May 15, 1929

My dear Mr. Stagg:

After careful consideration of your report of
May 8, I have decided to name Rudolph Peter Leyres for the
Conference Medal, which is awarded for athletic merit and
good scholarship. He has next to the highest scholarship
record of all the candidates and his athletic record is
so good that I think that he is fairly entitled to the
honor.

I take it for granted that you will inform
Mr. Griffith, and take whatever other steps may be necessary.

Yours cordially,

FREDERIC WOODWARD

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Acting President

Mr. A. A. Stagg, Director
Department of Physical Culture and Athletics
Faculty Exchange
The University of Chicago
Department of Physical Culture and Athletics

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

May 8, 1929

Acting President Frederic C. Woodward
University of Chicago

My dear Mr. Woodward:

A request has come from John L. Griffith, Commissioner of Athletics, for Chicago to name her representative for the Conference Medal which is given annually for high athletic merit and good scholarship. I am submitting the names of eligible men athletically and scholastically. Last year there was an unusual group of good athletes with fine scholarship records. This year's list is plainly poorer in point of outstanding athletic ability, and with one exception in point of outstanding scholarship.

Virgil Jess Gist, winner of the "C" in Basketball, 1927, 1928, and 1929, Captain 1929. Winner of the "C" in Track 1927, 1928, and probably in 1929. According to the Bureau of Records, Mr. Gist has an average of 2.32 grade points for 30 majors taken. Mr. Gist is the most outstanding athlete and would merit the medal from that standpoint, but his scholarship record is low and he has been constantly on the edge of being ineligible. His attitude in athletics at times has not been wholeheartedly cooperative.

Robert Kaplan, winner of the "C" in Basketball 1928, and 1929. Winner of the "C" in Baseball 1928, and probably 1929, Captain 1929. Mr. Kaplan's work on the basketball team has been consistently good but not exceptional. Likewise, his work on the baseball team has been good but not exceptional. According to the Bureau of Records, Mr. Kaplan has an average of 3.4 grade points for 33 majors taken. Mr. Kaplan is a fine spirited young man.

Robert Ross Spence, winner of the "C" in Football 1926, 1927, and 1928. Winner of the "C" in Swimming 1929, Captain 1929. Mr. Spence was a good football player and a fair swimmer but not exceptional in either sport. According to the Bureau of Records, Mr. Spence has an average of 3.27 grade points for 33 majors taken. He is a fine type of man and has been a useful member of the student body.

Saul Charles Weislow, winner of the "C" in Football 1926, 1927, and 1928, Captain 1928. Mr. Weislow was injured in the first game of football 1928 and was out for the rest of the season. He, however, tried to do what he could in the way of stimulating the team through a disastrous season. According to the Bureau of Records, Mr. Weislow has an average of 2.6 grade points for 30 majors taken. Mr. Weislow is an excellent young man of fine spirit and ideals. He was a superior player during the football season of 1927.

Samuel Sylvestine Frey, winner of the "C" in Track 1927, and 1928, and probably in 1929. Mr. Frey is a good high jumper but not exceptional, he is a bit inclined to "alibi." According to the Bureau of Records, Mr. Frey has an average of 2.87 grade points for 33 majors taken.
Richard Baker Williams, winner of the "C" in Track 1927, 1928, and probably in 1929, Captain 1928, 1929. He has been a good competitor although somewhat inconsistent. He has made an excellent captain. According to the Bureau of Records, Mr. Williams has an average of 2.7 grade points for 31½ majors taken.

Kenneth Albertie Small, winner of the "C" in Football 1928. Mr. Small was an excellent player and his splendid spirit had a great influence on the football team while he was playing. Unfortunately, injuries kept him out of some games. According to the Bureau of Records, Mr. Small has an average of 3.1 grade points for 28 majors taken.

James Minott Stickney, Jr., winner of the "C" in Football 1928. Mr. Stickney was only a fair player and it took him three years to win his letter. He holds the best record in scholarship, averaging according to the Bureau of Records, 4.78 grade points for 33 majors taken. He is a fine fellow and has been useful in other campus activities.

Rudolph Peter Leyers, winner of the "C" in Football 1926, 1927, and 1928. Mr. Leyers has been a very valuable player on our football team all three years, showing high excellence in all the technique of play with which he has had to do. His spirit throughout the three years has been enthusiastically cooperative and splendid. According to the Bureau of Records, Mr. Leyers has an average of 4.1 grade points for 33½ majors taken.

Sincerely,

Amos Alonzo Stagg

AAS: HF
May 16, 1927

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My dear Mr. Stagg:

In the absence of President Mason your letter of May 13, relating to the award of the Conference Medal, has come to my attention.

The record of Mr. Anton Behme Burg is most impressive, both athletically and scholarship, and if it is within our power to make the award I hereby award the Medal to him.

Webster and Sackett also have impressive records and either one of them would make an entirely worthy candidate for the award. I suggest that in giving publicity to the award the names of Webster and Sackett be published as men who have done unusually good work, both in athletics and scholarship, and who are therefore given honorable mention.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Frederic C. Woodward

Mr. A. A. Stagg
Faculty Exchange
W#1
May 16, 1934

Mr. A. S.

A Special Report

Home Secretary

Henry F. McVey

President & Commissioner

(address)

Correspondence

Office of the Governor
President Max Mason,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear President Mason:

A hurried request has come from John L. Griffith, Commissioner of Athletics, for Chicago to name her representative for the Conference Medal, which is given for high athletic merit and good scholarship. I am submitting the names of outstanding men athletically and scholastically:

Anton Behme Burg, winner of his "C" in Track, 1926 and 1927, Captain 1927. His specialty is the running high jump, but in the dual meets he also competes in the pole vault and in the running broad jump. His pole vault record is 11 ft. 6 in. His running broad jump record is 21 ft. 3\(\frac{3}{8}\) in. Because of his competition in these other events, he doesn't always try higher than it is necessary for him to win the "C." In 1926, he twelve times jumped over 6 ft. or higher. Once he did 6 ft. 5 in., once 6 ft. 6 in., and once 6 ft. 6\(\frac{1}{2}\) in. Already this year he has won 58\(\frac{3}{4}\) points, and eleven times he has jumped over 6 ft. or higher. His best jumps this year are 6 ft. 5\(\frac{3}{4}\) in., 6 ft. 4 in. three times, and 6 ft. 5\(\frac{7}{8}\) in.

According to the Bureau of Records, Mr. Burg has an average of 5 grade points per major taken.

James Randolph Webster, winner of the "C" in Baseball in 1926 and 1927. Mr. Webster has been an excellent catcher for the Baseball Team for the past three years. In 1926, his work was very good in fielding and in batting, and his catching for the present year is of high class but he has fallen off a bit in his batting.

The Bureau of Records informs me that Mr. Webster has averaged 4\(\frac{1}{4}\) grade points per major taken.

Henry Richmond Sackett, winner of the "C" in Basket Ball, 1926 and 1927, Captain, 1927. Mr. Sackett's work on the basketball team has been good and effective, but not exceptional.

The Bureau of Records reports that Mr. Sackett has averaged 4\(\frac{1}{4}\) grade points per major taken.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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