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President C.H. Prentice  
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Dear Dr. Prentice:

May I congratulate you on your reasonable and courageous stand against the tide of hysteria which is sweeping our country. I say brave, because the arrogant and often violent methods used by those who profess for peace tend to coerce those of faint heart into silence if not assent.

That the hysteria has infected Wheaton faculty as well as students is disappointing as well as frightening to me. By voting to close the college, the strikers inflict their will on those who wish to continue their studies in a manner as fascist as those Panthers they also espouse.

The 3% of the students who dared to dissent should also be congratulated for the pressures on these young people to conform with their peers are immense. They should know that there is a group of college age now organising called the YOUTH COMMITTEE FOR PEACE WITH FREEDOM, and these young students have really done their history

homework. I enclose their published letter in case they have not yet published it in your local papers.

Were I a parent of one of your students I would be as resentful as you are of this interruption of studies. As an Alumnae, I have been proud of Wheaton and had been considering it for my sixteen-year-old. My support through the years has not been great so will not be missed, but I'm certain many Alumna will be as disappointed as I am in this shut-down. There will be many colleges with closed doors in September, and to what purpose?

Sincerely yours,

Mary Hoehling