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Dear Mr. Mizell:

I have just read in today's "Inquirer" of your "Sit-in to demand control of Black Center," and your obviously contradictory statement, "We're not talking about separatism." Then, what are you doing--disrupting the office of the President and behaving like unruly kindergarteners?

It is quite obvious to anyone with an academic background that "students" such as you represent do not belong in higher educational institutions at all! Instead of attending to your studies, humbly, and learning something, all this time is wasted in silly "demonstrations." The former President of Swarthmore died and his death can be laid at the hands of those then demonstrating. A cardiac involvement, induced by emotional strain, needlessly!

I, and others like me, are losing patience with your Cause. Such behavior, in disrupting academic procedures only proves that you do not belong in higher education until basic common decent behavior is exhibited.

It may interest you to know that this matter of "negro rights" has been a long and potent family tradition for more than a century! My grandfather left his inherited plantation in Maryland--having first freed the slaves and hired them back, 122 years ago; he took his family to Kansas and lived in a sod house until a better one could be built, because "he would not bring up his sons in a slave state." The "Border Ruffians" in Missouri--Democrats who espoused slavery--were determined to run out the "Free State Kansans" by looting, burning, and even murder.

Can you afford to antagonize would-be supporters like myself? I can assure you that not forever will such behavior be tolerated--disrupting the peaceful conduct of academic life.

There were 10 academic degrees in my immediate family--like my own AB, all were earned by the sweat of one's brow. We had no time to "demonstrate:" we were too busy catching up with the vast fund of knowledge, stored up by preceding civilizations.

As a secretary, I helped my fine and humble husband through medical school and the long years toward specialization. He became a valued consultant in Neurology and Psychiatry at the famous Mayo Clinic and a Founder-Member of The American Board of Neurology and Psychiatry. All this was done by hard work over a long period and NOT by sitting in the President's office, for a minor reason, which really calls attention to inferiority complexes and childish attitudes. We, too, being poor in finances, but rich in ideals, humbly accepted authority; and at my age, I can look back with deep happiness at the results of our self-denying, dedicated, glorious lives, spent in helping others, in the Christian way. Think this over in depth, I entreat you! We had the very same goals--but poles apart in approach to them. Your way is entirely wrong!

Sincerely,

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