

May 29, 1915

Dean Thomas A. Clark

Natural History Building

My dear Dean:

The enclosed letter from Karl Epstein explains itself. I think he has a justifiable grievance, and I wish you would talk to me about it sometime.

Faithfully yours,

E. Stuart James

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Urbana, Illinois
June 1, 1915

President E. J. James
Natural History Building

My dear President James,--

I have your letter of May 29 enclosing the communication of Mr. Karl Epstein. I should be glad to talk to you about this matter. This office has done more in the past two or three years to protect the Jews than it has done with reference to any other nationalities or individuals all combined. A great deal has been published in the Illio, very little in the Dope Sheet, and almost nothing at the Circus relative to Jews. From an unprejudiced point of view they have deserved all that they have received. From their own standpoint they have been brought into prominence more than they thought fair. I believe, however, that when any race or individual, whether it is the Jews or the Dean of Men, is easily caricatured and is constantly before the public, as some of our Jews here are, they must expect caricature and comment, and they ought to learn to take it kindly.

There is no possibility, I think, of assuring the Jews that there shall be a discontinuance of roasts and caricature, though I shall do my best in the future, as I have done in the past, to keep them down to the minimum. We might just as well expect to put a ban on all jokes on the Germans or the Irish or the members of the faculty.

Very truly yours

TAC-F

Dean of Men