of your time but I do not quite understand your note. Do you mean that you feel it would be best not to call a meeting this coming month at all, or do you simply mean that you will be unable to attend such a meeting?

Of course the conditions we should all like to bring

about will not come to pass immediately, but I do feel that the meeting held last spring had very real results, if I may judge from the feeling in our own club. I confess that the meeting itself was not exactly satisfactory but, to be very frank with you, I am sure that the general consensus of opinion would be that that was due to the inexcusable and overbearing rudeness of Miss Terry. I suppose the fact that the majority of us were strangers might have something to do with it too.

I carried what I considered

the spirit of the meeting to our own girls at a time when a number of our older alumnae were present and we had a very frank and very pleasant talk and the girls were all enthusiastic to vote for a sophomore pledging in October and no "rushing" in the freshman year. Some of the active chapter were not present and I advised (I don't know now but that it was foolish) them against any immediate decision for fear they might afterward feel they had been coerced.

During the summer I had a note from Miss Carey saying that, after long dis-



discussion with the girls who had not been present at our meeting, they had decided to pledge in June of the freshman year, regardless of what other clubs did. I have not yet seen them this fall, but I wrote urging them to bring it on to October. I understand the Mortar Boards have decided on October of the sophomore year.

I am very anxious to be of what help I can and I am sure it will work out in time, although it is a difficult problem.

Very cordially yours

Grace A. Coulter

Sept 27.

Dear Mrs Coulter

Please accept my thanks for your kind and encouraging letter. I meant that it would be better for me not to attend the meeting, not that it should not be held. Was not the date fixed for early next week? The clubs were asked by the Faculty com. to appoint alumnal representatives to consider the situation and we met with them for the sake of presenting the matter. I think the Faculty committee will expect to receive some kind of a report and I am sure they will be glad to cooperate in any <sup>pro-</sup>posed measure. <sup>We would be especially glad to have just-year students freed from the present conditions.</sup> If the alumnal think they could help more effectively by having more authority, I am sure this would be granted. I return Thursday to Green Hall.



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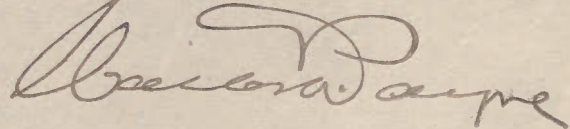
January 8, 1922.

Dean Talbot.

My dear Miss Talbot:

The accompanying application and proposed Constitution of a group of students to be known probably as the "New Jewish Club" was, at the meeting of the Board of Student Organizations, Publications and Exhibitions held Saturday, January 6, referred to the Dean of Women with power, it being understood that she will investigate the relations of the proposed group to organizations previously recognized, namely the Menorah and Zionist Society.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Beulah Dwyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial 'B'.



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# What Is the Menorah?



## *What is the Menorah?*

A movement to study and advance Jewish culture and ideals, and to prepare university men and women for intelligent service to the community.

## *Why the name "Menorah"?*

The word "Menorah" is Hebrew for the traditional seven-branched candelabrum; symbolically it stands for Jewish enlightenment and idealism.

## *Where and when was the movement started?*

At Harvard University in October, 1906, when the Harvard Menorah Society was formed. The Menorah idea took hold of the students at other universities, and similar Societies arose throughout the country.

## *When was the Intercollegiate Menorah Association formed?*

In January, 1913, at a convention of thirteen Menorah Societies at the University of Chicago.



*How many Student Menorah Societies are there now?*

73 (including three in Canada).

*How do the Menorah Societies carry on their work?*

- (a) By meetings open to members and others interested, at which lectures are given by scholars or laymen, Jewish and non-Jewish, on current Jewish questions as well as on subjects in Jewish history, literature, religion, etc., followed usually by general discussion.
- (b) By forums devoted to all-sided discussion of current questions, the Menorah platform being open to the expression of every point of view.
- (c) By specified reading of books and articles, and papers and reports presented and discussed by students at meetings of the Society as a whole or in sections.
- (d) By Menorah study circles in addition to the regular courses

of study.

- (e) By Menorah prize competitions open to all students (e. g. prizes of \$100 offered at Harvard by Jacob H. Schiff, at Michigan and Wisconsin by Julius Rosenwald, at College of the City of New York by Bernard M. Baruch).
- (f) By presenting plays of Jewish life, concerts of Jewish music, etc.

*Are the Menorah Societies religious organizations?*

Menorah Societies appeal to men and women of various kinds of religious belief and bring them together upon the purely intellectual basis of study and impartial discussion. No religious qualification whatever is made.

*Are the Menorah Societies reform or orthodox?*

Menorah Societies are not sectarian. They include adherents of both Reform and Orthodoxy, and of other religious groups, membership being

open to Jews and non-Jews, regardless of individual religious opinions and affiliations.

*Are the Menorah Societies Zionist?*

Zionism is naturally one of the vital subjects of Menorah investigation and discussion. Menorah Societies approach this and all other current questions in Jewish and general life from the standpoint of impartial study, encouraging each member to determine his or her own individual attitude.

*Are the Menorah Societies social organizations?*

Not in the ordinary sense of the term. Menorah Societies frequently arrange dinners, smokers, concerts and freshmen receptions, as part of their activities. Membership in a Menorah Society, however, is open to all the students of its college or university.

*Is a Menorah Society a "fraternity"?*

No. There is no "social" criterion in the membership of a Menorah Society. Menorah Societies include

both "frat men" and "non-frat men," and serve excellently to bring all together on the basis of a common intellectual and moral pursuit. Thus the Menorah tends to bridge whatever rift there may be between different social groups and makes for mutual understanding and the right college spirit.

*What is the relationship of Menorah to Communal Service?*

For those who are interested, Menorah provides the opportunity and facilities for study and research, to prepare members for immediate or eventual participation in any desired form of communal service.

*How does the Intercollegiate Menorah Association help the various Menorah Societies?*

- (a) By providing for an exchange of information and ideas between all the Menorah Societies and giving suggestions and advice to the Societies. A Menorah Field Director has been specially appointed for this task.



- (b) By providing lectures for Menorah Societies.
- (c) By providing plans and syllabi of courses of study.
- (d) By providing Menorah Libraries, Jewish books and periodicals.
- (e) By offering Menorah prizes at the various universities, and general prizes like the Irving Lehman Trophy for the best Society of the year, and the annual medal for the best prize essay of the year.
- (f) By helping to establish regular courses of study in the curriculum and chairs of Jewish history, literature, etc.
- (g) By publishing the monthly *Menorah Bulletin* for Menorah news, reports, correspondence, discussions, suggestions for reading and study, etc.
- (h) By publishing THE MENORAH JOURNAL, a bi-monthly Review of Jewish life and thought, which has proved of the highest interest not only to Menorah members, but to all cultivated men and women who wish to

approach Jewish history and ideals and modern Jewish questions from an intellectual and non-partisan point of view. ("The only intellectual organ which English-speaking Jewry possesses." — Israel Zangwill.)

*Do the University authorities welcome the co-operation of the Intercollegiate Menorah Association?*

Yes, with a great deal of appreciation. The authorities feel that the Menorah Societies are desirable not only because they stand for study and devotion to ideals, but because the Intercollegiate Menorah Association is contributing to their institutions substantial assets and resources—lectures, books, prizes, etc.

*What has been the influence of the Menorah movement?*

It has promoted the sense of "noblesse oblige" among Jewish university men and women through more intelligent appreciation of their heritage and ideals, and it has brought about a deeper under-

standing and respect for them on the part of the non-Jews.

It has facilitated mutual understanding and co-operation between various groups of Jewish students by providing them with a common organization and a common ideal.

It has furnished absolutely non-partisan forums for the broader comprehension of Jewish issues and problems, especially in their relations to the general questions of the day.

It has introduced a much greater interest in Jewish studies and the Jewish humanities at our colleges and universities, resulting in the establishment of regular courses and instructorships at an increasing number of institutions.

It has stimulated students and graduates not only to study Jewish problems but to bring their education to bear in behalf of enlightened Jewish life and service.

*For further inquiries address  
Intercollegiate Menorah Association  
600 Madison Avenue  
New York City*



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Jan. 16, 1923

Miss Marion Talbot, Dean of Women,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dean Talbot:

We beg to advise that we have found it desirable to adjourn the Menorah Society at your University until a representative from our Association should be able to visit Chicago and reorganize the Society along the purely studious, non-partisan, representative lines required.

I hope before long to be myself in Chicago and would appreciate the opportunity of seeing you and going into the situation in some detail.

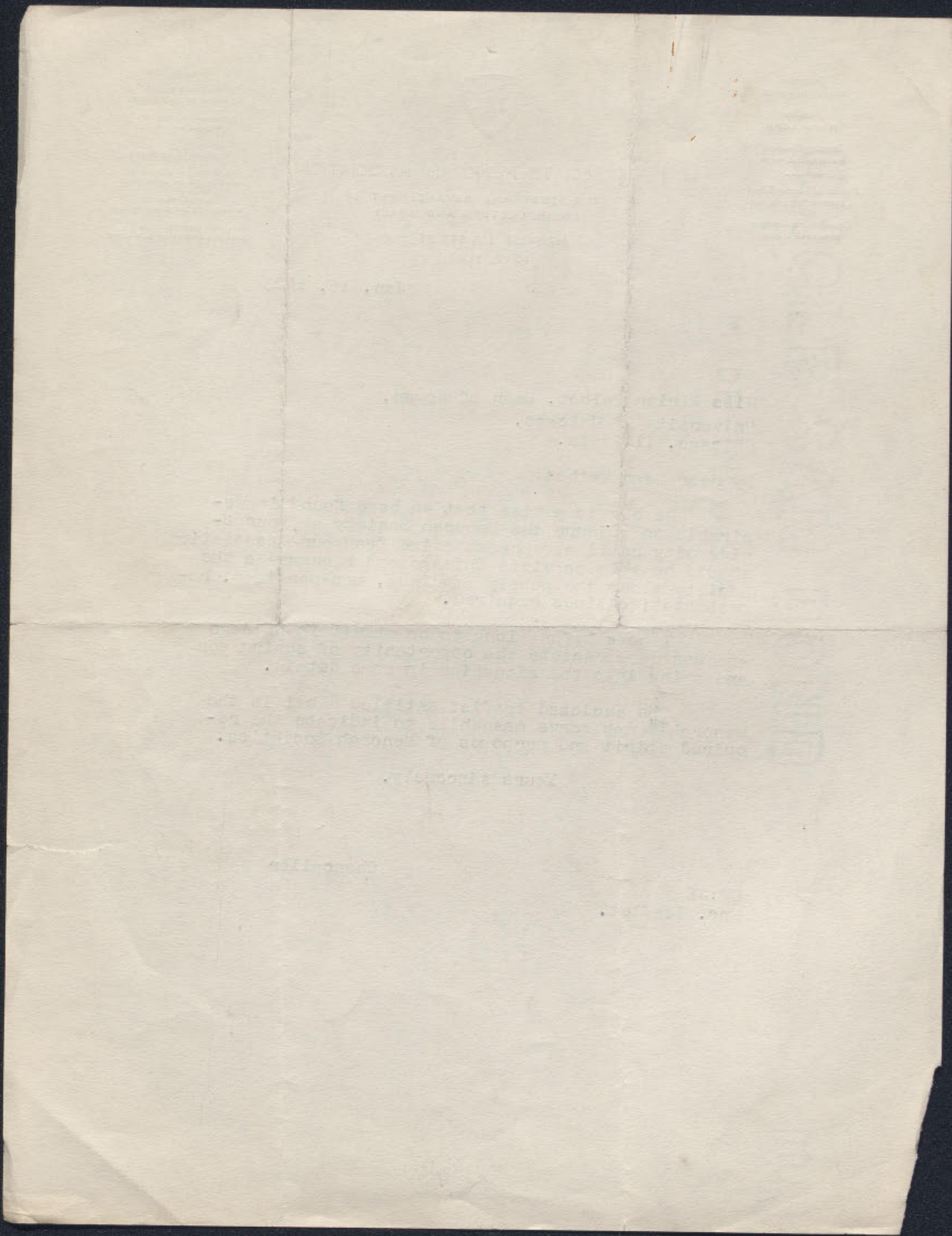
The enclosed leaflet entitled "What Is the Menorah?" may serve meanwhile to indicate the required spirit and purposes of Menorah Societies.

Yours sincerely,

Chancellor

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Enc. leaflet.







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January 13 1923

My dear Miss Talbot:

Upon speaking to Mr. Reingold, the president of the Haskalah Club, I find it has held but one meeting since the one I attended in December. This other meeting was held for the purpose of choosing the present name. No additional meetings are regularly scheduled though the Club hopes to meet alternate Wednesday evenings. It has evidently absorbed the Zionist Club, a circumstance which I have asked Mr. Reingold to report to you.

Last evening the Club held its first social affair, at the Cosmopolitan Club. I spent much of the evening there and am happy to report that the group present was a very orderly one, rather too serious to know just how to have a very good time. I spoke with many of the young men and women. The former are from the undergraduate and graduate departments and represent a high grade of intelligence even if not of social electness. The young women are undergraduates. There were almost no fraternity men among them.

It is quite evident, therefore, that the Club is organized, as its president expressed, to gather the non-affiliated Jewish young men and women on campus. While one never knows how long such a group will hold together, the purpose of its being is worthy; its plans do seem vague but they contemplate the stereotyped meetings, literary and social.

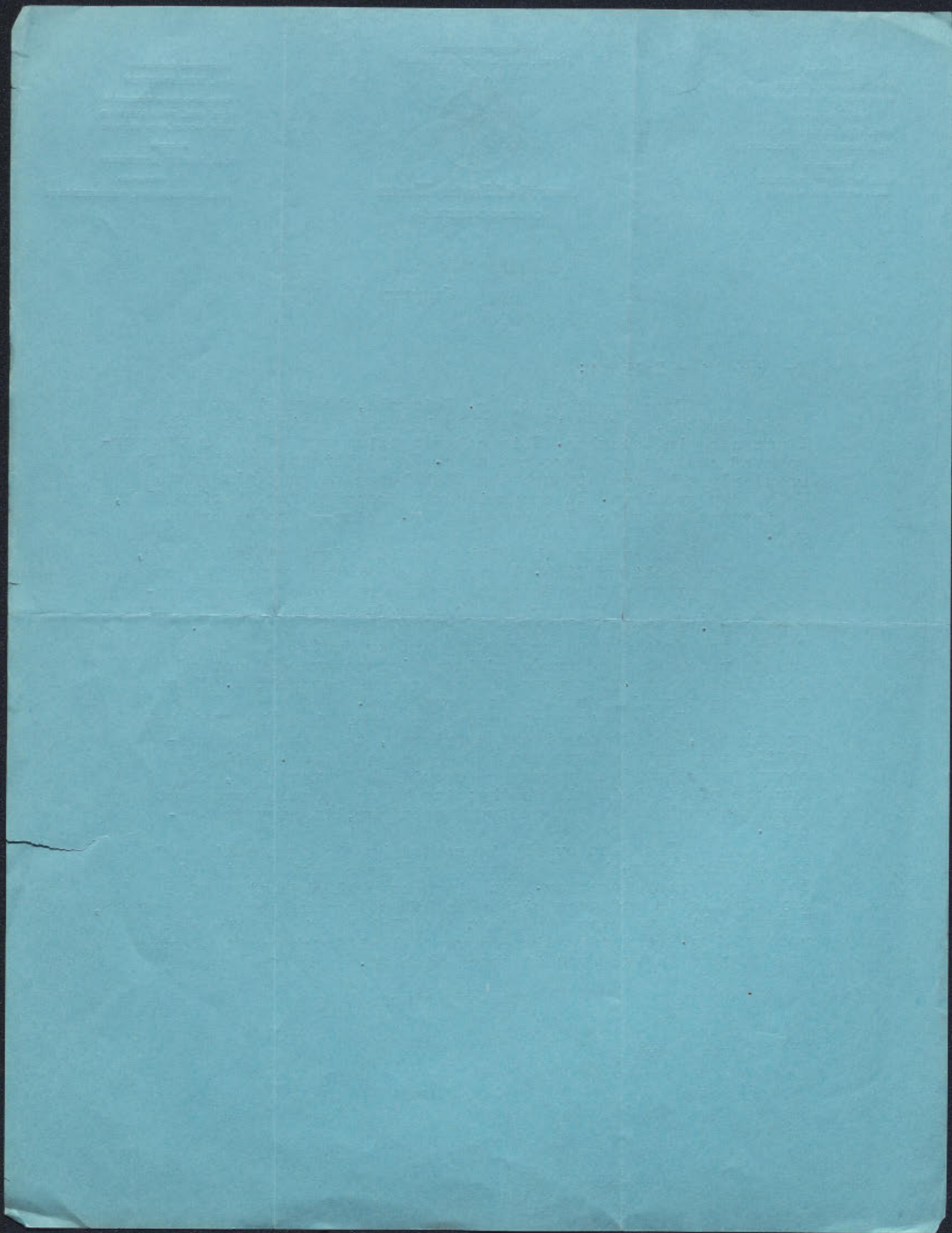
I am not overly impressed by the personality of the leader inasmuch as I do not know how capable he is of holding a group together. But since no real objection of any kind is in evidence either to him or to the group as a whole, I should like to recommend that the Club be given University recognition. So far as time warrants I will follow its fortune and be glad to keep you in touch with it.

Very sincerely yours

6512 Kenwood Avenue

*James F. Quinn*







February 5, 1923.

Mr. A. G. Reingold,  
1362 E. 54th St.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Reingold:

As I think you know, the application of the "New Jewish Club" or "Haskalah" to be recognized as a student organization was referred to me with power by the Board of Student Organizations. I submitted a copy of the revised constitution to Mrs. Flint, as it seemed to me that Article II did not truly represent what you intended to say, inasmuch as I think you expect to have the organization to outlive the residence of the founders of the University. We suggest that you substitute the following phrase:

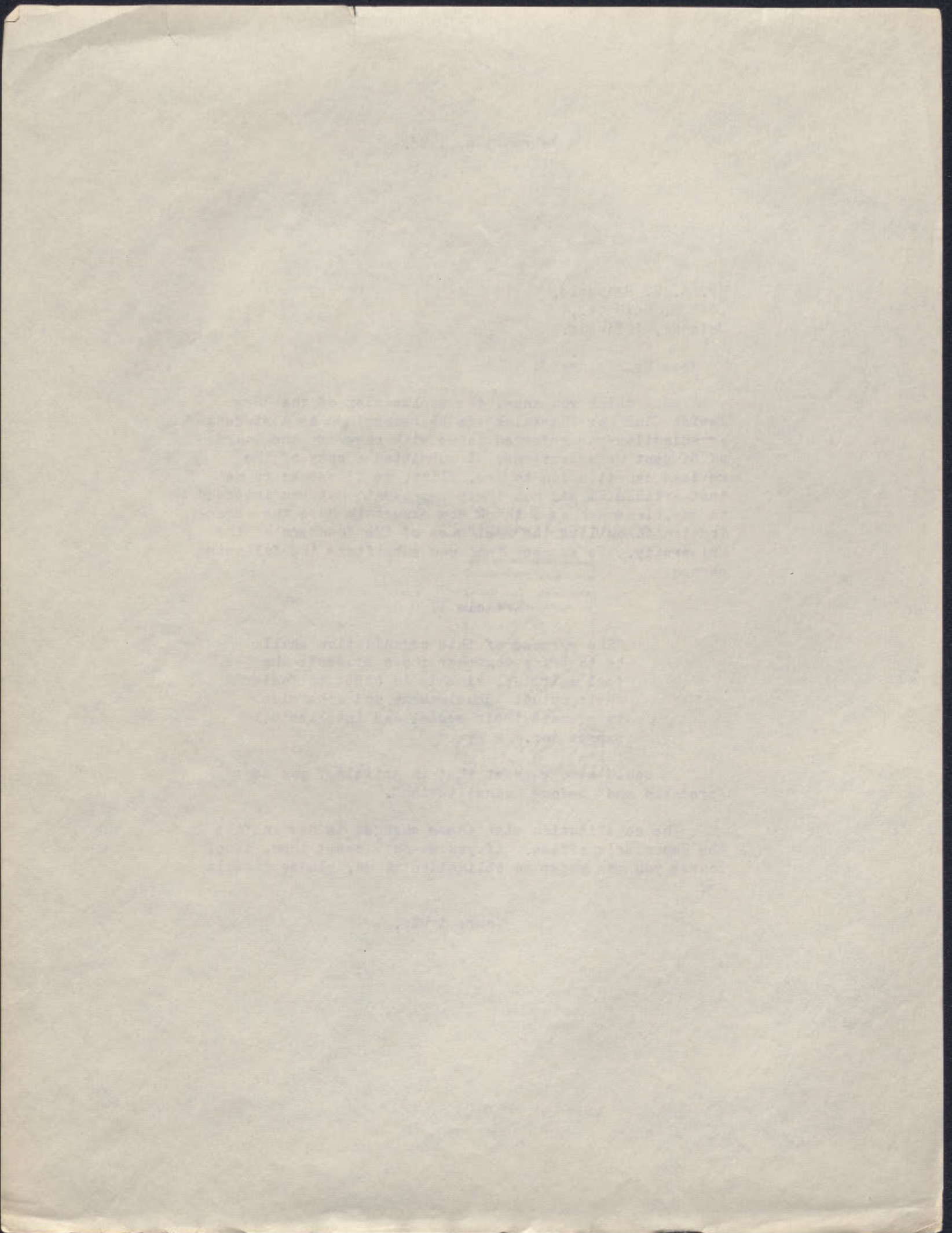
Article II

"The purpose of this organization shall be to bring together those students who feel spiritual kinship in order to foster their mutual acquaintance and otherwise to promote their social and intellectual expression."

We would also suggest that in Article V you add: "preamble and" before "constitution".

The constitution with these changes is now on file in the Recorder's office. If you do not accept them, as of course you are under no obligation to do, please consult me.

Yours truly,





The University of Chicago  
The Colleges of Arts, Literature, and Science

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February 27, 1924

Dean Marion Talbot,  
Faculty Exchange.

Dear Dean Talbot:

I am glad to enclose herewith copies of the questionnaire of the "Better Yet" committee on women's clubs, which is evidently the one referred to in your letter of February 27.

The collection of questionnaires has just been completed, and the committee is now just starting work on the information thus obtained.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I am sending to Miss Rickert.

Very truly yours,

*Ernest H. Wilkins*

Dean of the Colleges

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February 27, 1924

Miss Edith Rickert,  
Faculty Exchange.

Dear Miss Rickert:

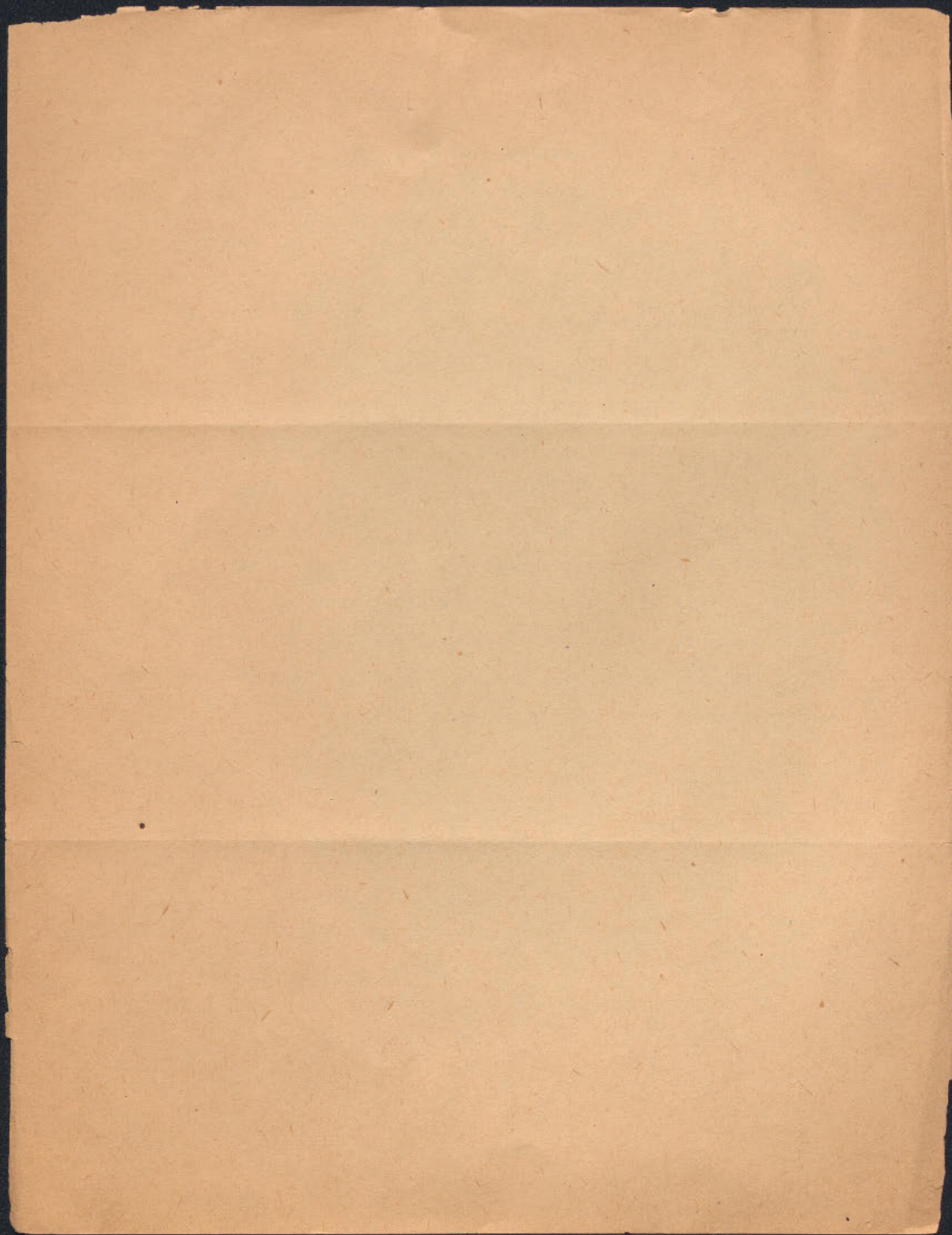
The questionnaire which your "Better Yet" committee is considering is of course one of particular interest to Dean Talbot. I did not ask her to serve on your committee, since I had asked her to serve on two other committees and desired so far as possible to avoid duplication of service. I would suggest, however, that you keep her informed of the progress of the work and ask her advice when you may think it desirable to do so.

Very truly yours,

Dean of the Colleges

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

"BETTER YET"

Committee 18. On a Club or Clubs for Non-Club Women

Questionnaire

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2. If not, in what respect or respects do you think the clubs unsatisfactory?
3. Do you think the present clubs should be abolished?\_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you think more clubs of the present type should be formed?\_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you think one social club open to all non-club women should be organized?\_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you think one social club open to all undergraduate women should be organized?\_\_\_\_\_
7. Should you like to talk with members of the committee on this subject?

Name (This may be omitted, if you so prefer):\_\_\_\_\_

Sex (This need not be stated if you give your name):\_\_\_\_\_

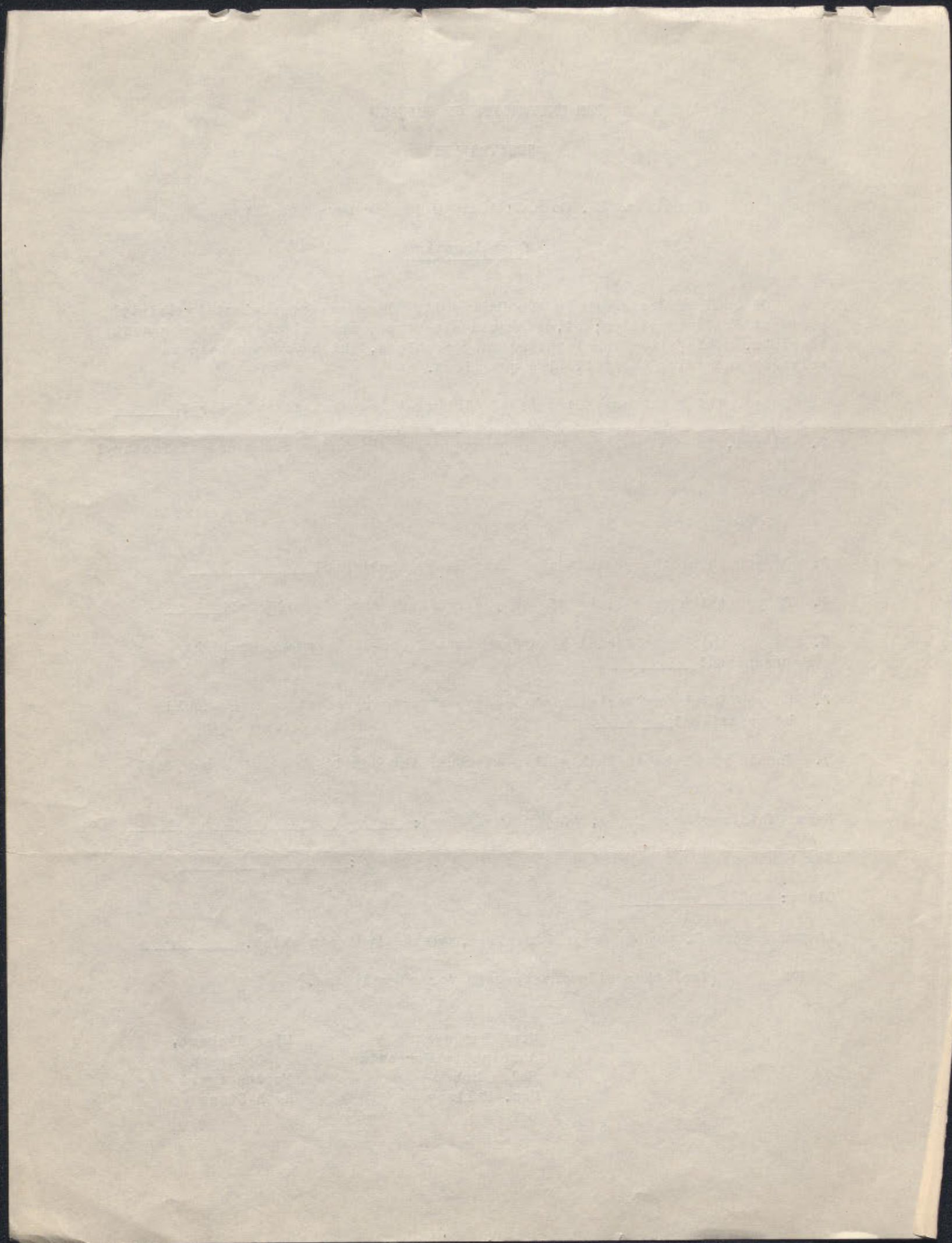
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Miss Burgess  
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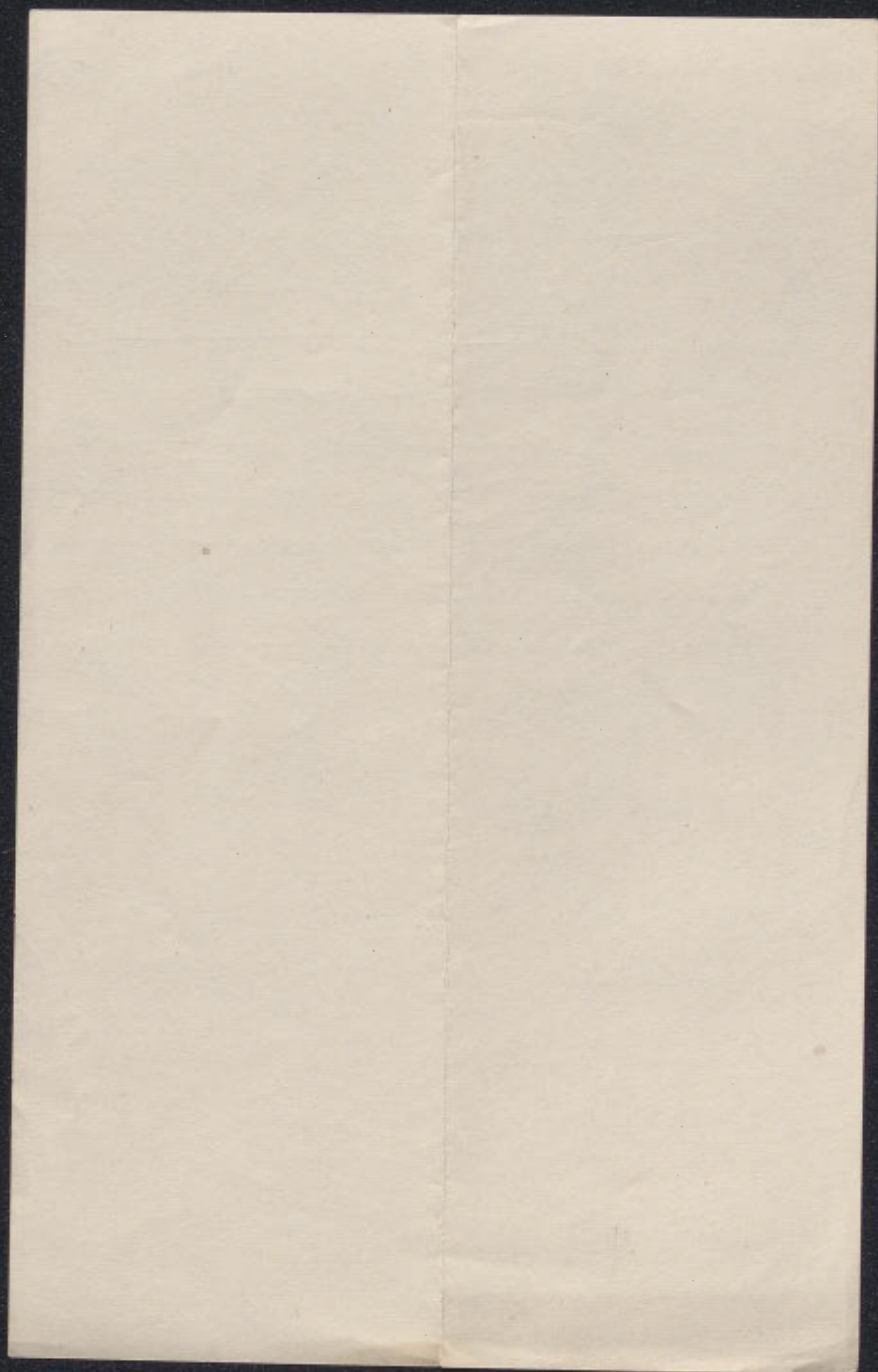
It seems imperative that steps should be taken to eliminate the features in connection with the recult clubs concerning which there is widespread dissatisfaction. ~~With your club present & on~~  
It is desirable that the initiative should come from the Clubs themselves, but the Dean of Women and other officers of the University will give any help in their power. I should be glad to have your Club present to me before May 1 a plan which its members will agree to carry out and which will have as its principle aim <sup>first</sup> the possibility of a more democratic and generous spirit than <sup>among all the women students</sup> can prevail under the present conditions and second the release of first year students from that excitement <sup>and social</sup> pressure <sup>in any cases</sup> and unwholesome which are due to the Club system.

Letter to  
Women's Clubs



May 12. 1913

Mrs Talbot would be glad to receive without further delay the statement <sup>of plans</sup> which she asked to have by May 1<sup>st</sup> concerning the ~~plans~~ the ~~instructors~~ have made with reference to their ~~relations~~ <sup>new</sup> ~~to~~ ~~future~~ students next year. It seems desirable that the remaining weeks of this busy quarter should be free from perplexing discussions except possibly within the individual clubs.





The members of Kalaike of 1913, decided to disband Kalaike and in its stead form three freshmen clubs which would be open to all freshmen women who were interested -

We, as officers of Kalaike, therefore respectfully submit to the Board of <sup>Student</sup> ~~Campus~~ organizations the following summary of the Constitutions of the three clubs which are identical in everything but name.

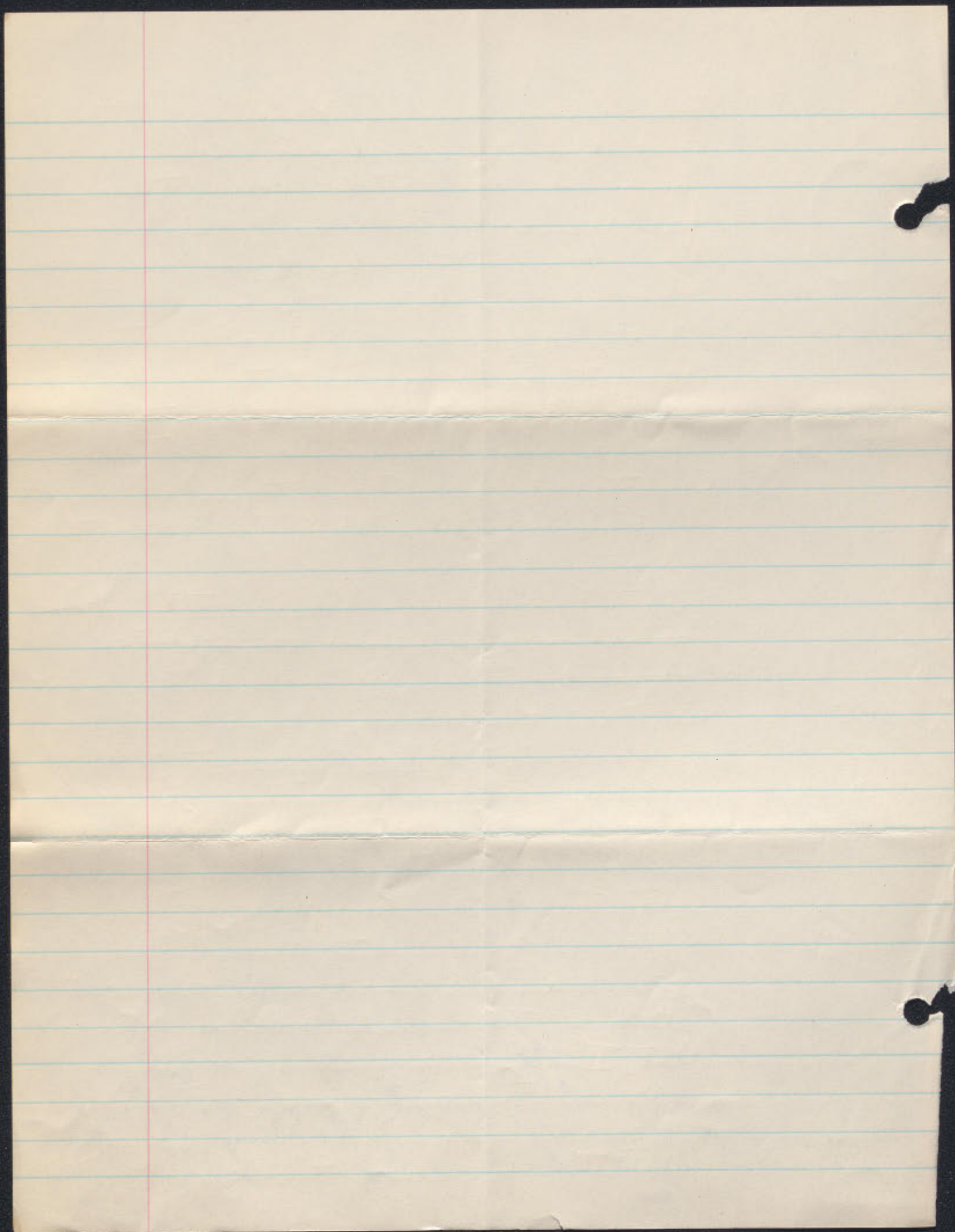
Art. I. Name - Blue Bottle, ~~which shall be a vessel to hold the spirit of the~~ in which the spirit of the Freshman Class shall be preserved. Yellow Jacket - which shall indicate that its members hang around the Freshmen.

Black Bownet -

Art. II. - The purpose of these clubs shall be to unite the freshman class on a democratic basis through social means.

Art. III. membership shall be open to any girl in the Freshman class.

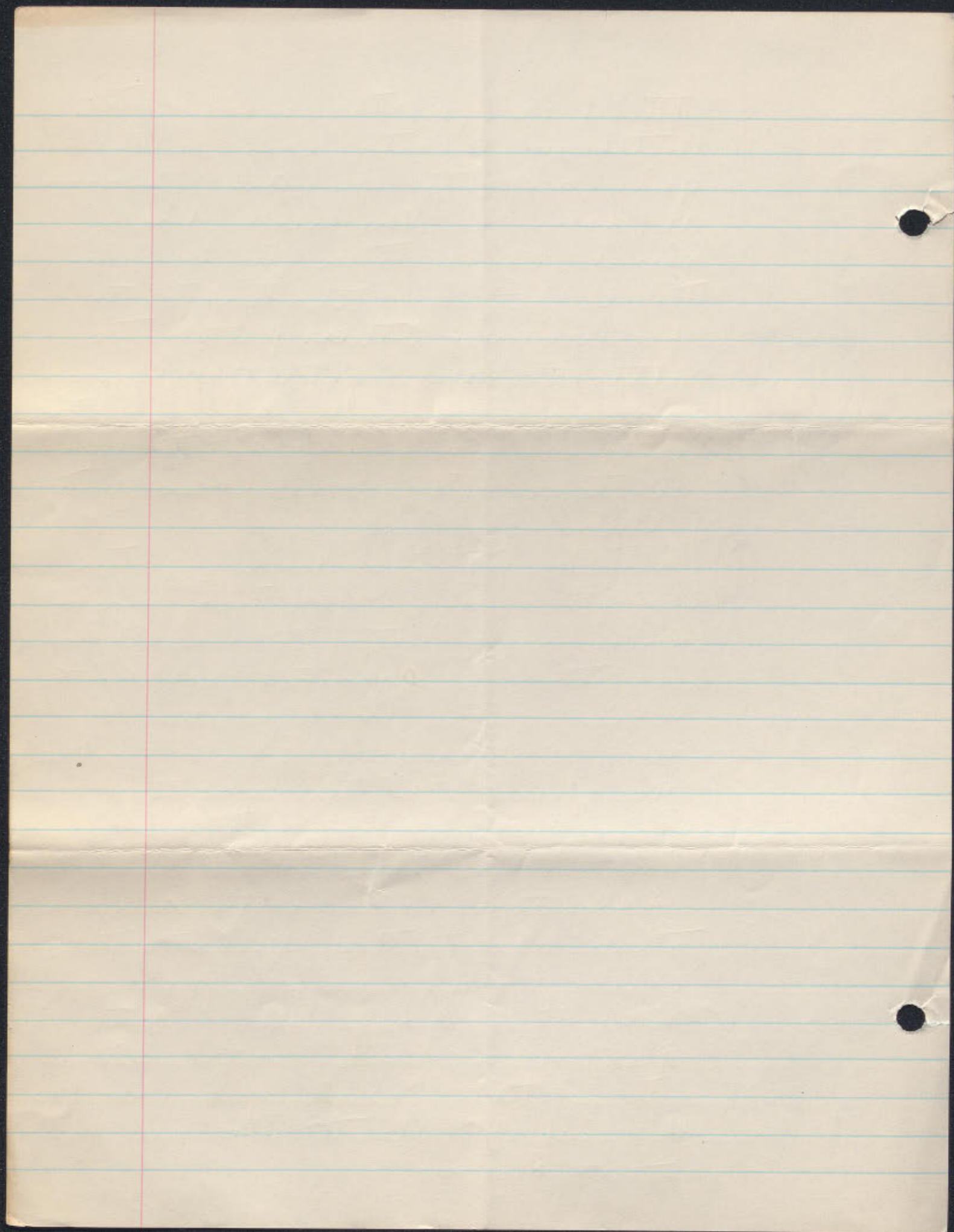
Art. IV. Social Activities, <sup>of Rushing</sup> - In the





third or fourth week of the Autumn quarter each club shall give a party for all freshmen women. The clubs shall rival each other in making these parties attractive to the freshmen. Other parties to attract and interest all freshmen women may be given in the autumn quarter at the discretion of the members of the clubs.

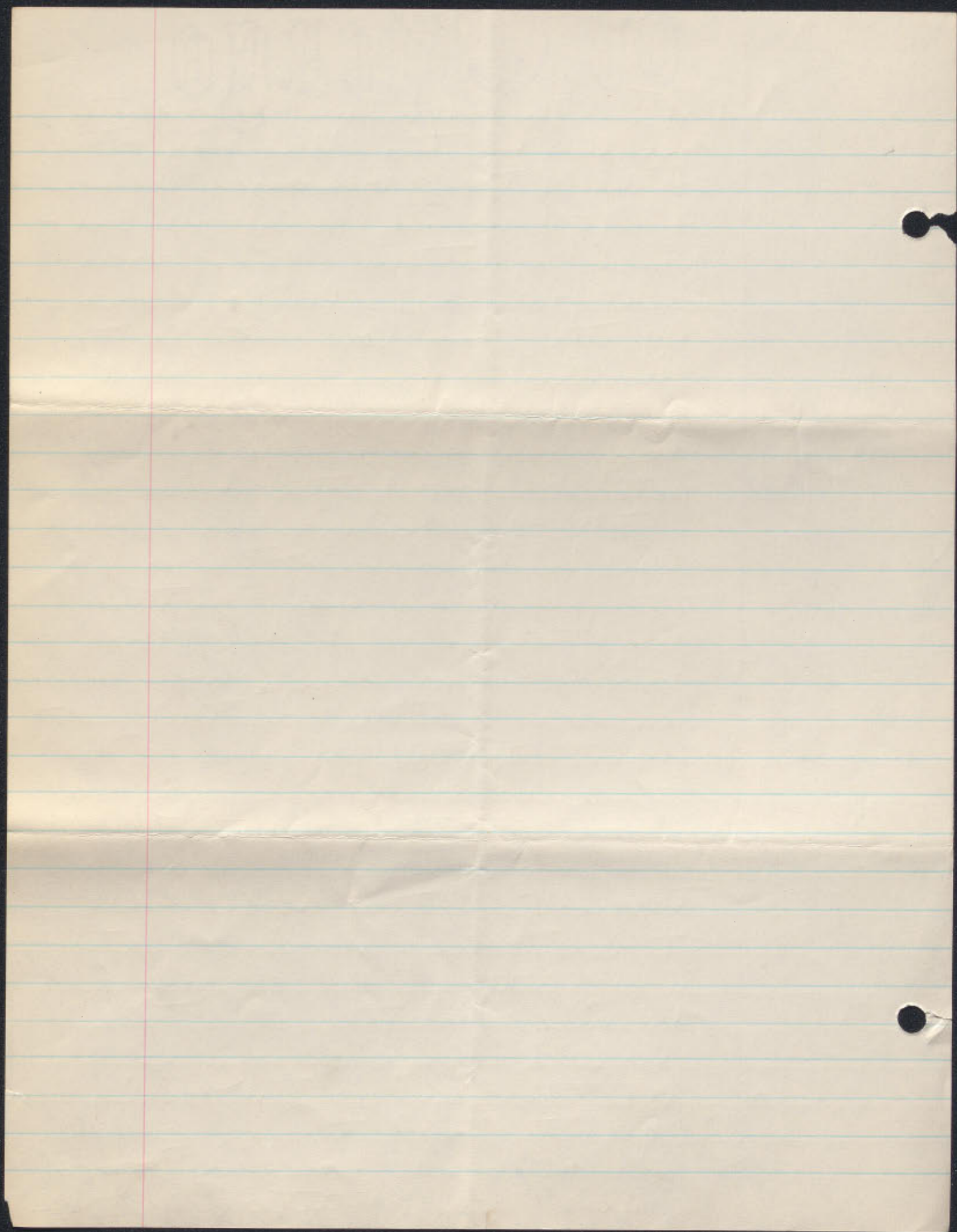
ART. V At the end of the sixth week of the <sup>Fall</sup> quarter every girl interested shall hand in to an executive committee a list of the clubs in order of her preference. The clubs shall also hand to the executive committee a list of the girls they would like to have. The executive committee shall then allot the girls to the clubs, following as far as possible the preference of both girls and clubs, but seeing to it that each girl who has applied is allotted to one of the clubs.





Art VI The Executive Committee shall be the The Sign of the Fiddle (the sophomore house society) which shall be composed of three girls from each freshman club, chosen by the ~~sup~~ Committee of the preceding year. They shall be chosen on the basis of ~~what~~ ~~they~~ executive ability and interest which they have shown in the Freshman class. They shall be chosen at the end of the freshman year. In this way there will be a body of nine Sophomores, who shall be responsible for the allotment of the members of the Freshman Clubs and who will supervise their activities.

Art VII After the new members are taken in they shall have at least one social meeting a month and as many business meetings as they consider necessary. At the end of the Spring quarter the three freshman clubs shall combine ~~to~~ and give an entertainment for





The Alumnae and their own members - This may take the nature of a festival, a play, or a large reception - ~~to~~ to be decided upon by the three clubs themselves -

Art ~~VIII~~ The dues shall be:

Initiation fee - 50¢

Dues - 10¢ a quarter.

The initiation fees shall be used to finance the parties given for the freshmen women of the next year. The present clubs now have \$45.00 with which to entertain the freshmen next year.

Art. ~~IX~~ The Officers of the Clubs shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The three freshmen Clubs this year are composed of fifteen girls in <sup>each</sup> Club, chosen by the members of Kapaeha before disbanding -

Report of the Three  
Freshman Clubs -  
by the resigning  
Members of Kalaiki

Kalaiki  
Submitted by  
Julia Dodge  
June 5, 1914



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Office of the Dean of Women

March 30, 1910.

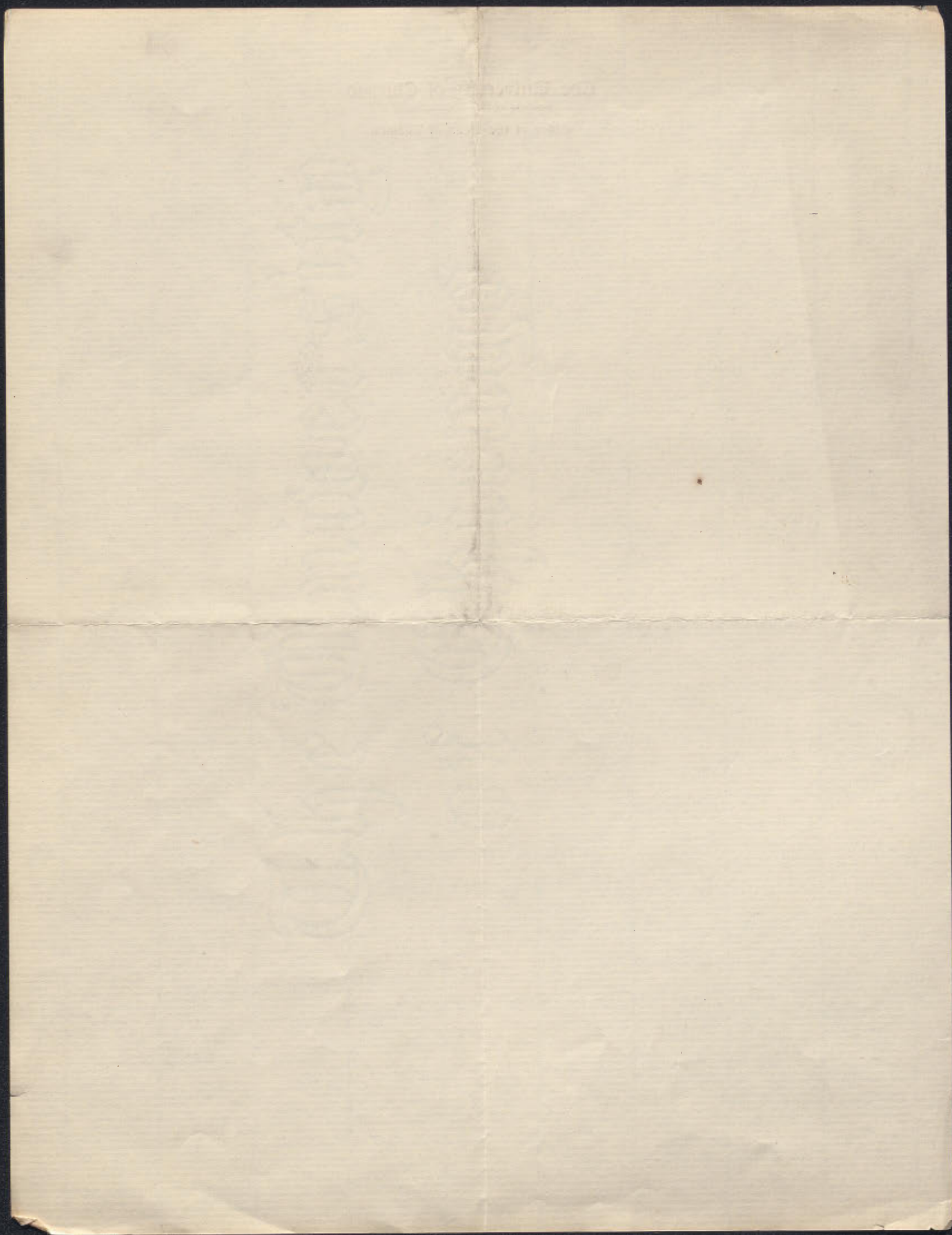
My dear Miss Carey:

Will you kindly inform the clubs in whose behalf you write that it will not be practicable to call the Faculty Committee together for the purpose you name. The objections to the present system are a matter of common knowledge to the older members of the clubs and to the student body as a whole.

The Committee would like to know what policy the clubs have in mind in order to meet these difficulties and objections. As soon as statements are received from the different clubs as to their purposes and plans, a meeting of the Committee with the clubs or their representatives can be called to discuss the situation. It has not been the policy of the University to interfere with the freedom of the clubs and the Committee still hope that the situation can be handled effectively and satisfactorily by independent club action.

May I add that any conference in the matter, must be with all the clubs and not merely with the five you designate, and that the Committee would expect to receive statements from each club separately?

Very truly yours,





The University of Chicago

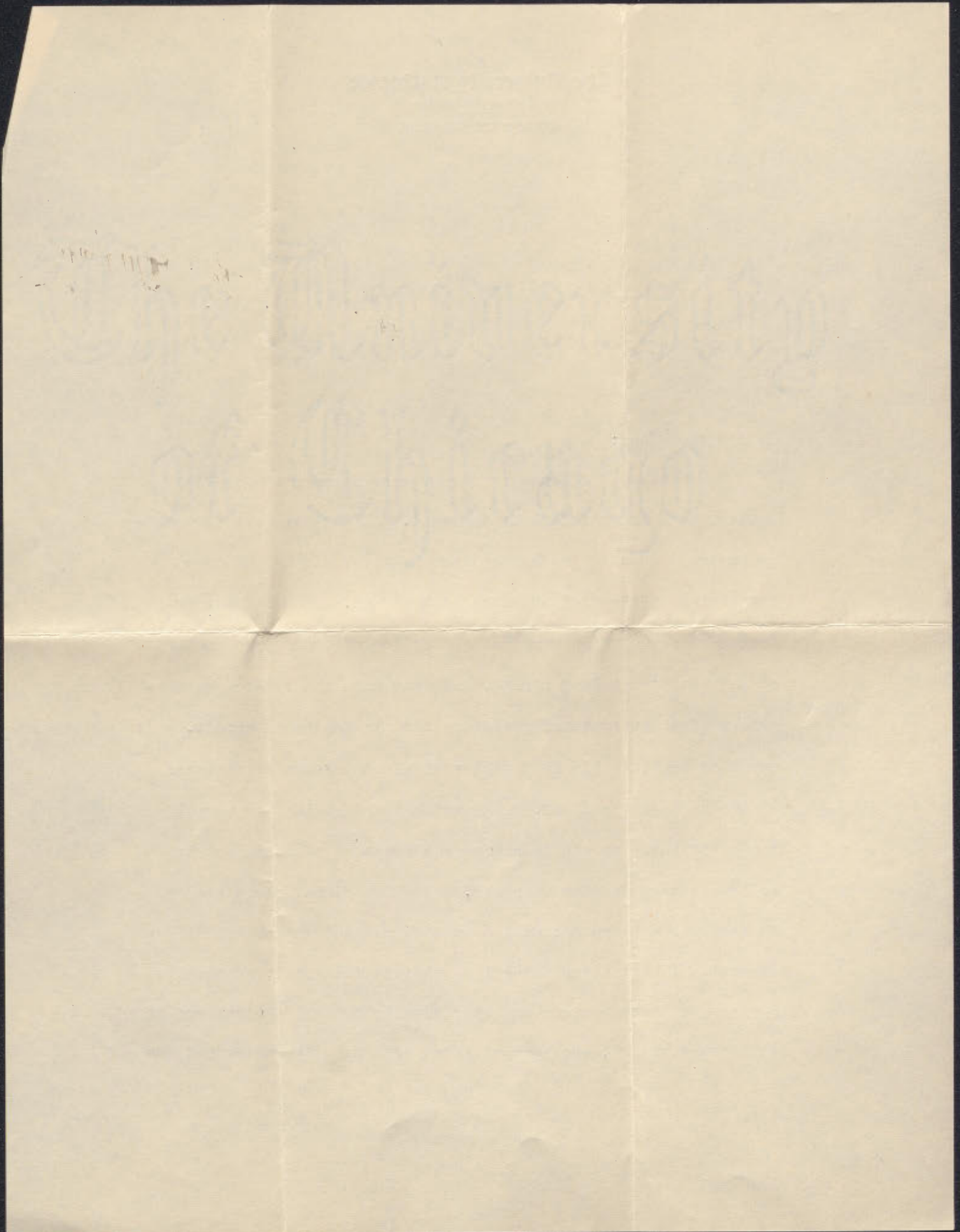
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Office of the President

November 28, 1910.

Dear Miss Talbot:

I have read your correspondence with Miss Coulter with a great deal of interest. I think we are fortunate in having a woman of such sterling character as Miss Coulter interested in the real problems of the case. I note with especial interest her comment on the action of one of the members of the conference last spring. I note also the future requirement of four quarters of residence and six months of credit. It seems to me that this is a rather vital confession of weakness on the part of the clubs. Why not require at least a normal number of honor points to assure the presence of a student in college after the four quarters? Are the clubs not interested in securing members who will remain throughout the usual college career? I have heard several complaints this fall, especially against one organization and specifically against two members of that organization, who have violated not only the letter but the





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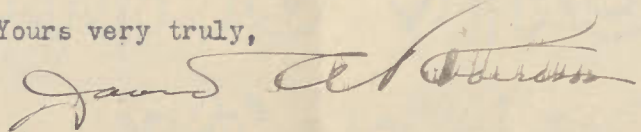
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spirit of the rushing agreement. If the clubs will live up to the regulations proposed, they will make a great advance.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James A. Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Secretary to the President.

Enclosures.

Miss Marion Talbot,

The University of Chicago.

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5532 Monroe Ave.  
Nov. 1, 1910

My dear Miss Tallot, -

I really owe you an apology for being so slow to report the action of the Finance Committee which met last Tuesday. My time has been unusually full, however, and I have been unable to get around to this report.

The Committee on Organization and Constitution was unable to make a report so that our work is not yet complete. How-

over; that part will only be a formality I fancy and I felt that you might like the "sense" of our meeting to consider next Saturday.

Our first meeting was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October.

The composition of this body was first considered.

The general opinion of the active clubs, as voiced by their alumnal representatives, seemed to be that such a body could be most helpful, if some plan of

organization were worked out which should unite the individual Club advisory Committees in one large Committee to act on interclub affairs.

The motion was made and carried that such an organization be formed and that this Council (for lack of a better name, until the constitution suggests another) be composed of the individual Club advisory Committees, with power to ask representatives from



the faculty and the active  
clubs to meet with them when  
deemed wise.

At the meeting last Spring  
seemed to emphasize especially  
the unfortunate conditions  
at present existing con-  
cerning the first year students,  
this body discussed that question  
with a view to finding the  
prevailing sentiment of its  
own members and to form-  
ing a platform as a definite  
aim for its work.

It was moved and car-  
ried that the council, as

a body, approve of pledging regular freshmen in the fall of the Sophomore year.

To put this in more definite form the following recommendations were passed:

1. All students entering without an advanced standing must be in their fourth quarter of residence and have six majors credit before they are eligible for pledging.
2. That Students entering college with an advanced standing of nine majors or more may be pledged after



three months of residence.

3. There shall be no pledging during the summer months.

At a second meeting, held October 25<sup>th</sup>, the Council discussed the present attitude of its members. It seemed the general opinion that girls now in college had come to a realizing sense of the fact that present conditions must be changed and that the pledging

rules which they themselves have agreed upon for this year have been drawn up with that idea in mind. They seem to be starting the year in perfectly good faith so far as the freshmen are concerned and it was felt that any dictatorial action of this body, at this time, would only cause irritation and antagonism at the very outset and hamper future influence. Therefore

the motion was carried that the pleading rules of the active clubs be allowed to stand as they are for this year, working toward more definite action next year.

It was also moved that the individual councils shall stand as advisory committees to the active clubs this year and that the Council as a whole stand as a court of appeal, to be called upon in case of difference of op-



Union between clubs or in  
case of the appeal of any  
individual council of of the  
faculty for decision.

And so it stands. I  
have sent you these recom-  
mendations in this informal  
way, Miss Talbot, because,  
as I said, the work of the  
Committee may not be  
considered complete until  
some sort of formal constitu-  
tion is drawn up and

because I thought possibly  
my interpolations might help  
you to understand our action.

Shall you want it in  
more formal form later?

I was instructed to ask  
you about the two clubs  
which are not yet repre-  
sented in this body. Should  
they be represented and should  
the Spellman House be  
represented and, if so,  
should your committee,

which sent out the original  
notices, notify them or should  
we do so?

If this is not entirely  
clear, I'll be glad to re-  
state it.

Cordially yours

Grace A. Coulter.



5532 Monro Ave.  
Nov. 24, 1910

My dear Miss Talbot: -

I am very much  
ashamed that your letter  
has gone unanswered  
for so long a time. It  
came just as I was  
leaving for New York and  
so was neglected.

I am enclosing the list  
of representations you sent,  
with the changes I have  
received.

Yesterday I was called up  
by some girl who said

she belonged to the "Ulltās",  
whatever that may be, and  
that they now had three  
alumnae representatives whose  
names she would send  
me. If these names have  
not been approved by  
your committee, will  
you please let me know?

Miss Sunny has not  
yet called another meet-  
ing of the committee.  
I suppose the sub-  
committee is not ready

to report. I think it  
must come very soon  
however and I will let  
you know the result.

Cordially yours,

Grace A. Culler



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SORORITIES

Better Yet Committee #16

Revised

The question which came to the Committee was: Shall the existing women's clubs be transformed into chapters of national sororities? It was recognized at once that this question involved a much larger one, but since it was the more limited one which was propounded, the Committee first approached the clubs themselves. The vote was not unanimous; the three oldest clubs voted against the change, the nine others, in favor. The time given for discussion - only two weeks - did not allow for consultation of alumnae members; so the vote was in no sense conclusive. Meanwhile members of the Committee who are members of both sororities and clubs gave it as their opinion that the clubs are very ignorant of sororities, their relationships and requirements. So letters were sent to two officers of the National Penhellenic Council, namely the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Eligibility and Nationalization of Social Groups, and the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Conferring with College Authorities, asking information on fundamental points. The intention of the Committee was to make a digest of this material and send it to the several clubs for their enlightenment. Aid was also sought from Mr. Kingsbury, from Miss Abbott, member of a national sorority and intimately acquainted with conditions in the University of Chicago, from Chairman of Committee #18, On a Club or Clubs for non-Club Women, and from various Deans of Women attending the Conference of the Association of Deans of Women meeting here in February.



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The varying replies from the clubs made it apparent that the much larger question in which the original question given to the Committee was embedded must be considered, namely: Shall there be Sororities at the University of Chicago? And the replies from the national officers outlined a mode of procedure.

In the opinion of the Committee the following procedure would be that required by the great importance and far-reaching relationships of the question:

More information should be obtained from sororities themselves.

More information should be obtained from colleges and universities which have sororities, with special attention to the problem of the housing of sorority groups.

More information should be obtained from colleges and universities from which sororities are excluded.

For this procedure personal interviews would be necessary, a long space of time, and a paid investigator. The material procured, summarized and codified, should be laid before ~~and their alumnae members,~~ the clubs, before the women of the student body as a whole, and before the Faculty, and place and time provided for thoroughgoing discussion.

The time, labor, and expense involved in any such program are great. Meanwhile Mr. Kingsbury's investigation into Fraternities and the labors of the Commission on the Future of the Colleges are producing material which has a vital bearing on the sorority question. The reports on these two subjects are not yet available to this Committee or to the public. Therefore the Committee report it as their conclusion that discussion







of the question whether there shall be sororities at the  
University of Chicago must be postponed.

Marion Graham  
Mary Mitchell  
Gertrude Slocum  
Cornelia Stofer  
Marie Ortmayer  
Marion Talbot  
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