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DELIVERED BY

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AT THE

LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF THE GYMNASIUM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE THE THIRTEENTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE
I wish to congratulate especially the students of Carnegie Institute of Technology with all my heart upon the prospect of your new gymnasium. As I conceive this occasion, it is the most important event which has happened in the life of this Institute since its founding, because it will now be made possible for the students to secure a complete and well rounded training mentally, physically and morally.

Fortunately, in these days, no college is considered complete without adequate facilities for caring for the physical development and the physical welfare of its students. Carnegie Institute of Technology has now taken a great step forward in making this provision.

It was not so long ago when the colleges gave little or no care for the physical development of their students. Many years ago when I was at Yale very little was done for our physical development and little provision was made for our physical welfare through exercise and hygiene. The finest civilization of ancient times proscribed physical education for the children and youth and prospered accordingly. Fortunately, the tendency of the times in the United States (and the sad results of recruiting for the World War have given impetus to it) is strongly turning to state and national interest in the physical training of our youth. Twenty-eight states already have adopted laws for the physical education of our boys and girls, and there is reason to hope that the National Government will soon take action along similar lines.

In this forward movement the educational institutions of the country are leading and must lead—must set the pace, must show the benefits and results of their product. The college has a definite duty to plan for the physical education and the physical welfare of its students, and every college is short sighted, as well as not doing its full duty, which does not meet this obligation.

A big change has occurred in the last thirty-five years in the attitude of our colleges toward physical education. Then gymnasium buildings were rare and colleges in possession of them could be counted on the fingers of the hands. Today, almost no college is without one, and in many institutions the gymnasium is larger and finer than most of the buildings on the campus.

Thirty-five years ago there was not a single college with a worth while program of physical education. Here and there the colleges gave the Freshman a single term of instruction in dumb bells or Indian clubs once or twice a week, but it was done in street dress and unaccompanied by the bath, and probably did as much harm as good. Now most colleges have some system of physical education extended over one or two years under organized and trained instruction in which the students exercise in special dress and follow up their exercise by bathing.

Thirty-two years ago when William Rainey Harper, the President-elect of the new University of Chicago, which at that time was largely a dream, asked me to take charge of the athletic work of the new University which was to open its doors a year and a half later, I consented to come provided he would let me build the department along lines which I desired. President Harper agreed to this proposition and the Department of Physical Culture and Athletics was founded in the new University of Chicago, this department being upon the same basis as any other department of the University and the members of the Department having faculty standing the same as members of other departments.

The Department of Physical Culture and Athletics at the University of Chicago was therefore a pioneer among the colleges of the country in three respects:

First—It combined all of the physical activities of the students, including the athletics as well as the required work, into a single department.

Second—The members of the Department were to be members of the Faculty.

Third—All athletics were to be managed and coached by members of the Department.
In addition to these things all of the undergraduate students were to be required to do a certain amount of physical education work during their Freshman, Sophomore and Junior years. In working out this plan, the Department was assisted by an Athletic Board which consisted entirely of members of the Faculty with the exception of a single alumnus.

All receipts from games and other athletic income have gone into what is termed an Athletic Fund which is in the keeping of the Business Manager of the University. This fund has paid for all of the athletic activities conducted by the Department including all forms of intercollegiate sport as well as the intramural program put on by the Department.

This program has been in operation now for thirty-one years. Since that time many institutions have formed similar departments and adopted similar programs.

In my opinion, every college should have a well equipped department of physical education and that department should look after the physical welfare of the whole student body and not for a selected group. Obviously there must be adequate headquarters for such a department, and, therefore, a building or gymnasium must be provided as the center for the work, and a place in which a good deal of the work should be done especially during the cold months.

A well rounded system of physical education is a system which will take in the whole student body. No other system can be justified nor justify itself in these days. It must be a system which will touch and impress its value on every student for a definite period during some time of his course, and it should be a system which will give to all students special training in some form of recreative sport which they may use in later life.

The most important phase of education is the development of character. Education up to a certain point is the training in moral standards. When colleges engaging in intercollegiate contest use unfair practices they are defeating this most important phase of education. Those colleges which are trying to make a short cut to victory by unfair means are doing it at the expense of the souls of their student body. When students are urged by the whole machinery of public opinion, alumni interest and public support, and worked up to a fervor of loyalty in support of a team which is recruited unfairly or composed of men who do not properly represent their institution, the result upon the morals of the student body cannot be otherwise than positively harmful. This is one fundamental wrong which still persists in some of our colleges and hits at the very vitals of wholesome and beneficial intercollegiate sport.

The effect on the youth of loyally backing wrong cannot fail to develop sympathy with wrong and allegiance to wrong doing which will react vitally upon the lives of the individual students themselves or at least make them submissive to evil doing in order to accomplish a given end.

I regard the unfair practice of recruiting in intercollegiate athletics by alumni, students or business men, as most insidious and damaging to student morals and a blight upon the American sense of fair play and fair dealing. By such foul practice more harm can be done to the moral sensibilities of the students individually than by almost any other of the phases of college life,
The sports and games of childhood and youth are now being generally regarded as the most normal, healthy and effective agency for the development of character. Nowhere else do the repetitions of decisions of moral actions occur so continuously as in games. Here also definite standards are set and recognized for judging the right or wrong of an action and with a constituent body of public opinion to aid by moral pressure in the enforcement of the right action. Nowhere else do we find the standards of honest and fair play so definitely set and so easily determined, and with such a moral pressure behind the youth to be honest and to play fair, as in athletic games. Nowhere else do we find the chances for the development of courage and nerve in the best sense of the term as in the sports of youth where the stimulus of not showing the "yellow," of not being a quitter is constant and pressing at all times. Nowhere else do we find the development of will and determination more constant and successful than on the athletic field where the youth learns to fight hard in the best sense of the term. Nowhere else do we find the discipline of subserviency of self in team play, of self-sacrifice for the sake of the team, of the discipline of self by a personal regimen of diet and training to get the greatest individual results, as in the athletic sports of later youth. These achievements also carry with them exhibitions of nerve, courage, determination, fight, overcoming of handicaps, fighting against odds, unusual expressions of will power, rising to an emergency, successful combating of a critical situation, cool headwork under trying circumstances, making the tackle which saves the game, hitting out the base hit which brings in the winning run, striking out the batter when the game depends upon so doing, putting the last ounce of strength into the lunge for the tape, fighting off your competitor in the last desperate dash in the distance run, clearing the bar on the last jump, tossing the final free throw when the game turns on it, kicking the goal which decides the game after the touchdown.

The boy who develops the ability to think quickly and correctly and to act accordingly on the playground will be readier to make the right move in the unexpected emergencies of the business world. The boy who bears bravely the ups and downs of games is not going to be afraid of the rough and tumble of life. The boy who learns to accept success without foolish pride and defeat without paralyzing humiliation in play contests is more likely to become a self-respecting man under all changes of fortune. The boy who swallows resentment and a little hurt pride for the sake of the game is going to find it easier to bear and forbear in hustling business dealings later in life. The boy who gives himself the chance to grow in strength, courage, self-reliance, determination, perseverance in the trying game is going to meet his serious duties in after life with the do-or-die, never-give-up spirit of the truly strong man. The boy who resists the frequent chances and temptations to take undue advantage of the opposing party, to be anything less than fair and square in the excitement of play, is well started to become the man of sterling integrity in all his dealings with fellow men.

We must build strong foundations for our athletics just as we are doing for this building. We must let our intercollegiate sports be built up upon foundations of fair play, square dealing, and good sportsmanship. These are the basic principles which must be foundation stones to all intercollegiate relationship in sport. With such foundations as these the practice of intercollegiate games cannot be otherwise than most beneficial to the students generally, and the reaction upon the characters of all who compete and of all who watch the competition cannot fail to be anything but worth while and character building. Under such ideals and principles those students who come out for the teams cannot fail to develop the best principles of character because the sports are ethically sound and pure. The efforts of self-sacrifice and expressions of loyalty given by the students in trying for the teams and competing on the teams will thus build into their fibre the finest tissue of manhood and character possible.

I know of no more inspiring influence in character building than the determined self-sacrificing loyal efforts of a player who is giving his all for the team and for his university.
CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

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Chicago University, Envelope: "Chicago, November 30, 1904"
Copies of letters from Dr. Harper to A.A. Stagg previous to the opening of the University.

New Haven, Conn. Oct. 21, 1890

My dear Friend,

I have a very important matter about which I wish to talk with you. You will agree with me that it is a matter of great importance and deserves careful consideration. Will you do me the favor the next time you are in the vicinity of New Haven to come and see me? If we can strike each other at any time I would like to do so. I am anxious to see you at an early moment.

I remain

Yours truly,

W.R. Harper

Mr. A. Stagg,
Springfield, Mass.

New Haven, Conn. Nov. 3, 1890.

My dear Friend,

What conclusion have you come to? Have you talked with MR. Morse? What does he say? I shall be glad to hear from you.

I remain

Yours truly,

W.R. Harper

Mr. A. Stagg,
Springfield, Mass.

Mr. Stagg to President Harper.
Springfield, Mass. Nov. 25, 1890

Dear Dr. Harper:—

After much thought and prayer I feel decided that my life can be best used for my Master's service in the position which you have offered. I am, therefore, willing and desirous to sign a contract, subject of course to the conditions agreed upon by you in our talks.

Sincerely,

A. Alonzo Stagg
New Haven, Conn. Oct. 8, 1920

Mr. Friend,

I have a very important matter

point which I wish to talk with you. Will

agree with me that it is a matter of great im-

portance and deserves careful consideration.

Will you do me the favor to meet me at

least the next time you are

in New Haven at a time convenient to you and see me;

I would like to see you about it.

I remain,

Yours truly

W. R. Hester

New Haven, Conn. Nov. 8, 1920

My dear Friend,

What condition have you come to?

Have you talked with Mr. Moore? What do you say?

I shall be glad to hear from you.

I remain,

Yours truly,

W. R. Hester

Nov. 8, 1920

Mr. Friend,

Dear Dr. Hester:

After much thought and prayer I

feel confident that my life can be best used for

my Master's service in the position which you

have assigned me. I am prepared willing and

able to give myself to a consistent and

sincere effort to make this course effective.

Sincerely,

A. F. Evans
Copies of letters from Dr. Harper to A.A. Stagg previous to the opening of the University.

New Haven, Conn. Dec. 1, 1890.

My dear Friend,

Your kind favor of Nov. 28th was duly received. It reached me, however, too late to take to Chicago. I go back in two weeks and then the matter will be settled. At the Board meeting we shall close the matter up. I cannot express to you in words my satisfaction in reference to your decision. I believe that you have decided correctly and that you and I can do in Chicago an immense work for the cause we have so much at heart.

Thanking you most willingly heartily for your willingness to throw in your lot with mine, and assuring you that whatever happens I shall be true to you and to the interests at heart,

I remain

Yours truly, W.R. Harper

Mr. A. Alonzo Stagg,
Springfield, Mass.

New Haven, Conn. Dec. 6, 1890

My dear Friend,

I see in to-day's paper that the John Hopkins directors are trying to get you for the athletic work in Baltimore. You must stand firm for Chicago. They will give you no such position there as you will have in Chicago. There can never be the number of students there that there will be in Chicago. And besides you need the next two years for study and preparation for the future.

I remain,

Yours truly,

W.R. Harper

Mr. A.A. Stagg,
Springfield, Mass.
My dear friend,

I am happy to hear from you. I have been receiving letters from home, and I hope to take one of these weeks and spend time with you. However, I cannot go to Chicago at the present time. If you can do so, I would be delighted to see you in late March. I must leave on two weeks, and then the matter will be settled. At the present time, I cannot do the matter possible to your wishes.

I am satisfied in your decision, and I believe that it is the best possible for your interests. I hope you will make the best of it. Let your wisdom guide you in your decisions, and may your health and happiness continue. I send you my best wishes for the future.

I remain,

Your truly,
W. R. Hartley

New Haven, Conn. Dec. 1890

My dear friend,

I see in your letter's copy that the job is in my capacity. I am sending you the specifications for the Chicago job. You will find them attached to this letter. I hope you will give your best effort in that position. There will be a number of positions that you can never take as you will never leave Chicago. These can never be the number of positions that you are going to take. I am pleased when my best wishes for the future.

I remain,

Your truly,
W. R. Hartley

New Haven, Conn. Dec. 1890
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Chicago. Nov. 28, 1891

My dear Mr. Stagg:

We read in the paper this morning some unpleasant rumors about overtures which are made you from Yale. Perhaps they are of the same character as those concerning Johns Hopkins a year ago. We are depending upon you. Already we are on the track of a man from whom we are expecting a gymnasium. It may not be long until we shall call upon you to help us with the plans. Everything is moving pleasantly. Do not be disturbed about anything which you may read in the papers about the Ogden estate. I shall be glad to hear from you. Now that the football season is over perhaps you will have time to drop me a line.

Yours sincerely, W.R. Harper

Chicago April 1, 1892.

My dearest Mr. Stagg:

I inclose a letter which you may examine and consider. At the meeting of the committee last night it was moved to recommend to the Board to appropriate $2500 for extra assistants in the Department of Physical Culture, this to include the woman's work. Now, let us expend the $2500, to the best advantage. If we get a man for $1000, another man for $750, and a woman for $750, we are fixed. If we can get a man for $1500, another man for $500, and a woman for $500 we are in good shape.

Daylight does not seem to dawn on the gymnasium. We think we have the money for a biological laboratory, $150000. I tried to persuade the man that the gymnasium was the thing but he preferred the biological laboratory; but everything is moving prosperously. I read your statement of the work to the committee and they are greatly pleased. It was a magnificent statement. I believe you have a high ideal. I am pleased with it. Let us prepare something now for the printer. We want to issue within a short time an eight-page pamphlet which we shall call: "Program of the Department of Physical Culture". This program will contain the list of instructors in the department, the rules and regulations of the department, courses of study, plans etc., etc. When can you let me have the matter for the same?

I remain

Yours most sincerely,

W.R. Harper
My dear Mr. Blake:

We read in the paper this morning of your removal to the same office where I am stationed. I am glad to hear of this change, for I believe it will be of great benefit to you. I am looking forward to your arrival, and I am sure that you will find the work at the Post Office a most satisfactory one.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

W. B. Harper

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Chicago, April 1, 1936

My dear Mr. Blake:

I write to inform you of my appointment to the post of Postmaster of the Chicago, Illinois, office. I am very pleased to have been selected for this position, and I am looking forward to the work with great enthusiasm.

I am enclosing my resume, which you may examine and consider. At the meeting of the committee to recommend candidates to the board to support the Post Office, I was recommended by the department of physical culture for the position of Postmaster. I have been in the Post Office for many years, and I feel that I am well qualified for the position.

I am enclosing my letters of introduction and recommendation, which you may find useful in your search for a position.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve the community and to further the cause of good government.

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The University of Chicago

May 20, 1892

Mr. A.A. Stagg,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Stagg:

I wonder why no answer has come to my last letter. I presume you are busy. I think I may confidently assure you that on the first day of July, or the week before, we shall have the subscriptions complete for the gymnasium. Mr. Charles L. Hutchinson of the Board of Trustees has practically assumed responsibility for the gymnasium and is associating with himself men to furnish the money.

I have all along talked of a gymnasium which would cost $200,000. The question every day is asked me, can it not be done for $150,000. Write me a letter which I may show to Mr. Hutchinson indicating the things we need which are in the Yale gymnasium. May I suggest that it would be a good thing now to begin to get the details and plans, for there is absolutely no reason why the work should not begin immediately after the first of July.

You will be pleased to know that the million dollars for buildings is surely coming. Every day makes it more certain. Certain men of large wealth have said it must be done and this settles it. Of course there will be hard work between now and the first of July to finish it.

I remain

Yours very truly,

W.R. Harper
The University of Chicago

May 30, 1938

Mr. A. E. Glese

My dear Mr. Glese:

I wonder why no answer has come

to my last letter. I presume you are busy. I think

I may count on your assistance. You were the first to

vote by mail, so I do not think you will have the

same feeling of protest. I feel the Board of Trustees has

been acting with prudence. All is not well with the

monopoly. I have still strong faith in a tax. The

assessments which would amount to $50,000,000

have not been made, and I do not think they will be.

You will be pleased to know that the million

addressed to subscribing scholars by committee. Hardly any

weeks will leave me certain. Certain men in large western

states will do nothing, and this affects all. Of

course it must be done and this letter is of

June 1 of July to finish it.

I remain

Yours very truly,

W. H. Hexter
Copies of letters from Dr. Harper to Mr. Stagg previous to the opening of the University.

The University of Chicago

June 9, 1892.

Mr. A.A. Stagg,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Sir:

The Board at its meeting Tuesday elected Raycroft assistant in Physical Culture at $600, and Dr. Foster tutor of Physical Culture at $1000. The recommendations were excellent and the Board made the elections with great enthusiasm.

The question arises what can we do during the first year. The gymnasium though started at once will not be ready for occupancy before May 1st. Which is better, to erect a temporary building rough, or to try to secure some building already erected? I am anxious about the whole matter. We shall of course labor under serious disadvantage during the first year, but with a building going up there will be a certain amount of enthusiasm which will counterbalance other things.

Hoping to hear from you,

I remain

Yours very truly,

W.R. Harper
The University of Chicago

June 9, 1933

Mr. A. E. Stacey

Springsfield, Mass.

My dear Sir:

The honor of Dr. Mead has been presented to me, and I would be most pleased if you would kindly accept same, in the name of the University.

I am pleased to know that you will be able to attend the dedication on the 7th of May, and I hope to see you then.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Keeler
Jan. 20, 1891.

Went from Springfield to New Haven and spent three hours with President Harper at his home, two of which were devoted to talking over the Chicago University in general and the proposed gymnasium in particular. The trustees want me to give them my suggestions as soon as possible so that the matter may be put into the architects' hands and the plans drawn up and the building started. It, therefore, will be my business in the next few weeks to study up gymnasium and in so doing to visit the leading gymnasiums of New England and New York. Prof. Harper asked me if I thought I could take care of the girls. I told him that I thought I could. He said: "I don't believe you can, Stagg, all alone. You'll have to get married and let Mrs. S. help you". President Harper expects a large number of girls' students. I had a very pleasant surprise during our conversation. I had been in doubt ever since accepting the position what Dr. Harper's attitude toward athletics would be, fearing lest he, in his race for intellectual achievements should discard intercollegiate athletics and be content with just enough exercise to keep the body in fair condition for mental work. But in answer to my question what his attitude would be towards intercollegiate athletics, he said: "I am most heartily in favor of them. I want you to develop teams which we can send around the country and knock out all the colleges. We will give them a palace car and a vacation too". These words made me very happy, for it means such a vast deal more pleasure to me. I am so very, very fond of outdoor sports. More than this, it will be sure to create a strong college spirit which means so much to a college boys' life. And last and best of all, it will give me such a fine chance to do Christian work among the boys who are sure to have the most influence. Win the athletes of any college for Christ, and you will have the strongest working element attainable in college life.


Had been visiting the Gymnasium of the Manhattan Athletic Club, also New York Athletic Club building and Dr. Savage's gymnasium and had also spent time with E.E. Gundalphi, the architect of the Yale Gymnasium.

I left Springfield for Springfield. Stopped off at New Haven to see Dr. Harper. Took lunch with him and laid my views before him all of which he approved. I am anxious to have a very large gymnasium and I made a strong point with Dr. Harper when I showed how the apparatus etc. could be cleared
Dear My Family,

I was definitely in New Haven last week, and one of the highlights was meeting with President Harper at the Yale University. Harvard is in Cambridge, and it was a real treat to have a chance to speak with him. I have a strong interest in education and believe that Harvard is one of the best institutions in the country. I hope to visit again soon.

I also enjoyed spending time with my old high school friends. We had a great time catching up and reminiscing about our days together.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

[Signature]
Extracts from letters written by A.A. Stagg to his family.

from the floor and seats put in so that the gymnasium could be used for large meetings etc. It took his mind and the chances are that I can have just as large a building as I want, which is very large.

July 14, 1891. Chautauqua.

Prof. Harper and I left at eight o'clock that night. The next day we spent in Chicago. I saw the site of the University. It will be a fine situation five miles from the center of Chicago. Saw also the world's fair grounds which they are getting ready.

March 2, 1892.

Says busy arranging for assistants. Prof. Harper is anxious for me to get along with one assistant but I am convinced since I have made a rough sketch of my departmental work that I could not do it in justice to myself. The chances are that I shall have to work like a Paddy to get on with two assistants if we follow out my plan of work.

Aug. 4, 1892 Chautauqua, N.Y.

Dr. Harper informed me that the plans we drew for the temporary gymnasium which is going to be put upon the foundation of a dormitory were accepted and $10,000 were appropriated for building and fitting it up.

Oct. 9, 1892.

My work has been largely in organizing our department and in training the boys in football. I spend about two and one-half hours out on the football field but one half of that is not very profitable to the teams because there are only a half dozen fellows out. I am taxed to my utmost limit in arousing enthusiasm in football. The boys are nearly all eager students and their hours are so badly cut up that they have difficulty in getting out. We are arranging games with the university teams in this vicinity but I fear for the result unless we take an awful brace. I am going to get a big hustle on this week if I can. We play Englewood High School tomorrow and the Y.M.C.A. team Wednesday. I fear the latter will beat us. We played Hyde Park High School last Friday and beat them 14-0. It was the first time our team had lined up against eleven men. They were considerably mixed up at times.
Excerpts from letters written by A.A. to the family.

From the front of the letter and several lines below, it seems that the environment and the people around are familiar. A.A. mentions his work and how it relates to his family's well-being. He says he is planning to take a vacation soon.

July 1st, 1938

Dear Family,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying the warm weather. I am looking forward to our family vacation soon. I have been working hard, but I try to take care of my health.

Best regards,
A.A.
Extracts from letters written by A.A. Stagg to his family.

There is considerable agitation over fraternities. There is a strong feeling among the members of the Faculty that it would be better not to allow fraternities in the University. A committee consisting of Profs. Hale, Judson, Small, Trafts, and myself were appointed by President Harper to report to the Faculty. I suppose I was appointed because I was the cause of the agitation. The Trustees had decided that nothing could be done, to keep them out and Dr. Harper had given up hope of doing it when I became aroused on the subject on account of the active efforts some of the fraternities were making to get into the University. I went to Dr. Harper and other Professors laying down reasons why they should be kept out. I am convinced that they are a bad thing for a University as they are run in the west(1) are undemocratic (2) subordinate college spirit to fraternity spirit (3) harm athletics (4) make factions (5) produce despicable politics (6) harm morals (the bad ones do) (7) detract from scholarship. We had one meeting of the committee, and we shall probably bring a unanimous report against them. This will be reprimanded presented to the Faculty who will act upon it, and if passed it goes to the Trustee who pass final judgment. I changed my views since I left Yale on the basis of what I found out regarding their existence in western institutions.

Oct. 11, 1892

I intend to have the boys begin regular exercise. They will be required to take the plays in football three and one-half hours a week. This will get more fellows interested in trying for the eleven and at the same time give them the needful exercise. We played the Englewood High School yesterday winning 12-6. I mad ethe last touchdown which won the game by running around the end for one half the length of the field. The crowd was wildly excited. The boys surrounded me and dispite my efforts to prevent, hoisted me on high and cheered me again and again. Today also, I had to do one-half the playing. Our boys are so very green (emerald is not a circumstance) that they do very little to help out the playing. I am in hopes to get them playing together in good shape in a couple of weeks.

Oct. 23, 1892.

There is so much planning and arranging in addition to class work which is now started and the training of the football eleven. The boys played finely in yesterday's game. I was greatly pleased. We played Northwestern University They have
Excerpts from letter written by A.V. to his family:

There is a constant feeling among the members of the faculty that it would be better for the students to attend lectures in the form of seminars and conferences. Some of the faculty have expressed a desire to resume the seminar system that was in place before the war. The faculty is working on a plan to provide more opportunities for students to engage in research and development.

I am looking forward to the fall semester with great anticipation. I expect to continue my work on my dissertation project, which is focused on the history of mathematics. I am also planning to attend conferences and seminars to stay updated with the latest developments in the field.

Oct. 23, 1935

There is so much planning and strategizing in action to organize events which will showcase our university and the accomplishments of the faculty. I am excited to be a part of these events and look forward to the end of the semester.
been playing three weeks longer than we and have an old team in part. Neither side scored the everybody gives us credit for playing the better game. It was the first game with a college team.

Last of Nov. or first of Dec. invited football team to spend a spread in room at Vendome Hotel. Spread consisting of cake, icecream, almonds, English walnuts, grapes, bananas, oranges, apples and candy. Had spread in dining room below and spent evening looking over pictures and relics.

Feb. 23, 1893

The University made a great deal of Washington's Birthday. No college work. Oration by Gunsaulus in the morning. In the afternoon, a student celebration, called the Washington Seminar in which Miss Reynolds covered herself with perpetual glory by one of the brightest papers I ever heard and in which she proved Washington was a myth and in which I was the Dean of or Prof; and a $3.00 banquet which 150 attended in Coeb Hall in the evening. I was Chief Marshall of the day, which simply means that I had the arrangements so far as the actual conduct of affairs to look after. The Seminar is the talk of the day. It is pronounced an incomparable bit of satire and delicate humor. Miss Reynolds was simply perfect in her part, her paper the most clever bit of brightness and originality.
The University made a speech about Washington's birthday. No college work. Overheard a conversation in the morning. In the afternoon, a student celebrated by calling the Washington theme song. Each year on one of the Saturdays before I want to leave the campus. My hat was the only way to cover my head at the opening ceremony. I was Choral and Choral of the day, which simply meant that I had the strangest costume so far as the costume committee was concerned. Of course, there were some problems that I had to solve, but I persevered. My friends were really pleased and I felt better.
COPY of letter from President

New Haven, Conn. Jan. 1, 1891

My dear Friend,

You have seen in the paper that our plan has gone through. Your name was laid before the Board of Trustees and accepted. Consider yourself, therefore engaged. I am anxious to have a talk with you. We want you at once to begin planning for the gymnasium. The first time you are in the city will you call upon me; and meanwhile, will you undertake for us (so far as you can) to look into the gymnasium and decide what you want for yourself. Remember, you are planning your own home.

The interest and enthusiasm which our plan meets is wonderful. Of course, we shall be severely criticised. This will be all the better for us.

I remain

W.R. Harper

Würs truly,

Mr. A.A. Stagg,

Springfield, Mass.
My dear friend,

You have been in the paper press. Our plans were drawn up by the Board of Trustees and approved. Committee's reports and suggestions. I am anxious to have a talk with you soon. We want you to come to begin planning for the summer.

The first time you are in the city, if you can. If you can’t be here in person, you can telegraph me and arrange a meeting. Will you please do so? (You have been planning your summer home, isn’t it?)

The interest and enthusiasm which our plans meet is wonderful. Of course, we will do everything possible to make it satisfactory. I will do all I can to help make it so.

I remain,

W.H.

Mr. A. S.

Secretary, X.
Copy of letter from Dr. Harper to Mr. Stagg

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I remain,

Yours truly,

W.R. Harper
Copy of letter from Dr. Walter to Mr. Stern.

June 1881.

My dear Friend:

You have seen in the papers that the town has risen up against the Jew. You, of course, fared better than I. I hope you have not been molested.

I am now living in the city, and you will find me there. I have not heard from you for some time, but I hope you are in good health.

I am enclosing a letter from you to blacken your name. You know what you want to do, and I have no objection to it. I remain,

Yours truly,

W. Walter.
August 27th, 1902.

My dear Stagg:

Juliiann A. Herrick, who used to attend the divinity school, writes in about Clarence MacDonald, son of a Baptist minister in charge of one of the chapel cars. He has completed all but the last grade in the high school at Mount Pleasant, Michigan, and has taken five months' work in the State Normal School in the same place. Mr. Herrick says that he is a strong man on a football team and a good singer. He has been planning to go to West Point, but a little effort might bring him here. Would it not be a good thing for you to write to him? His address is Standish, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper
My dear Sister

John: A. Holland, who need to

escape the Gravity School, written in spot clearance

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that he is a sly judge on a dockyard team and a

look stinger. He has been planning to go to work

point, but a little extra weight drags him more.

Wanna it hot on a good spin? Don't you write to him?

He suggens to Engineers, Major.

Very Grantly yours,

W.H. Hedger
August 28th, 1902.

My dear Stagg:

E. S. Shively, a Crow Indian, wants to come to the University. He says that he has had some experience in football, baseball, and on the track. He is a graduate of the Carlisle Indian School. His address is Crow Agency, Montana.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper
August 8th, 1923

Mr. Greenberger

E.S. University, a Grow Intellectual

wants to come to the University. He needs more in
more and more experience in Tottenham, Preston, and
on the field. He has a graduate of the Certificate in
grown school. He's eligible for Grow's Agency, Montgomery

Very Sturdy home.

Yours ever,

W.R. Harber
Mr. A. A. Stagg:

Faculty Exchange,

University of Chicago.

My dear Stagg:

What effort, if any, is being made to keep up the class standing of the University football men? Would it not be a good thing to get Gale or Allen say, to look after the fellows and let them coach up any who may be approaching the danger line, as the first three weeks draw to a close. I see no reason why we should not coach them up just as the crews in the East have men in the training quarters tutoring the men each day so as to prevent the failures at the end of the term.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Harper
Mr. A. Seger

University of California

My dear Sister:

What about the point where we keep our clothes?

Without your excellent suggestions we might not go on.

Can we keep our clothes on after the yellow and let them go to get some air at 8am? It may work.

I am going on a trip to the mountains.

I have no reason why the clothes would not go.

We would not be able to get them in the ocean. The ocean is the ocean in the ocean. We can go to the ocean.

Best wishes to you and to the family.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Herbert
April 9th, 1903.

Mr. A. A. Stagg,
Faculty Exchange.

My dear Stagg:-

Arthur Paul who is the crack left handed pitcher in the Central High School of Cleveland, Ohio, is a poor boy who has no work his way through school. The principal of the school seems to be very favorable toward us. Can't we do something to have him come this way? The principal writes "He is a good student and a marvel as a pitcher but is undecided what college to attend".

Yours truly,

W. R. Harper
His dear friend,

Attentive boys who are the custom from France,

I pocket in the Central High School of Cincinnati, Ohio, to a
poor boy who has to work this year. I understand that the
principal of the school seems to be very interested in the
boy. He went to some trouble to have him come this way. The
principal writes, "He is a good student and a young man as a
chosen pupil at the merchants' own college to attend."

Yours truly,

W.R. Harper

On the other hand, I can't believe...
helped a little at a time when every little factor may be of the highest importance.

He had a better night last night so that I am bold enough not to give up hope of ultimate recovery even yet, but the situation is a very difficult one still and vitality if it is to be won can be won only by the very best care in every direction.

Hoping, therefore, that the plan I have suggested may seem practicable, I remain,

Yours very truly,
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care in every direction.

Hoping therefore that the plan I have suggested
may seemperspicuous, I remain,
yours very truly.

My dear Mr. Stagg:

Mrs. Harper asked this morning if we had an extra ticket for the football game. I should have told her, if I had been here, that we did not, but it occurs to me that you may have some tickets still to spare. Inasmuch as the President himself is unexpectedly coming to the city to-day and may like to see the contest, it might be well for you to send two or three tickets, if you have them to spare.

There is another matter I should like to speak about. Mr. Parker told us this morning that the noise of the game would not disturb him at all except the loud talking and noise of people passing just outside his window on Fifty-seventh Street. Sound at a distance or gathered together in large volume he seems not to mind, but individual cries or noises often disturb him. I wonder therefore, if it would be practicable to detail two policemen to stand one at the corner of Fifty-seventh Street and Ellis Avenue and the other at the east end of Hitchcock Hall and request persons passing to use the north side of Fifty-seventh Street. In this way attendants of the game would not be inconvenienced to any great extent and Dr. Parker would be
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had an extra ticket for the football game. I might have
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concerning the only to see and may like to see the contest.
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to the note. Volume he seems not to mind, but attention once
or twice, often enough, if I wonder therefore, if it
would do no good for two policemen to stand one
at the corner of Fifty-seventh Street and Thirty-ninth Avenue and
at the corner of the east end of Thirty-ninth Street and Fifty-ninth Avenue. Dr. Parker would pe
person possess to see the north side of Fifty-seventh
Street. In this way attendance of the game would not be
November 14, 1904

My dear Mr. Stagg:

I am more sorry than I can tell to hear that you are ill and hasten to send you my sympathy. Everybody in the University is proud of the showing made by the team last Saturday and no one can think of the great record which was made without recognizing your share in it. We are more devoted to you than ever before and we all wish we might do something to help you get well. You must give yourself a rest even if we run up a few less points in the Wisconsin game on Thanksgiving Day. We think more of you than we should of a whole season of victories in football or in anything else.

Yours very sincerely,

W. R. Harper
My dear Mr. [name]

I am more sorry than I can tell you that you are ill and pressed to send you the snapshot which I found in the University's drawer at Brown of the showman who made the record which we made without recognizing your name in it. We are more grateful to you than ever before, and we will give you what we might go sometimes to help you get well. You must give yourself a rest even if we run up to the farm at Christmas Day. We think more of you than we ever did before.

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

W.R. H[photo]

[Signature]
Mt. Clemens, Michigan, Dec. 31st, 1904.

President William R. Harper,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear President Harper:

In case the difficulty over the collapse of the grand stand is satisfactorily adjusted, the University of Michigan would like to play Chicago on Thanksgiving Day next year. I herewith send you letters, expressing the opinion of the three members of the committee appointed to consider the matter of the University of Chicago playing games on Thanksgiving Day. If you will kindly arrange to have a meeting of our Athletic Board and take up the report of the committee, it will help Mr. Baird and myself in the arrangement of our schedules.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Mr. C. H. Fyffe, M.P.

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President William A. Harrison

Inaugural of December

October III

The Peacetime Charter—

In the name of the American people, I am proud to proclaim the peaceful and democratic era that lies ahead. This administration stands for a new order of government, one that will thrive on cooperation and the advancement of our nation's interests.

I welcome you, our friends, as we embark on this new chapter of our history. Together, we will seek peace and prosperity for all.

Signed:

[Signature]
My dear President Harper:

Your kind letter of Apr 13 has reached me. It was a great pleasure to hear from you to know that you are in your old place again. You surely have been passing through the furnace of fire. We all rejoice in your courage in your brave fight. I feel sure that there are a good many of us who would gladly substitute ourselves for you if it were possible. Our hearts are all with you.

I expect to get back home next Friday. When I get the date for my return, some
3 weeks ago, I did not expect to be in as good condition as I now am, but I could not endure this life any longer. Since then I have made a good deal of progress. I now feel that I am on the road to complete recovery. I am now able to walk half a mile with only slight pain in my leg. When I consider that at the close of the football season, I could not walk more than 100 ft. without resting, I feel that I am a subject for congratulations.

The place deep in on the left side of my back, where I strained myself over a year ago, still pains me the nerves of my left leg have considerably diminished; they are both much better. I have attempted to carry on part of my work this quarter by correspondence. I have been coaching the track team by letter. I appeal to find the men in good condition on my return. I shall hope to be able to see you sometime. With affectionate regards, I am sincerely, [Signature]
July 31, 1905.

My dear Mr. Stagg:-

I have before me your letter of July 8th to Mr. Payne, and also a letter from him under date of July 29th. It seems to me that you are a little rigid with the University in this matter. The University is a unit. Every part ought to help every other part. I am surely doing everything I can to help the Athletic Department, and when the Athletic Department can help the other departments without cost it seems to me that such assistance ought to be extended. It goes without saying that any injury to the timber used in connection with the Extension work should be made good. But I do not see why one department should rent timber from the other. We do not do this in any other department of the University. Why should we do it with athletics? Of course, all damage should be taken care of, but outside of this, ought we to do anything more?

I know that you are very broad and liberal in general in your attitude in all these matters, and I am wondering why in this case you seem to pursue a different policy, especially after a representative of the Depart-
July 28, 1963

Mr. Gehr, Mr. Stege:

I have perused the honor letter of July 8th to Mr. Payne, and also a letter from him under date of July 28th. It seems to me that you are a little right with the University in this matter. The University is a unit. Every part ought to help every other part. I am sorry to say that I do not think I can help the Athletic Department, and when the Athletic Department can help the other departments without cost it seems to me that their assistance ought to be extended. I am sorry that my inquiry to the timber need in connection with the extension work shows no hope of any timber from the other. We do not go there in any other department of the University. Why should we go to with assistance of the University? Of course, all cases should be taken care of, but outside of this, one ought to go out and look more. I know that you are very busy and I regret in general in your attitude in all these matters, and I wonder why in this case you seem to pursue a different policy, especially after a representation of the Department.
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the department seemingly in charge had given his consent.

I should like to talk this over with you some time as a matter of principle.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
I should like to talk this over with you some time as a matter of principle. Somewhat similar.

W.R. Harper
President William R. Harper:

My dear President Harper:

Your letter with regard to the rental of the Gymnasium bleachers has been received, and I am glad to explain my attitude in the matter and accept your judgment.

Mr. Payne says that he took up with Dr. Raycroft the last of May the question of the use of the bleachers. I was in residence at that time, but the matter never came to my attention until the 11th of July, at which time the Extension Department, having understood that permission to use the bleachers had been granted, had already completed arrangements which necessitated their use. As a principle that would govern future action was involved, I felt that the matter should have received more than passing consideration, and frankly told Dr. Raycroft of my disapproval. As soon as I learned of the matter, feeling that the Department had become involved by reason of the neglect of Dr. Raycroft to bring the matter to my attention at the time, and believing very strongly that the interests of the Department were at stake, I sought an interview with you to determine the best course to follow; but you were in New York City at that time.
President William R. Harper

My dear President Harper:

Your letter with regards to the recent
time of the examination prefers me to receipt your
explanation of matters in the matter and second your

Dr. Haynes may take up with Dr. Haynes the last

I have seen that he took up with Dr. Haynes the last

Dr. Haynes and other members of the Department have been

necessary to refer me. As a principle that would reason

receive more time before consideration and probably may

Dr. Haynes at my disposal. As soon as I receive of the

matter, realizing that the Department may become involved in

now of the matter of Dr. Haynes to print the matter to my

attention at the time and preserve your note

respect to the Department were at stake I counsel an inter-

view with you to determine the point course to follow but you

were in New York City at that time.
There are several points involved in this matter. First, is it fair to consider that the Department was committed by reason of Mr. Payne's understanding from Dr. Raycroft that he was at liberty to use the stands, when the Director was within reach at all times? I understand of course that the University is a unit, and that each department should work in harmony with the others, for the good of the whole, and, as I understand the relation of the departments, it would be the duty of each to cooperate with the others up to that point where it could do so without damaging its own interests. But I do not feel that the principle would extend to the case where one department asked the loan from another department of equipment which had a peculiar value to that department, which was specifically built for its use, and which could not be taken out of its place and be used without running the risk of affecting its utility and of doing considerable damage not reckonable in dollars and cents.

The case would be similar, as I understand it, to the position which the University has taken on several occasions, of not allowing the use of its house furniture to organizations belonging to the University and working for the general welfare of the University. In this particular case I have regarded
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of the University. In these particular cases I have regarded


the bleachers as a part of the equipment of the Gymnasium. They were built especially for use in the Gymnasium, and adapted to the conditions existing there. They are not at all like the regular outdoor bleachers, made for rough handling. All their parts have been nicely adjusted, so that they can be perfectly fitted together securely and quickly, and without the use of bolts or nails. It was necessary that they be so nicely adjusted that they could be put up and taken down with great speed, so as not to interfere with the regular class-work of the Department. If any of the parts become warped or any of the irons bent, it would cause great annoyance and defeat the very purpose we had most in mind in their construction. Outdoor exposure and use would soon injure the staining of the bleachers, which is a match to the interior of the Gymnasium. But most important of all, they could not stand outdoor use without becoming badly warped. Although I took the precaution to have them covered with canvas while they were being used outdoors, every one of the seat boards came back curled.

I felt to a degree the obligation which had been imposed upon the Department by reason of the understanding which Mr. Payne had as to their use. But I confess I could not feel that we were absolutely committed, although it was very un-
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were paid especially for me in the Chances and expected to
the continuing existing funds. They are not at all like the
regular outdoor chances where to look familiar. All their
bets have been made systematically so that they can be perfectly
fit for together security and durability, and without the use of
policies of balance. It will necessary if they pay on any contracts
with great
length that their country to buy up and cancel you with great
means, so to set its interest with the regular observers or
the Department. It may of the latter because warden of one of
the former part. It would come great sensation and get the
very hundreds we had went in and in their combination. On-
foot observation may be made soon interest in the
presence, which in a matter of the interest of the Chances
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without becoming greatly worried. Accordingly took the precaution
to have them covered with canvas while they were paid need
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when the Department. In reason of the unrating which
Paine paid as to their need. But I can see I can not deal
that we have especially committed, statements in very um-

pleasant not to support a member of one's department. I regarded that I personally, as Director of the Department, was in duty bound to exercise my right of decision in a case involving such an important principle as this, especially as I had very strong feelings about the unwisdom of allowing the use of these seats. The matter is very clear in my mind at present that the Department is not called upon nor can it be expected to assist another department of the University in a case where it would positively damage its own equipment and cause itself considerable trouble and annoyance thereby. But I am of course ready to have my views on this matter changed, if you consider that I am in the wrong.

As to the matter of paying rent on the bleachers, I wish to say that the main idea was not to secure some of the receipts, but was an attempt to avoid the establishing of a precedent in the use of these seats. In the attempt to get around it Mr. Payne made the suggestion that we charge them for the use of the seats. I told Mr. Payne then that I would far rather make a contribution from the Athletic Fund if it were possible to avoid using the seats than to receive a rental for them.
The President as a part of the Department of the Grammarian. They were part especially for me in the Grammarian's study to observe the condition existing there. They note all the regular and occasional lectures and the longer ones at the request of the faculty. They have been visibly absent and with the case of a colleague I am necessary for them to be so closely on posture at all times. It was necessary that they be present with them.

January 27th, they cannot be out on any case, you with great speed, so expect to participate with the Department of the President. 27th of the case because without me, the President and Maiy come great importance and what the nature of my absence may have been before for the consideration of the President's advice, which is the reason for the intervention of the President. But most important of all, they cannot not attend outdoor me. Without becoming part of the outdoor I took the President to mine them covered with canvas while they were being used outdoor.

Although I fear a greater the obligation which has been imposed upon the Department in reason of the catastrophe which will not be my hard to their test, I can be very much aware the President, committee. According to the view of the Department.
There are two or three other points which might be mentioned in connection with this matter, which I shall be glad to discuss with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Chicago Aug. 8, 1908.
I present, not to support a request of one's department, but rather to express my views on the necessity of a case in...

I believe that the Department of Health has been working on this case for a long time. The matter is very serious, and it should be dealt with seriously. However, I have not had the opportunity to examine all the evidence. But I am of the opinion that the Department has made a serious error in this case.

As to the matter of delaying the hearing in the beginning, I think...

I do not agree with the suggestion that we should delay the case. I believe that the Department has made a serious error in this case.
October 30th, 1905.

My dear Mr. Stagg:

I wish to congratulate you and the team upon the work of Saturday. I had a very full description of it step by step from the telegraph office and enjoyed it exceedingly. It was a splendid game and you did exactly what I wanted you to do. Please give my heartiest and best congratulations to the team and believe me to be

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
There are two or three other points which might be men-

tioned in connection with this matter, which I shall pe glad

to have come within your or your convenience.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
November 21st, 1906.

My dear Mr. Stagg:-

I want to congratulate you and the team upon Saturday's game with Illinois, and to join with everyone else in expressing my amazement as well as appreciation of the work which Ekersall did. I am fully of the opinion which the papers say you expressed that our chances on Thanksgiving Day are not strong. At the same time I am inclined to think that if the men have the right spirit there is a good fighting chance.

I need not tell you and them that it would be a charming thing if we were to come out ahead, but the great thing is to do our best whatever the result shall be. Nothing more than this is called for at the same time nothing less. Our best effort is worth bringing forth at this particular time.

I should be glad to have you say to the men that we should all be glad to have them present with us at the Thanksgiving service Thursday morning.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
November 5th, 1908

My dear Mr. Green:

I want to congratulate you and the team upon you achievement with Tifton, and to join with everyone else in expressing my satisfaction as well as appreciation of the work which has been done.

I am happy at the opinion which the Board has expressed that you have the right spirit. There is a real fighting chance.

I need not tell you how much I would like to come out and speak. I am not sure the same can happen. The best thing is to go on next Monday the nearest day. Nothing more can arise in sufficient time at the same time.

Our best efforts are worth parents. I want to have you ready to give you what I have in mind.

The Thanksgiving service tomorrow morning.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harlon
December 26th, 1905.

My dear Mr. Stagg:-

In Caspar Whitney's public address he speaks of some influence higher up that has kept you from doing what you would like to do for athletics in the west. Will you find out from him what he has in mind? Who is it? At first sight it would seem to be myself, for who is higher up. If this is his feeling I wish very much that you would set him right and me. I am not conscious of having done anything to interfere with your ideals. In any case will you not write me a letter on this subject to relieve my mind? Will you not also ascertain the truth in so far as you are able?

Wishing you a pleasant holiday season, I remain

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
My dear Mr. [Name],

In closing, I wish to express some influence neither on your heart nor your mind. I hope you will find that your work, what you are doing, is not only for the welfare of those who are less fortunate than you but for those who are more fortunate than you. I wish you to remember that in your life, whether you are writing a letter or speaking to someone, you must always have in mind the welfare of others.

I am not certain if you have seen firm and me. I have not written to you in the past, and I am not certain if you will write me a letter on this subject to relieve my mind. With you, not even the secretary of this firm in your case as you are splendidly known as a very patient and pleasant fellow. I remain

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
May 17th, 1906.

Mr. Malcolm McDowell,
133 Monroe St., Chicago.

My dear Mr. McDowell:-

I have your favor of the 16th inst. referring to Mr. Stagg. I have no reason to think that he is contemplating leaving us, and certainly should regret if such should be his intention. I fancy, however, that it is merely the usual newspaper rumor and newspaper rumors are not an adequate basis for alarm.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am

Very truly yours,

H. P. Judson
MR. MEADON W. MCDOWELL

THE CHICAGO & N. O. RAILWAY

My dear Mr. McDowell:—

I have your favor of the

28th inst. retaining to Mr. Gress. I have no reason
to think that he is contemplating leasing us any territory

I should regret it should prove the intention.

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I would like to have a plan. However, I am not as yet prepared to

entirely

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am

very truly yours,

H. J. Lushing
Dr. Harry Pratt Judson,

Acting President University of Chicago,

Chicago, Illinois.

My Dear Sir:—

I notice by the papers that there is some danger of Professor A. A. Stagg leaving the University. I am not a graduate of the University, but belong to the thousands of men in this city who look upon the University as their college and who believe that Mr. Stagg has been a powerful factor in making the University popular with us. I was at lunch today with several business men and each of them said it would be a distinct loss to the city if Mr. Stagg were to leave.

I am writing this on the impulse of the moment and I hope that you can prevail upon Mr. Stagg to reconsider any decision he may have made which will take him from the University and this city.

Very truly yours,

Malcolm McDowell
Central Trust Company of Illinois

Dear Sir:

I notice by the programs that there is some mention of Professor A. A. St. John and the University. I am not a graduate of the University, but belong to the families of men in the city who took upon the University as their college and who believe that Mr. St. John has been a powerful factor in making the University what it is. We are humbly beg leave to express our desire to see Professor A. A. St. John at the University, if possible.

With every good wish,

[Signature]
Chicago, March 25, 1912

My dear Mr. Stagg:—

Yours of the 21st inst. at hand. I am very sorry to hear of your attack of sciatica. Of course stay right there until you have accomplished all that is possible in the way of improvement. I will notify Dr. Reed.

The presidents of the eight universities in the Conference had a meeting in Chicago Tuesday evening, March 19th, and Wednesday forenoon, the 20th. We went over the whole situation, and finally adopted unanimously four principles, which I may say were all my suggestions. I will have them appended to this letter, so that you will see what they are. You will at once understand the implications in the fourth. I think things will move on in the right way for the next year.

With cordial regards to Mrs. Stagg, I am,

Very truly yours,

Director A. A. Stagg,
Pinehurst, North Carolina.
1. Intercollegiate athletics has educational advantages which should be retained.

2. To this end the Conference is essential and should be maintained.

3. The amateur basis and spirit for intercollegiate athletics should be sustained.

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- Work closely with the faculty

2. To foster the cooperation of the faculty and student body

3. Maintain

The committee and the Institute for Intercollegiate Activities

- Print and maintain

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Mar. 21-1912,

My dear President Judson—

I very deeply regret that my return has been delayed by an attack of pleurisy which struck me on Mar. 12. I was planning to start for home on Mar. 14. The weather has not been good, but I have played golf even in...
Dear Dear,

How are you? I don't know of course. I'm glad I see you write.

Some of these events and letters are quite uncertain. I have no

much knowledge beyond. It may be that you are not aware of

these events. I am sure that you have many stories.

If my story of today were true, it would

be 17 years since I read of April, 16

of the spread work of April. It is a strange and unlikely story.

Do you think it could

Gudrun
bad weather in an effort to get over my head trouble. My head was practically well when this trouble came upon me. I could not move about much for a few days but it has now turned warm and during the past 4 days I have tried to pursue the rheumatism by playing tennis hard for an hour following it with a hot bath and rub down. Am also on a diet and taking medicine. I have made some gain and I would like to continue this plan if
May 19, 1917.

Dear President Judson:

Writing for the Committee on the portrait of Mr. Stagg, I would say that Mr. Oskar Gross of Chicago has been selected as the artist, that he is at work on the portrait, and that it is proposed to present it in connection with the Alumni Exercises on June ninth.

The portrait is to be painted outdoors in an out-of-door costume, which we thought would be more appropriate than the usual formal or semi-formal dress.

It seems to the Committee that the best place for the portrait would be the Trophy Room in the Gymnasium and that it might well be planned to keep the picture there permanently.

I have written to Mr. Hutchinson giving him these facts, as he wrote me concerning this matter some weeks ago.

Yours respectfully,

[Signature]

President Harry Pratt Judson,

The University of Chicago,

Chicago, Illinois.
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The portrait, it seems to us, would best remain in the Gymnasium permanently.

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Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Mr. Charles L. Hutchinson,
Corn Exchange National Bank,
Chicago, Illinois.
Chicago, May 21, 1917

Dear Mr. Bond:

Yours of the 19th inst. with regard to Mr. Stagg's portrait is received. I am very much gratified to know that the work is proceeding. Your suggestion of placing the portrait in the trophy room of the Gymnasium is altogether admirable. It is the ideal spot. Mr. Hutchinson is Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, and I have no doubt at all that he will approve.

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Mr. William Scott Bond
25 N. Dearborn St., Chicago
Office of 5th Apr 1917

Dear Mr. Dong:

Your letter of the 14th inst. with regard to Mr. Seelye's portrait in the hotel is received. I am very much gratified to know that the work is progressing. Your consideration of the portrait in the trophy room of the gymnasium is appreciated especially if it is the idea rather than information to citizenship of the Committee on Altitudes and Grounds, and I have no doubt that it will approve.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Mr. William Scott Dong
5th Department of Office
Chicago, May 29, 1917

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

Your favor of the 22d inst. was received during my absence from the city. Herewith I am returning Mr. Bond's letter. He had already written me on the subject, and I wrote him entirely approving the plan of having the Stagg portrait remain permanently in the Gymnasium. It seems to me that is by all means the most suitable place for it.

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H. C. Chamberlin, President
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U.K. of Office

Dr. A. S. C. M.
Dear Mr. Judson:

The enclosed letter of Mr. Bond explains itself. Do you see any reason why we should not adopt his suggestion and allow the portrait of Stagg to remain permanently in the Gymnasium.

Yours very truly,

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The situation at the University of California has been deteriorating for some time now. The administration has been making decisions that have negatively impacted the students. The lack of transparency and communication from the administration has been a major concern. The recent decision to cut funding for certain programs has caused a great deal of frustration among the students.

I believe that there is a need for change. The administration needs to listen to the students and take their concerns seriously. I urge the administration to reconsider their decision and find a way to address the needs of the students.

I would appreciate any action that can be taken to alleviate the current situation. I am confident that with the right actions, we can improve the situation at the University of California.

Please consider this appeal and take the necessary steps to address the concerns of the students.

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[Signature]
Letter dated 10-27-51

Dear [Name],

I am writing to request a copy of the record of my attendance at the University of Texas during the fall semester of 1951. I am a returning student and I believe that a copy of my record would be helpful in planning my future coursework.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

[Sign Name]
October 17, 1924

My dear Mr. Stagg:

It has occurred to me that it might be convenient if I should put in writing what I said to you a few days ago about your continuance in the service of the University.

When about a year ago it was decided that it would be wiser hereafter that as a general principle members of the faculty would retire at sixty-five unless exception was made to the contrary, it was of course necessary to put the resolution in general terms. But I am glad to assure you that I had then and have now no thought or expectation that the Board of Trustees will desire to apply in your case the right of retirement at the age of sixty-five which the statutes provide.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. A. A. Stagg
University of Chicago
October 14, 1934

My dear Mr. Secrest:

I was very much interested in your letter of March 29th and am glad to hear that you have written to Mr. A. A. Stone as regards the possibilities of securing a position in the University. I hope that I might be considered in this connection as I am very anxious to return to my work and am in need of a place to live. I have been out of work for some time and have been unable to find any employment in the past. I understand that there is a position available and I would be very grateful if you would consider my application.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Copy of the November 1934

Mr. A. A. Stone
Assistant Secretary of Finance
TRIBUTE TO AMOS ALONZO STAGG

BY WILLIAM RAINY HARPER

The story of Mr. Stagg's work in university athletics in the west is a long story, one that reaches far out in many directions, and one full of significance. I first became acquainted with Mr. Stagg when he was at the height of his student athletic career at Yale. For three years he was a student in my classes. An attachment was formed between us which, so far as I am concerned, has grown closer every year since that time. I remember distinctly the interviews in which we discussed the question of his coming to Chicago and taking charge of the department of physical culture and athletics. It was evident that he had certain ideals of athletic work and of athletic policy, and his coming to Chicago was dependent wholly upon his having every opportunity to work out these ideals. He came; he was given the opportunity he desired, and as a result it is not too much to say that western athletics have been altogether transformed.

I do not mean to say that there would have been no change in these twelve or fifteen years in western college athletics if Mr. Stagg had not come to Chicago. This, of course, would be absurd. But I do mean to say Mr. Stagg has contributed to this transformation more than all other agencies combined. His intense love of pure sport, his incorruptible spirit, his indefatigable effort, his broad-minded zeal and his absolute fairness of mind and honesty of heart have exerted an influence upon western university and college athletics that has been felt far and wide and produced results of which we may all reasonably be proud. I am myself of the opinion that great progress has been made in these dozen years, and if this is true, no one will fail to ascribe at least a large portion of the credit for this to Mr. Stagg.

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I am in receipt of your note of the 13th inst. and am glad to hear of the importance of "God's good grace." As you point out, I cannot but say to the contrary, and I have received an interesting packet of your work for presentation.

I am here honored by your letter of March 20th. I feel that it is proper to express to you my sense of appreciation for what it has revealed to me two successive times. (1) It is a splendid tribute from one who has been the University of another, and (2) It is a novelty of a time when President Julian was so strong and the position of the Senate in the Congress was so important. It is a great joy to me to have a note from you expressing your sentiments.

I have, therefore, taken the liberty to forward some of my notes to you, and I am sure that you will be interested in them. I am very much interested in the subject and am anxious to get your opinion on the matter.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
STAGG SPIRIT FIRES YOUTH TO DO BEST

As freshman in campus cap and gowns.

Dugout Determination.
Not a Latter Day
Acquaintance.
It's known in
Pheonix.

Anemic Tot Thrives on Gland Diet: Grows Fast

When to first appeared on the Midway, 1922.

SACRIFICE IS KEYNOTE OF SUCCESS

BY HOWARD GERMAIN BAYER

In January of 1924 a curly
defendered youth with square jaw
and build, pattering softly on the
shoals of time, reached the
home of news, where the youth
lived and studied.

He was destined to die of
anemia. His mother, a
widow, a mother of
seven children, and
a wife, watched him
with a desire to
live, and

BY KENNETH CLARK
International News Service Staff Correspondent

The American Federation of Labor convention today
formally voted to go definitely on against
compromise in any way at the
present time in the formation of a new
political party in the United States.

Climb Mountains, If
You Want New Life,
Expert Tells Us

BY WALTER MACK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, 1924, your evening newspaper.

In the words of new
Labor News, new

LITERATE GRANT IS LACED LOW
BY ANEMIA

NEW YORK, Nov. 24—
The Boy, The Party, The Labor, Grant, who amalgamated on
The Church in the American Labor News, said today in

$1,000,000 FOR MEMORIAL AT U. OF CAL.

The University of California, today, was awarded
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Food Talks for Mrs. Chicago

Turns now to the University of
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WOMEN TO USE VOTE FOR
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Women will use vote intelligently where

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