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W. J. KEHR, CHANCELLOR

OREGON STATE COLLEGE

CORVALLIS

SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS

January 10, 1933

Miss Helen W. Atwater,
American Home Economics Association,
620 Mills Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Atwater:

Thank you for your encouraging air-mail letter of December 28. I am sorry that a business trip to Portland and work in connection with the Department of Home Economics at Eugene, also registration for the second quarter has delayed my reply. I trust, however, this will reach you before the January meeting of the international committee.

First may I assure you that I think under the circumstances the sending of the money which was raised by the student clubs to Miss Caroline Chen at Yenching University with the explanation is quite the right thing to do.

I am glad the international committee is going to give considerable attention to this question of scholarships for foreign students for I believe a big piece of work could be done by the committee through encouraging clubs in such projects. It seems to me not only great gain could come in furthering home economics in foreign countries but also in broadening the horizon of our college students and making for greater international understanding and appreciation. The past eight years experience of our School of Home Economics during which time we have through our club and with the assistance of the faculty supported a foreign student, a graduate of a college in the Orient, has convinced me that these projects are exceedingly worthwhile. In most cases these candidates have been very carefully selected and have proved to be very able students and fine representatives of their countries. Most of them have recognized the responsibility in accepting their scholarships and in interpreting their countries to our students, as well as the responsibility involved when they return to their country in giving service through teaching or through other avenues.

I appreciate the fact that such projects grow increasingly difficult to maintain during the period of economic stress when our enrollments are cut and the parents or they themselves are finding it difficult to make their attendance at college possible. However, through our home economics club dues of 50 ¢ per quarter per student and through the aid of faculty checks, usually of small sums, and through a silver tea with an Oriental exhibit we have each year succeeded in raising our quota of \$500. You may be interested to know the faculty who contribute to this are not only home economics faculty but others on the campus who believe in this project.

I appreciate the fact that there are many home economics college divisions whose enrollments are much smaller than ours and therefore this project would be more difficult for them to sponsor. However, I am wondering if the association

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would not be able to find some women who are especially interested in international friendship who would be interested in and able to match the funds of college groups who are desirous of going as far as they can in the support of such projects.

If this is too ambitious a plan do you suppose the various districts of home economics might be interested in raising such a scholarship? However, this would permit of only one campus benefitting by the contact of a foreign student. I feel strongly there is much to be gained by our students in coming to know these foreign countries through daily association and contact with these fine young representatives of the Orient. Repeatedly I have had some of our able students say that their whole attitudes toward foreign people have been changed through their contact with our foreign scholarship students. The fact that they support the student makes them ready and interested in coming to know them.

Again I wish to say that I regret very much that I cannot talk through with you some of these questions of home economics in foreign countries. However, if because of the experience I have had in these countries, I am able to aid in any way at a distance I can assure you I shall be happy to do so.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ava B. Milam, Dean and
Director of Home Economics

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January 21, 1933

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University,
Peiping, China.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I was glad to have your letter written on the day before Christmas and to know that you will be in America soon. I hope plans may be worked out for you to visit us at Corvallis soon after February 21. I am troubled over the fact that convocation speakers have been engaged for the week of February 21 and the following Wednesday, March 1. This being the fact I think Mr. Jensen may feel it impossible to arrange a satisfactory date with Dr. Gee on your way south, but I hope a convocation engagement may be scheduled for you at Corvallis either shortly after your arrival or later in the year as you return to China.

I am sending word to Mr. Jensen as to the date of your arrival and he will doubtless write Dr. Gee soon to see what can be planned. At Mr. Jensen's suggestion I am also writing Dr. Coleman, President of Reed College and Dr. Onthank who arranges convocation speakers for the University of Oregon hoping that you may be invited to visit these groups also. I will also send a note to Dr. Gee suggesting that he arrange a stop-over at Corvallis for you, for I would like a visit with you and an opportunity to talk over several matters pertaining to Yenching.

I don't know whether this letter will reach you but I will send it to Kobe or Yokohama hoping it will catch your boat for I see it is too late to reach you in Peiping. I hope you will have a good journey to America. I am sure you are going to find a great change in the months you have been away. We are going through the throes of a legislative session which is disheartening and discouraging for there seems to be such a lack of real leadership among the state officials and of course conditions in Washington seem equally discouraging. However, there are other elements of encouragement and cheer.

Hoping to see you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Ava B. Milan

Ava B. Milan, Dean and
Director of Home Economics

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OREGON STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
CORVALLIS, OREGON

W. A. JENSEN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

March 8, 1933.

My dear Dr. Stuart:

Through our Dean Milam we learn that you are again in America, and may we add our welcome to the welcome you will be receiving from other friends in this country.

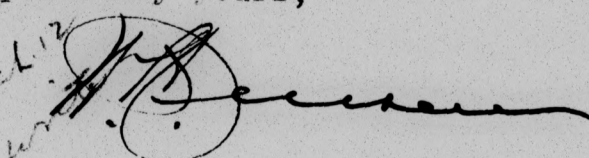
We had been hopeful that we might have you at the College to address our students and faculty at one of our general convocation assemblies. We were delayed, however, in learning definitely as to the time of your arrival. Final examinations commence with us next week, and it would be an inopportune time to attempt any general lectures until some time next quarter. While we have our convocation program pretty well closed for the next quarter, we would appreciate at least having you visit our College, if at all convenient for you to do so, and if at all possible we should like to arrange for you to address a general assembly.

I understand that you are on your way East. When you know of the approximate dates when you will be in Oregon on your return to the West, I should appreciate knowing, and learning also that you may find it convenient to include Corvallis in your program.

With sincere personal regards, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
c/o Portland Hotel,
Portland, Oregon.

*Answered - March 12
Should write again*


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SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS

March 27, 1933

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Stuart:

The week after I saw you in Portland was the close of our winter quarter; then came a week of vacation for students but not for all of us. I did manage to get two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, at the coast with a staff member. We took a cottage and really "let down." I was quite weary so it helped. Then, Thursday I spoke at a formal dinner in the Portland Hotel dining room to 200 Portland Business and Professional women on "The Women of the Orient." There were seven organizations represented at this dinner. I am following this talk up with a letter suggesting some projects for them. One of the organizations conducts a tea room and has a debt of \$500, but the others are free of debts and I believe could and would be interested in an appealing small project of perhaps \$50.00. One of these projects I will present is for shares in equipment for Lan Chen. The other will be shares in a scholarship for a foreign students to study home economics at Oregon State College.

Most of these women are on low salaries, but very responsive and eager to share. At the close of my talk I referred to the needs and opportunities to help the Oriental women through education, and told of Lan Chen--her training and possibilities and needs for equipment--also of a Chinese girl, a graduate of Yenching Home Economics Department, who wants to study at Oregon State College next year, Kuan Sun Chen who has been for several years secretary of the Home Economics Department of the National Christian Council and this year is studying at Dr. Hodgkins School in Pennsylvania.

When at Yenching in 1923 I thought her a girl of only fair ability but last year I saw the growth she had made and heard very fine reports of her work. The recommendations for her are very strong and her letters excellent. I believe she is good material and would do an excellent work in such an extension center as Dr. Kin's house would make possible for Yenching.

If these organizations would take her as a scholarship girl for Oregon State College they might continue her support in such a center after she returns. What do you think of these suggestions? I will try to delay my letter to these clubs until I hear from you.

I think it would be very difficult to get organizations to take on the support of Lan Chen who is already in the employ of Yenching. There is a stronger appeal to add to what is being done, than there is to continue a project already started. Then too, the raising of funds for equipment doesn't have the appeal a scholarship holds. Do you agree with me on this point? I would like your suggestions as early as possible for I should follow up this meeting for the interest was splendid.

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At the end of the meeting they surprised me by initiating me as an honorary member of the Mystic Order of the Rose. Amelia Earheart's name was just on the roll above mine.

Following this meeting they asked me to speak to the state meeting in May in Southern Oregon. I am not certain yet that I can make it, but I hope to do so.

Now as to your visit in Washington to see Miss Helen Atwater and Miss Alice Edwards. I'll write them that you have been here and hope to see them in Washington. Both addresses are 620 Mills Building, Washington, D.C. Miss Atwater is editor of the Journal of Home Economics and Secretary of the International Committee of the American Home Economics Association. Miss Edwards is Executive Secretary of the American Home Economics Association. Both, I think, met Lan Chen when she was in Washington.

I believe shares ranging from \$10.00 for high school Home Economics Clubs to \$50 or \$100 for college clubs or state associations would appeal to them for the support of Yenching Home Economics Department, to obtain equipment for Lan Chen this year and next year to aid other courses in home economics, as equipment for the nursery school, enlarge the library, etc.

I think I will send you the list of organizations which have already given scholarship money to Yenching. Miss Atwater and Miss Edwards may bring that up. Some has been used by Lan Chen when she was at Yenching as a student also by Dorothy Wu, President of the Home Economics Club at Yenching last year and this year is teaching in a high school (the one from which she graduated) in Central China, I think. There are others who have been helped but most of the fund is still unused--about \$2400 (Mex), I think. You see when it was raised the exchange was about 2 to 1 and the amount about \$1200 gold. Last year the sum used amounted to only the interest on the fund.

My suggestion would be not to mention this unless they do for the fact that it was not used is a handicap in soliciting funds, I think. Furthermore, most of it cleared through me because of my acquaintance with Yenching, rather than the International Committee of which I have been a member a number of years.

Several years ago when conditions in American were more prosperous the American Home Economics Association raised \$6000 for home economics department at Constantinople Women's College. Perhaps Miss Atwater and Miss Edwards would welcome presenting a project of raising \$1500, \$2000 or \$2500 for Yenching Home Economics budget. At any rate I think it would be well worth your while making a trip down to Washington to see them. There must be others there you may wish to see, too.

When in Detroit, I think it would be well for you to see Miss Edna White, now Director of Merrill-Palmer Homemaking School. Miss White was formerly head of Home Economics at the University of Ohio and she is in close touch with agencies that grant funds to child training field of home economics. Her school is centered entirely on this aspect of home economics and she might be able to suggest ways of obtaining funds for a real nursery school at Yenching someday. On Miss White's board is Mrs. Edsel Ford. I think it highly desirable for you or Dr. Geeto stop at Columbus to see Miss Ruth Lindquist who is very active in

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an honorary home economics organization, Phi Upsilon Omicron. This organization granted \$400 to Lingnan last year toward a home management house, providing Lingnan raised the remainder. They as a national organization and as individual organizations in colleges have made several \$50.00 grants to the scholarship fund at Yenching. It is possible that this organization would welcome a specific project like equipment for Lan Chen to the extent of \$500.00, as their foreign project this year. The President of this organization is Dr. Esther McGinnis of the Child Welfare Institute, University of Minnesota. I believe it very desirable that you or Dr. Gee see both of these women. Miss Lindquist is Professor of Home Economics at Ohio State University.

This National Home Economics organization has a definite policy toward support of foreign work and interest has already been manifested in Yenching. I will write them of your possible coming. I really believe the organization which will be most responsive to furnishing funds for equipment for Lan Chen will be Phi Upsilon Omicron, the honorary whose president this year is Dr. Esther McGinnis and whose officer Miss Ruth Lindquist is one of the women who has shown greatest interest in furthering home economics in China. I do believe you can help greatly to stimulate interest in support of Yenching's Home Economics Department by seeing Miss Atwater and Miss Edwards, Dr. McGinnis, Miss Lindquist and Miss White.

Now as to the other names at Detroit. Mr. R. T. Wingo, 1930 Ferry Park is a widower, no heirs, a friend of Mr. Leland. Mr. Wingo might be interested in including Yenching in his will. He was a great friend of Mr. Henry M. Leland and I met them several years ago. They visited our college, spoke to our Home Economics Club, met our foreign students in home economics and expressed much interest in my work in China.

Mr. Leland's son is at 2230 Dime Bank Building, Detroit. Of course, the Leland's don't have the wealth they formerly had, but are interested in education and it would be worth while I think to see him. Why not see Mrs. Edsel Ford in Detroit, too?

I will write direct to all of the above mentioned individuals, except Mrs. Ford, telling of your possible coming and will send you any data from my files about the scholarship already furnished by organizations to Yenching, also a carbon of my letter to Miss Atwater concerning Yenching needs.

Please let me know if I can help at any time. Certainly, I wish to do anything I can to help in building up this department which I believe has great potential worth to Yenching.

I do hope you are going to plan to stop off here at Corvallis and Eugene in May--at Eugene especially to meet Mrs. Warner and at Corvallis I want to give you a glimpse of a School of Home Economics after 44 years growth and let you see the place it holds not only on our campus but how it permeates the homes of the state through our adult education program supported by state and federal funds. Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week we are holding a Home Interests Conference program here and expect rural and city women to attend. I will enclose a program.

Do plan to include Eugene and Corvallis, won't you?

Sincerely yours,

Ava B. Milam
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P.S. Miss Edna White's address is Merrill-Palmer Homemaking School, 71 Ferry Avenue, Detroit Michigan.

We have not located the list of organizations that have made contributions to Yenching. I may have left my list in the files at Yenching last year. I think, however, it is not necessary that you have this.

Excerpt from a letter from Miss Helen Atwater dated July 20, 1932 -

"The Michigan home economics clubs sent \$69 to the international committee as "Michigan's contribution for a Chinese girl." I understand from Miss Irons that there is perhaps \$50 more available, though I have not the exact figures. I shall be very grateful if you will let me know what the tuition for a single student in China is and what would seem to you the best way to handle the practical details."

Excerpt from my letter of November 23, 1932 to Miss Atwater in response to Miss Atwater's letter of July 20 -

"When I reached Yenching last year I found they still had some of the scholarship money which had been given by individuals, some of whom are friends of mine, and some by home economics clubs--high school or college--or state home economics associations. Yenching has been very careful to see that these are not given to students until they have proven themselves worthy and who would not otherwise be able to study. These funds have been drawing some interest which has enabled them to be protected and not exhausted. The scholarships granted at Yenching are usually never granted until the student has had a year of study and proves herself to be not only worthy but in need of the aid. That accounts for some of the scholarships not having been used before. In the light of that I replied to your letter stating that I questioned the advisability of granting scholarships to high school students for home economics study."

Attached is a carbon copy of a letter to Miss Atwater dated January 10, 1933.

Sincerely yours,



Ava B. Milam, Dean and
Director of Home Economics

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April 29, 1933

Dean Ava B. Milan
Oregon State College
Corvallis, Oregon

My dear Miss Milan:

Your fine letter has gone long unanswered because of a most constantly rushing activity since I arrived here. I am sure that you can understand. It is strange that just as you made a special trip to Chicago for a funeral, I was there for a few hours, a week ago today, for a wedding. Two of our Chinese students were married and it seemed to me worth while to keep the touch with them which this made possible, and thus remind myself as well as others that after all the students are the important part of any institution.

My plans still continue quite indefinite. I have asked my taskmasters, Messrs. Pierce & Hedrick, to include a visit to Eugene, if at all possible. I fear that this is the utmost that could be worked in during the busy schedule they are planning after I get back to the Pacific Coast. Either one of them will keep you informed or I shall try to do so personally as plans take shape. The date would be about May 25th, as I am sailing on the 27th.

Very sincerely yours,

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November 6, 1933

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Will not go to Corvallis?
and about the same*

Dr. N. Gist Gee
Olympic Hotel
Seattle, Washington

Dear Doctor Gee:

Your first letter came a few days ago; your letter from Seattle arrived this morning. I have given considerable thought to your question concerning the prospects of getting some gifts for Yenching on the Eugene or Corvallis campus.

I am so sorry to have to write discouragingly to you and did not wish to give just my own opinion so have gone to Dean Dubach, our Dean of Men, who is likewise interested in the universities and colleges of China and who made a trip out there several years ago under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. He tells me that he feels as I do; that it would be a very discouraging experience for you to attempt to solicit gifts on our college campus at this time, and from my limited knowledge of the Eugene campus I would feel that probably the same would be true. I spend comparatively little time at Eugene and when there almost all my time is devoted to business in connection with the department and then I return to the Corvallis campus within a few hours; but I know that they, too, have received salary cuts ranging this past year from five to thirty-five per cent. This is in addition to former salary cuts.

We have just had a campaign soliciting funds for the local Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., and the Religious Education Department on both the Eugene and Corvallis campus has lost its help from the Hazen Foundation and is confronted with the responsibility of the support of that department largely from local solicitation. The work cannot be cared for by state funds and must be supported through gifts from members of the faculty and friends. Doctor Warrington, the exceedingly able man under whom the department has flourished, has had a very heavy load and has carried more students in his classes than the five staff members in the Religious Education Department of Iowa University. An appeal will be made now within a week or ten days to the faculty to save this department through their financial support.

A special session is being called of the state legislation and there is every reason to believe there will be an additional income tax for relief purposes.

I, therefore, feel that any effort to secure funds from our faculties here at the university and college would be very discouraging to you and to any of us who would be interested in your success; however, may I assure you that we would be very happy to have you visit our campus and I would be glad to do anything I could to put you in touch with any members who would

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be interested, even though they might not feel that they could give this year. Many of our faculty families and many of my single staff members, in fact most, are carrying the loads of other families who are unemployed, so that we are not in a position to make contributions as we were able to do in former years. I am so sorry this is the case but I am sure you will understand.

I shall give some further thought to your stay in Portland and if I can suggest any names to you I shall be glad to do it. Am I right in assuming that I can reach you at the Portland Hotel? If possible, I will be there for a meeting on the 18th and could see you on that date if you were free.

If you can come on down to Corvallis, may I assure you that we would be very happy to welcome you.

This must be a very discouraging time to seek funds but I hope that you are having sufficient encouragement to keep up your spirits. I was glad to know of your family. Please remember me to Mrs. Gee.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ava B. Milam

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Nov 15, 33

Dear Dr. Lee, —

This note, I hope may find you still in Portland — if not sure certainly it will be forwarded to you —

I hope your stay in Portland was encouraging to you though I sense something of the difficulty in raising funds now as I am on the board for our religious educational work here.

I also know what it means to cut budgets as our college budgets and that of our ^{Home Economics} School are now about forty-five percent less than ~~they~~ ^{the} ~~four~~ ^{three} years ago — I hurt desperately to meet these reductions for a division one has attempted to build up over twenty-two years — but of course its challenging.

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When I was in the Orient in 22-24 my father
was killed in a street car accident and
my small share of his small estate came
to me there - I decided to divide it among
several colleagues in which I worked and
became interested and so contributed five
hundred to Yenching at that time.

Later I gave consideration to how I
could help best from my time and income
in the furthering of H. C. work in the
Orient and concluded it would be through
trying to help in the training of leadership
in H. C. that is largely done through
giving us our yearly scholarships of
five hundred dollars for an Oriental
young woman graduate to do work
here under my guidance preparatory
to leadership in her country. Nine have
been so helped - three of whom have
been Yenching girls - I am also assisting
in the training & financing of American girls
for work in foreign countries. One of these
girls I have just sent to South America.
All of this in explanation so that

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You may better understand why I do
not respond to your appeal to assist
with your general budget demands ^{and needs}
of Yushing -

In addition to this I might mention
the assistance I have and am still
giving to unemployed relatives, my greatly
decreased income because of salary cuts
and defaulted bonds and some savings
completely wiped out. Despite this I
have attempted to continue these projects
started but think I should not pledge
more -

I hope this rather lengthy note will
enable you to better understand why
I don't fill out the card or send
you a check -

All good wishes,
Sincerely yours,

Ana B. Wilson

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CORVALLIS, OREGON

November 3
1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee
Yenching University
American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Gee:

Mr. W. E. Jensen, our Executive Secretary, called me yesterday asking me if I had ever heard Dr. Francis Cho-Min Wei, President of Hua Chung College, speak and if I could recommend him as an able speaker for a convocation of our faculty and students.

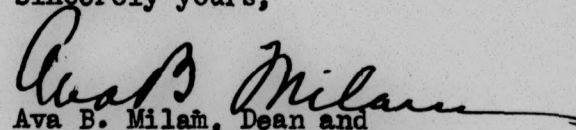
Evidently there is some agency attempting to schedule him for a convocation and Mr. Jensen, as chairman of the Convocation Committee, has asked me to ascertain for the committee whether or not Dr. Wei would be a strong and well received speaker for a large college group. Have you heard Dr. Wei? With what success has he spoken at some of the eastern colleges?

We have a very large assembly room, the gymnasium, and it is a difficult room in which to speak so it is only a very strong speaker, and a speaker with a very good carrying voice, who can be heard and who is well received in this large assembly.

The last year I was in the Orient, 1931-32, Dr. T. Z. Koo spoke at one of our convocations and he was considered one of the most successful speakers of the year. Do you know whether or not Dr. Wei would compare favorably with Dr. Koo? I should appreciate your frank opinion as to Dr. Wei's ability to speak to large audiences successfully.

I hope that you and Mrs. Gee are well and happy, and that reports from Yenching are encouraging. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Ava B. Milam, Dean and
Director of Home Economics

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CORVALLIS, OREGON

January 14, 1936

Mrs. T. D. MacMillan
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. MacMillan:

Your air mail letter came this morning. I am sending by return mail a snapshot (I have no photograph) of Kung Lan-Chen when she was an undergraduate student on our campus.

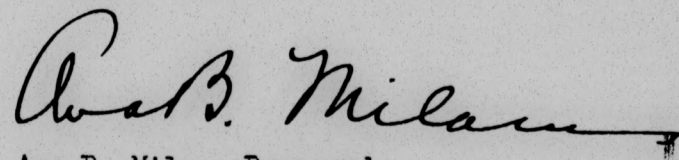
She took her B.S. degree in the School of Home Economics at Oregon State College in 1929 and was an honor student. She took her doctorate at Columbia University three years later.

I will check and see whether or not we have a later snapshot for she sent me one about a year ago. If we are able to locate that I will send that too.

I shall be interested to have your letter in connection with the issue of your China College Bulletin dealing, in part, with the field of special interest to me. I wish very much that these colleges could do some very intensive work in arousing the interest of not only supporters, but of educators in China to the need for this field of training in equipping for better homes.

If I can aid in any way I shall be glad to do so.

Sincerely yours,



Ava B. Milam, Dean and
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P.S. We cannot find any later snapshot.

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CORVALLIS, OREGON

January 28, 1936

YENCHING

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
150 5th Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Dr. Stuart:

A few days ago a letter came from a music teacher in Portland. This man is now living in Portland but formerly taught music in Eugene, Oregon. For some reason he has become interested in the Orient and someone told him that I could tell him something about the Universities. He was particularly interested in Yenching University. He wanted a conference with me but I suggested he write your office in New York to inquire about any openings.

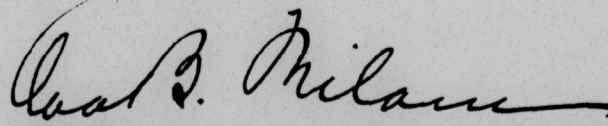
Since writing this letter, information has come to me that he is a man whose past record has been such that I would question your giving him any encouragement for a position at Yenching University. Of course, I am sure you would not do this without further knowledge of him.

Since he taught in Eugene, he has served two years in the State Penitentiary on moral charges. Whether it is possible that this record belongs to a man of the same last name, I do not know. As it came to me, there seems to be little doubt but that he is the man. Since I gave him your name I felt it only right to give you this information which of course was not in my possession at the time your name was given to him.

I hope sincerely that your work goes well and that you are encouraged over the outlook for the University. When you have time I should like very much to know how things are and how the developments are in regard to Yenching and any other news you can give me about the University and Home Economics in particular.

I hope your plans still include a stop in Oregon on your return trip to the Orient. When may we expect you?

Sincerely yours,



Ava B. Milam, Dean and
Director of Home Economics

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November 7th, 1934

Miss Ava B. Milan,
Oregon State Agricultural College,
School of Home Economics,
Corvallis,
Oregon.

Dear Miss Milan:-

Your letter of November 3rd has just come.

President Francis Wei is scheduled very fully for the next three months and I am afraid that you could not get him. I am told also that he is not at all available for any engagements after the first of next year. This comes to me from our own office here since we have been trying to get engagements for him to help us in our Associated Boards of China Christian Colleges and they find that they can get only two appointments right here around New Haven.

I have also asked about his effectiveness as a speaker to large audiences. I am told that he is not nearly the public platform man that T.Z.KOO is since he does not have the voice for large audiences. He has made a very great hit, however, with intellectuals, and is in such demand for college lectures that he simply cannot meet this demand. I have heard him only with small groups and his talks have always been crowded in between others in a long program where he had no chance at all to get into his subject. On the whole my impression is that he is a lecturer for the class room or smaller specially interested intellectual groups. He is one of our most capable young college presidents in China to-day. There is no question of his ability as a speaker, it is simply one of his meeting your demand for the type of meeting which you have in mind. Then, also, I do not think it would be possible for you to get him unless you caught him as he returned to China next year. You can reach him care of Yale-In-China, Yale University.

Yenching reports are encouraging academically, but the question of finance faces us constantly and we need funds for our regular budget for the year. There are 800 students and of an unusually fine type and the work is going along splendidly. The endowment campaign there must of necessity be a slow one. The idea is new in China and must be developed.

Mrs Gee and I keep well and busy. Both send our best wishes.

Very sincerely,

M. Gist Gee.

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YENCHING

February 3, 1936

My dear Dean Milan:

I have your letter this morning regarding the man of doubtful reputation who wants you to recommend him to us. In any case, we could not possibly consider adding anyone to our faculty in that department, or for that matter, in any other.

My plans are now taking rather definite shape to sail from San Francisco on the S. S. "President Hoover," March 20th. I must wait in the East to meet Mr. Quinn of the Rockefeller Foundation as he returns from China either in Chicago, March 4th, or a day or two later here. This means a very hurried and close-fitting schedule across the Continent and in California. This precludes the possibility of visiting Corvallis on this trip, much to my disappointment. I had rather anticipated that things would work out this way and our office organization which is making all my plans, is quite positive about this as the best use of my time. It is quite a disappointment not to have been able to see you while in this country, although missing you by so very few hours when you were East. Is there any possibility of your coming back anywhere in this region in the next few weeks?

Hoping that it may yet be possible to have such a visit, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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Ava B. Milan
Dean and Director of Home Economics
Oregon State Agricultural College
Corvallis, Oregon

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1274 26th St. Corvallis
Oct 16. '36

Dear Dr. Straugh,

It's a glorious, sunny
Sunday morning though much
colder than it usually is in Oregon
at this time of the year. At that, I'm
certain it's mild as contrasted with
the weather you have experienced in
the east this winter. - Hence we have
had Yulks up several weeks and
almost a month ago violets were
blooming outside. - So spring must
be just around the corner.
I'm certain you have missed
enriching this winter - the charm
and stimulation of Yanking campus
with its beauty in its winter garb
and its students and faculty so earnest.
I hope, however, you have kept well
and can feel that these months of
work in America which I suspect you

just distasteful have been worth while.
I read the last Yenching News with
much interest. I often wonder what
Yenching would do without you -
It is certain you are far more
essential to its development than
you know - How fine that you
have been able to keep well and
clear as its leaders during these
trying years. I pray daily for
your guidance and your happiness
and that you may be spared
to lead Yenching for many more years.
Of course, I am disappointed
to know that you cannot come
by Corvallis. I don't think there
is no possibility that I shall
be east again before you sail
however. There is a slight chance
that I may be able to see you in
San Francisco as I am scheduled
to be in Medford on March 17th and

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~~Other~~ Spring recess is from March 16-23.

There are several reasons why I should like to go on to Calif from Medford - and if I can will try to do so if your schedule is not too crowded for a visit with me before sailing.

Will you be very rushed while in the Bay region -? And do you - think you can squeeze in - time for the little visit we didn't have in N.Y.?

Lake (Sunday Evening)

At this point I was called and invited to go to the coast - a two hour trip. - Imagine my surprise to find daffodils and Scotch Broom in bloom and children playing barefooted in the water over at the Sea coast.

We had a delightful trip. Leave
back with a sunburn ^{and feeling}
much refreshed.

This week has been a very
busy one with the Home Interests
Conference on. - Near five hundred
women from all over the state
attended. Both urban and rural
women were here - There
were women with high incomes
and some with meager farm
incomes who were sent as
delegates from their countries.
It was very interesting ^{& revealing} to hear
their discussions.

Good night, I am friend -
Hope you going to see you
before you go back to China -
If you come to S. F. will you have
dinner with me the 19th or 20th or
luncheon or breakfast. You may at the time
Sincerely yours - A. Wilson

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SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS
CORVALLIS, OREGON

July 3, 1936

*Tel. night message July 5
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Miss Eliza H. Kendrick
6 Middlin Road
Wellesley, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Kendrick:

Upon my return from the National Education Association meeting in Portland I find your letter in reply to mine and am glad to have this information and to know that Yenching is still looking for an American woman to go out and assist in the Home Economics Department.

As I indicated to you in my letter and to Yenching, I do not know Miss Hoerner, therefore, was not in a position to recommend her. I only attempted to bring to Yenching's attention her availability and left it to Dr. Andrews at Columbia to recommend her and of course counted on the impression she made at Yenching to influence them. I believe that Yenching's order is going to be a very difficult one to fill. I think it must be a superior person to succeed and I shall do anything I can to assist you in your difficult task.

I plan to leave tomorrow to attend the American Home Economics Association convention meeting in Seattle. This is scheduled for July 6-9. If you desire I shall make inquiries at this convention and attempt to ascertain the availability of candidates for this opening. Should you wish to get in touch with me, an air mail letter should reach me at the Women's University Club for the dates of the convention. Should you be interested in having me make inquiries and interview anyone in Seattle, it would be very helpful to me if you could indicate what Yenching offers in the way of salary and travelling expenses. We are expecting about 1200 home economists at this convention.

You ask for suggestions as to principles for judging candidates. Were I selecting a teacher to go out to fill this position at Yenching, I should attempt to select someone who had not only shown promise in her college record but who had also shown much promise in teaching. I would not be greatly concerned whether she had a doctorate or not but I would want someone who was capable of taking a doctorate. I would prefer that she range between 30 and 42 or 43 years of age rather than take someone older or younger, and certainly she should be a person who has ability to work well with others, appreciative of their contribution, understanding and tolerant, and one who would command the respect of others for her work. Such people, however, are in great demand in this country and are either holding excellent positions here or are in demand to fill positions that are open. I think to secure anyone for this work it would necessitate taking someone who could take two years leave of absence from their work.

At any rate it seems to me Yenching would be more likely to secure the type of person they want in this way than would be possible any other way. However there are very few colleges that would release a person for two years leave. Would Yenching consider taking a person for one year?

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Miss Eliza H. Kendrick - July 3, 1936 - Page 2

If you want me to make any inquiries in Seattle, I believe it would be best to wire me. I will send this letter air mail hoping that it will get to you in time for you to reach me ^{early in the afternoon} in case you care to have me make inquiries in Seattle.

Sincerely yours,

Ava B. Milam

Ava B. Milam, Dean and
Director of Home Economics

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OREGON STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS

CORVALLIS, OREGON

July 15, 1936

Miss Eliza H. Kendrick
6 Middlin Road
Wellesley, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Kendrick:

Thank you for your telegram which reached me at the beginning of the convention in Seattle thereby enabling me to confer with a number of people concerning your needs. Of course I found what I expected to find - the type of women Yenching is interested in having are employed in good positions or are being considered for such positions in America and from a professional standpoint believe it best to accept the American openings.

There are, however, two women whom I wish to bring to your attention. The first is Miss Mabel Wood who is now Head of Home Economics at the University of Oregon. We have no assurance that Miss Wood would be granted a leave of absence to accept this opening in Yenching should she be offered the position for a year or two, but I think she is entitled to a sabbatical leave and as Director of Home Economics for the State System, I would favor giving her this opportunity. Of course it would have to meet with the approval of the President of the University and the Chancellor as well as have my approval.

I presume by this time you will have had a letter from Miss Wood also her credentials from Columbia so you will know something of her experience and background. She is well known by Dr. Lang Chen Kung who is teaching Nutrition at Yenching and I think is highly respected and admired by her both personally and professionally. I believe this would help materially in improving the situation with regard to personality problems that have arisen between Dr. Kung and Miss Chen. Should Miss Wood's credentials not have reached you or a letter, I will review briefly her training and experience.

She is a graduate of Oregon State College coming to us after having taught in the public schools of Oregon for several years. She was more mature than the average student and did a higher quality of work. In fact she was the outstanding senior in her class. Immediately upon graduation she received a position as Home Demonstration Agent in California and was advanced rapidly in salary until she received \$3600 for her fourth year in the University of California Home Economics Extension Service.

I then recommended to her that she resign her position in California and take her Master's degree at Columbia. She did so and lived at the International House. I believe she knew Lang Chen Kung at Oregon State College as well as at International House but they had many contacts while in New York. After Miss Wood took her Master's at Columbia we took her on our staff and she was one of the most appreciated teachers not only for her fine quality of work but for her very charming personality. After two or three years teaching with us, Oregon reorganized her higher education system and placed the colleges and normal schools under one board and one Chancellor. The Dean of Home Economics became the Director

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of Home Economics for the state system and continued also the position as Dean of Home Economics of the major school at Oregon State College. The University of Oregon's President requested me to select one of my own staff members to head up the work at the University. After careful consideration, I felt that Miss Wood would be the right person and the most successful in the position and she has measured up in every way. She took this small department at the University and has increased her enrollment almost three fold in the last four years and I am certain she has also the confidence and respect of the faculty not only for her courses but for her splendid administrative work and her very fine relations with the staff and students.

I doubt whether the University would release her for more than a year and I doubt if we should have her away from the University for more than a year but even though she were able to spend only a year at Yenching, I believe she would accomplish a great deal and in the meantime perhaps another person could be found who would be able to spend another year and it is possible that the University might be willing to extend her leave if things go well during her absence and if Miss Wood were willing to remain.

The other person I wish to call to your attention is a Miss Kathryn Landreth who is a New Zealander and who took her Bachelor's degree in New Zealand, her Master's at Iowa State College, and is hoping to take her Doctor's at the University of California at the end of the summer session. Miss Landreth has taught at Washington State College and impresses me as a very alert and very able woman. She too has a splendid personality. Her training is excellent and her experience in teaching has been sufficiently varied to enable her to be very helpful to Yenching. I doubt if she has had any administrative experience. I understand that her mother has been planning to come from New Zealand this year and I fear this may interfere with her considering this opening at Yenching, however, she has agreed to think it through and if she finds she is in a position to consider this opening, she will write me at once and I will see that her credentials are sent in to you.

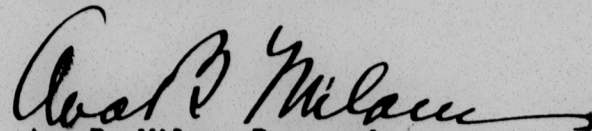
Were both of the women available and I were choosing, I would choose Miss Wood but of course I know her so much better than I do Miss Landreth, but I feel more certain of her administrative contribution and her influence on both staff and students than I do Miss Landreth. Miss Wood impresses me as somewhat more mature. Both Miss Wood and Miss Landreth are very attractive in appearance and very pleasant in manner. Miss Wood's age is 40, Miss Landreth I think is somewhat younger.

I am sorry not to have sent this letter to you earlier but upon my return from the convention there were so many pressing matters that I was unable to get this off before. Please do not hesitate to write again if you think I can give any information which will be helpful to you. Naturally I shall be anxious to hear what you think of the recommendations I have given you. I believe that each year Yenching could have a very able woman who has had administrative experience and who is interested in the Orient go out to them and stimulate the interest in Yenching's Home Economics Department, if they desire this. The more I think of it the more I think it would be a very fine plan if just the right persons are obtained, and somehow I feel very certain of the contribution Miss Wood would make if you approve of her and if the University of Oregon would release her.

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I would appreciate hearing from you at the earliest possible moment so that I will be able to confer with Miss Wood and the Chancellor and try to work out satisfactory plans for her absence if she is appointed and they are willing to release her.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ava B. Milam", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ava B. Milam, Dean and
Director of Home Economics

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6 Midland Rd.,
Wellesley, Mass.
July 18, 1936.

Miss Ava B. Milam,
Corvallis, Oregon.

My dear Miss Milam,

I thank you for your letter of July 15 with its interesting suggestions. I am sending it by this mail to Mr. Garside in New York who is taking up now this business of candidate committee. He has in hand Miss Wood's letter which I took to him yesterday and will look up further Miss Wood's credentials which are in Columbia.

Miss Wood's appointment would seem an advantageous one for Yenching and I like your suggestion of a succession of visiting professors who could give a year or so at a time to the help of the department and its inspiration, if it should be possible to make arrangements of that kind with institutions here.

I am truly sorry to lay down this work of filling the position of Home Economics leader before it is completed. I am sure that Mr. Garside will be grateful for all the assistance which you can render as I still am.

Very sincerely yours,

E. H. K.

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Miss Mabel A. Wood

July 27, 1936

Dr. Ava B. Milam
School of Home Economics
Oregon State Agricultural College
Corvallis, Oregon

My dear Miss Milam:

Since I wrote you last week we have received Miss Mabel A. Wood's application blank, and have also secured from Columbia their confidential file of information with regard to her training and qualifications. All this material seems very promising, and I am inclined to think that Yenching College for Women would be happy to invite Miss Wood to come out for the work in Home Economics if she is able to get away and if satisfactory arrangements can be made.

One question which has been causing me major concern is that of what would be a satisfactory financial basis. As you know, our Yenching salary schedule is set up on the basis of a five-year regular appointment. Short-term appointments of three years usually provide limited travel expenses—full out-going fare and three-fifths of home-coming expenses. For an appointment of one or two years the regulations provide for even less travel allowances.

But obviously in the case of Miss Wood we have a special situation, where a highly qualified young woman is securing leave of absence from her position here in America to render a special service at Yenching. It seems to me that the least we can rightly offer her is an amount sufficient to cover the expenses of her travel to and from China, together with a modest salary while she is on the campus. The only factor which might enter into the picture on the other side is the question of whether during her leave of absence she is receiving all or part of her regular salary at the University of Oregon, so that she would not have to rely entirely upon her Yenching salary for support.

You are intimately acquainted with the situation at Yenching, and know the financial limitations under which we operate. You also know Miss Wood and can appraise her requirements. We would be very grateful, therefore, if you would advise us frankly as to what would, in your judgment, be a proper financial arrangement to offer Miss Wood. I know that both the Yenching College Committee and Miss Speer would be guided very largely by your judgment in this matter.

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We are also hoping for a little more definite information from Miss Wood as to whether she might be able to get away for a period of two years, or would definitely have to return at the end of one year. The Women's College obviously prefers an appointment for the two-year period, but would probably welcome Miss Wood for one year if that is the maximum they can get.

I am now sending Miss Wood's papers to members of the Yenching College Committee. As soon as these two points are clarified we will probably be getting off a cable to Miss Speer summarizing the facts and asking the field's approval of Miss Wood's appointment. Upon receiving a reply to this cable we would then be in a position to make Miss Wood a definite offer.

Very sincerely yours,

B. A. Garside

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OREGON STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
School of Home Economics

Corvallis, Oregon

October 15, 1937

Mr. B. A. Garside
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Now for more than a month since my return to Oregon I have had in mind to write you and through you the Yenching University Board telling you of the visit of my party of twenty-two Americans to Yenching University this summer and briefly of our stay in Peiping from July 19 to August 5. This party of Americans consisted largely of home economists from California, Missouri, South Dakota, Arizona, Washington, Kansas, and Oregon. Many of them are teaching in colleges, some in public schools, and one is in the Government service. In addition, there was a professor of biology from a college in Missouri, a teacher of physiology in Madison, Wisconsin, and a teacher of mathematics from a high school in California.

The first six days of this stay were as scheduled for our party. The last ten, however, were days in which we were marooned in Peiping due to Japanese hostilities in that region. The delay in Peiping caused us to miss the World Federation of Education meeting where two of us had been scheduled to present papers. We went to Peiping realizing that we might be detained. However, we were willing to take that chance in order to visit what we believe to be the most interesting city of the Orient.

During these six days when we were able to travel about without too great restriction, we visited Yenching University and spent a large part of one day there. President Stuart had a tea for us in his home; and he and Dr. Mei spoke to the group giving our party a better understanding of the organization of the University and its development; also a glimpse into the political situation as they interpreted it at that time. Of course, we spent some time in some of the buildings and in going around the campus. Our group was especially interested in the home economics department and believe, despite its smallness, that it has ultimately a large contribution to make to and through Yenching University to the homes of China. Miss Chen, head of the Home Economics Department, was with us through the entire time and aided us greatly during our entire stay in Peiping. The campus was beautiful the day we were there. The weather, however, was very hot, but that did not detract from our enjoyment of our visit. The group came away from Yenching with great enthusiasm, feeling quite unanimously that it was the most interesting and promising University we had visited.

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Mr. Garside

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October 15, 1937

During the ten days when we were marooned in the city, our group felt great concern for the welfare of Yenching, its faculty, students, and its future. We did, however, have great faith in its leadership and admiration for the stand the American faculty members took in staying by their posts during the hostilities, thus aiding in the protection of the Chinese staff, students, and the property of the University.

I am sure that you have had many anxious days, not only because of what this undeclared war is doing in China as a whole, but also what it is doing to the University in which you are so deeply interested. My interest in Yenching has been of long standing -- since 1922 when I spent a year and a half in helping to start the Home Economics Department. Again in 1931 I spent six weeks there. For the past thirteen years our School of Home Economics at Oregon State College has had the pleasure of having a number of graduates from Yenching study with us as scholarship students preparatory to service at Yenching or in other parts of China. You will be interested to know that while on this trip we granted two scholarships to Yenching graduates for home economics study at Oregon State College -- one a \$750 scholarship, the Goodwin Good Will Scholarship, and the other the International Friendship Scholarship of \$500..

Miss Hsi Hsuan Yu, our Goodwin Good Will Scholarship student, is a graduate from Yenching three years ago and since has been serving as assistant dietitian at Peiping Union Medical College. She has arrived on our campus and seems to be making a splendid adjustment and appears happy. Miss Yu found it necessary to go from Peiping to Hongkong in order to obtain transportation to the States and was actually seven and one-half weeks reaching us.

Miss Ruth Sun, who was granted the International Friendship Scholarship, expects to reach Oregon in December. Her delay has been caused by inability to obtain sufficient funds from the banks in China in order to reach Oregon for the fall quarter.

We are delighted that conditions have been such that Yenching could open on time and hope sincerely that they may not be too greatly handicapped by interference. Our group returned to America with a feeling that though they had missed the World Federation they had had an experience in Peiping of greater significance and of greater educational value than would have been their lot had our program been carried out without interruptions. It was an interesting, bewildering, and thought-provoking summer. We are very glad indeed our party reached Peiping and that they were able to get a glimpse of the splendid university in which you have invested much interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Ava B. Milam, Dean and
Director of Home Economics

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OREGON STATE COLLEGE
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CORVALLIS, OREGON

September 27, 1938

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Perhaps before this letter reaches you you will have had a letter from Mrs. Y. P. Mei, who has been with us now since early September. She has a very interesting year's program blocked out, including class work and field work out in the State where she will observe our adult education program as well as a program with the rural girls, known as 4-H Club work. Mrs. Mei seems very happy and I am sure will make a fine contribution while on this campus. She seems very ready and eager to share her experiences with others.

Miss Liu has also come to us from Cheeloo University. She has been principal of a school up in Changli and is especially interested in the field of parent education. She is about the same age as Mrs. Mei and also seems very promising.

Hsi-Hsuan Yu and Ruth Sun of Yenching are still with us and will probably complete their requirements for their Master's degrees at the end of this quarter. Lucy Chow, a graduate of Yenching last June, has come to us for a year's study. She has been sent to us by her father.

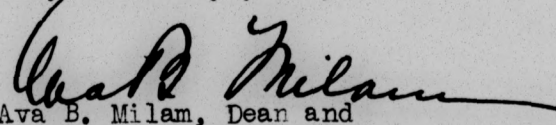
Mrs. Mei has doubtless written you about the Wu Wen-tsaos. She says they have gone to Yunnan.

I presume you are having very beautiful autumn weather.

I wish that you might step in and see not only our foreign students but our other students at work. We have registered now a few more than 600 undergraduate home economics majors and have quite a group of graduate and non-major students as well.

It was very pleasant to renew acquaintance with you this summer. With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,


Ava B. Milam, Dean and
Director of Home Economics

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*Mrs Mei's address is Snell Hall,
Oregon State College, Corvallis, Ore.*

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OREGON STATE COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS
CORVALLIS, OREGON

October 17, 1939

Ack. 10/24/39

Dr. B. A. Garside
American Office of Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Garside:

I was sorry not to see you before I left New York last June, but was called home because of some new responsibilities in connection with my work here at Oregon State College and left the last day of examinations at Columbia. I had hoped to get down to see you before leaving but felt it best not to delay my return to Oregon.

I am now planning to attend the Land Grant College meeting in Washington; also a meeting in Detroit in November, and I am hoping to be in New York perhaps the 18th, 19th, and 20th, and if possible I shall hope to see you then.

Very sincerely yours,

Ava B. Milam

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Director of Home Economics

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OREGON STATE COLLEGE
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CORVALLIS, OREGON

September 23, 1942

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am very grateful for the letters that you have sent me giving the information you have about Dr. Stuart and the Yenching Staff. You can be assured that I have and shall continue to pray for their release from internment and for their health and welfare. I am inclosing a check for ten dollars (\$10) which you may use to aid in any way you think best for Yenching.

We have a new Yenching student with us. She graduated from Yenching two years ago in Home Economics and then had a year at the P.U.M.C. under a Miss Yu who took her Master's Degree with us at Oregon State several years ago. She was then sent last year to the Iowa University for her Master's Degree in dietetics. This year she asked to come to us and she is a scholarship student. We think she is not only going to be a good student but be much enjoyed by our students and staff as well. This summer another Yenching man who is working toward his Master's was here--Mr. Ying-Tao Mao.

Miss Fong let me read a letter from the China Medical Board which gave quite a bit of information about the closing of P.U.M.C. and about the internment of Dr. Houghton and Dr. Stuart. I assure, of course that you have seen this long detail letter that P.U.M.C. has sent to its former staff now in America. I assure you that I shall appreciate any information you can give me from time to time.

In your letter you indicated that Dr. Stuart was fairly well. I hope he is having good medical care and that his health will not be impaired by this internment and that he will soon be able to come to America along with his American staff.

I have just received word that Washington is calling a National Nutrition Conference of State Chairmen of Nutrition. This meeting is to be held in St. Louis. I shall then probably attend the Land Grant College Meeting in Chicago. I am sorry that these meetings must be held in the Middle West now, and I shall not be able to get to New York as I have done here-to-fore when these meetings were held in Washington.

Very sincerely yours,

Ava B. Milan
Ava B. Milan, Dean and
Director of Home Economics

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October 3, 1942

Dean Ava B. Milan
Oregon State College
Corvallis, Oregon

Dear Miss Milan:

Your letter enclosing \$10.00 came to hand just as we were in the midst of a group of meetings and I am now trying to dig out from an accumulated mass of correspondence. Day by day my faith is growing stronger that the group at Yenching will be repatriated on the next trip of the Gripsholm. We are still waiting for the list from Washington, and the Gripsholm has been moved up the Hudson for a thorough renovation before undertaking another voyage.

I am very glad to know that another Yenching young lady has come in contact with you. I would be very glad to have her full name if it is Miss Fong to whom you allude. We are also glad to have Mr. Ying-Tao Mao's new address.

Dr. Lobenstine has been delegated by us to represent us in Washington. along with his trip regarding Dr. Houghton of the P.U.M.C. I have learned from several sources that too much pressure is not looked upon with favor, because of the interpretations which the Japanese might attach to such a person. Again I think that our approach now is through spiritual sources and I am grateful indeed for your cooperation.

I am so sorry that you will not be coming east to the extent of where you may be able to visit us. Although I must confess that I have not taken advantage of your previous visits as I should have done. However, I am always conscious that we have a warm-hearted friend in you at the Oregon State College. We are indeed grateful for your contribution of \$10.00, receipt for which is enclosed herewith.

Sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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OREGON STATE COLLEGE

SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS

CORVALLIS, OREGON

April 6, 1946

Mr. Vernon B. Ramseur
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

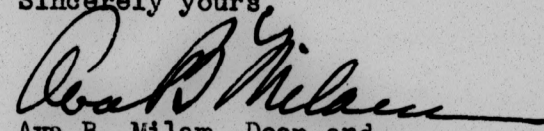
Dear Mr. Ramseur:

Enclosed please find checks for the sum of \$1766 to be added to the matching fund for Dr. Brown's gift to Yenching's Home Economics Department.

With the previous sums that have been sent amounting to \$3500, this makes the amount I have sent in for this fund \$5266. I am very glad that the gift has been matched with a little margin. It may be that a few small contributions will still come in, but I will send this off before I leave for my eastern trip on April 11.

When I leave Corvallis I will be making a few stops in California, Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, and Washington; and I am due to arrive in New York on April 24 spending three days there. While there I shall try to see you.

Sincerely yours,


Ava B. Milam, Dean and
Director of Home Economics

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Mr. Vernon R. Ramseur, Secretary
Christian Colleges of China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

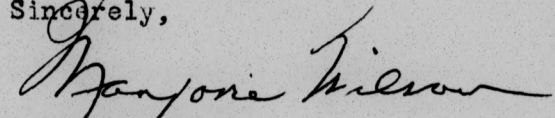
Dear Mr. Ramseur:

Enclosed find checks as follows for Yenching University:

Emily Lois Delano	\$ 4.00
Matilda K. Harris	5.00
Mary O'Keefe Karsten	5.00
Counter checks for cash gifts from:	
Mrs. Blanche E. Whiteman	10.00
Anonymous	5.00
	<u>\$29.00</u>

This sum will now bring our contributions to Yenching
from the last total of \$6338.25 to \$6367.25.

Sincerely,



Marjorie Wilson
Secretary

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