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Dear Mr Shane:

This is to express my deep feeling of loss to the College for the loss of Courtney Smith. I had pleasure of hearing him speak at the June Alumni Dinner on the occasion of our 50th Class Reunion, (my first reunion) I feel that he must have Accomplished much for the College.

As a birthright member of Friends (not a very good Quaker) I must commend the restraint shown during the recent usurpation of college premises by a minority group, but I feel that no student as a group has the remotest right to forcibly seize college facilities, or to in any way hinder or disrupt any part of college procedures which in any way could affect or be detrimental to the majority of many students who come for an education. In a democratic community the rights of the majority must have first consideration.

I am sure that the College has and always will allow free discussion and debate. If it is now made clear that any future invasion of college procedures affecting majority would result in expulsion, then order would prevail in the future. I feel that many of our Alumni support this view. Sooner or later education minded undergraduates will support enforced if needed be for peaceable dissent. Lawful actions are seldom the result of appeasement, - laxity perhaps may have accounted for the paper trash and beer cans I noticed last June cluttering up the Wharton quadrangle

I am sure that the Officers and Managers of the College have better judgement than I to handle existing problems. You have my best wishes and support,

sincerely.

P. B. Heald '18

Bad as it is I am certain you can read my typing better than my penmanship.

January 27, 1969

Dear Mr. Heald:

I appreciate your letter of January 20. I assure you that the administration, Board of Managers and faculty are working day and night to solve the present situation. We need the understanding and support of people like you more than ever.

With all good wishes, I am

Truly yours,

Joseph B. Shane
Vice President

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