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Student Unrest

June 3, 1970

Mr. Donald B. Rafferty
Post Office Box 107 - College Heights
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Mr. Rafferty:

Your letter of May 27 is acknowledged with sincere appreciation. You have presented your thoughts and expressed your viewpoints in a meaningful, straightforward, and constructive manner. For this attitude I extend my thanks.

Please know of my intention to consider your suggestions to a useful purpose. As you have implied in some of your comments, an individual relates to situations according to a variety of factors, including personal experiences. You recognize also that important decisions such as the one to which you refer on May 12 must be based on a careful evaluation of all the facts at hand and with the combined best judgment of many individuals.

We are in agreement on certain basic principles of human relations, institutional administration, and educational concepts. You have made other implications with which I disagree. In both cases, I find your observations to be helpful and well expressed.

I would be pleased to have the opportunity to discuss this or other matters of mutual interest and would especially like to have the pleasure of getting to know you personally.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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College Hts. P.O. Box 107
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101
May 27, 1970

Mr. Dero G. Downing
Wetherby Administration Building
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Sir:

For the last five years I have been associated with you by the fact that we have both been members of the University Community at Western. During this time I have never officially expressed my views concerning administration policy as it affects the student, but the events of the last several days have convinced me that I can no longer remain silent on these matters. I do not intend to libel or condemn either the administration or university, but rather to express my concern in a constructive manner.

Perhaps I should first outline what might best be called my politics as far as the University is concerned. As a January graduate of Western, I am thankful for the opportunities which have been extended to me to further my education. As a member of a democracy I advocate the due processes which must be taken to insure the orderly operation of the University. This must be qualified, however, in that I also strongly advocate the right of any member of the Community to express his views concerning the issues facing us today. Because of this feeling I have sat in on the various rallies and demonstrations that have taken place on campus, but I do not support all actions taken by these concerned students. I was, however, unable to remain passive when the administration saw fit to levy its restraining order on May 12. This will always stand out as the bleakest day of my educational career.

While it is imperative that the University take positive measures to insure that the affairs of the University continue in a peaceful and orderly fashion, it is equally, if not more imperative that the University do everything it can to insure that no student be denied the right to express his views, even if these views are contrary to those supported by the University. It is evident, especially after last weeks courtroom battle, that our University does not completely hold to this basic tenet of our Constitution. It seems to me that each individual should be guaranteed his basic freedoms under all circumstances, even if these circumstances do not uphold Western's many years of tradition.

Since I do not wish to encroach upon your time, I will limit myself to only one other topic at this time, and that is the allusion that has been made that the University operates

like a high school. I am sure that the many people who have expressed their concern over this were not referring to the quality of material presented to us in textbooks and lectures, but rather to something much deeper and more relevant at the present time. A truly functioning university of today must consider that an education is not derived solely from what one reads in a book. An education, above all else, must be an experience of life in which we not only learn facts, but also the points of views of others, social interactions, and the ability to function in life by searching for those truths and values which are relevant to us in these complex times. If you will, sir, recall for just a moment the memories you retain from your years as a student. I sincerely hope I am correct in anticipating that your thoughts did not include any basic facts you may have picked up, but rather that your thoughts were a conglomerate of the ideas you shared with others and gained from them, and more important that you saw that period of your life as years spent in searching yourself and others in order to formulate the ideals and shape the ideas around which you structured your patterns of life. If not, I truly pity you, sir, for I feel that you missed the most golden of all opportunities afforded us as students. The fact that the University does not seem to see this as even a small aim of education, but instead places its emphasis on beautiful buildings, the payment of political debts, and the advancement of athletic academia is what concerns those of us who are sometimes tempted to evaluate our present educational environment as seeming much too much like a high school. I humbly ask you, Mr. Downing, in your position as chief administrator of Western Kentucky University, to survey the conditions prevailing on our campus and to take positive steps to alleviate those situations which so desperately threaten our continued status as a university. If we are to continue to advertise ourselves as an institution of higher learning affording all students the opportunity to experience life and hopefully therefrom obtain true meaning for their lives, there simple must be a reordering of the priorities at our University before we all become blinded to our fate.

Thank you for the time you have given this letter. Please now take time to carefully consider these thoughts and ideas I have presented, and please begin to take positive actions to help us and our University correct our faults and become viable and meaningful entities.

Sincerely yours,



Donald B. Rafferty

May 18, 1970

Mr. J. P. Alexander
Superintendent
Edmonson County Schools
Brownsville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful phone call last week. You can be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to express your feelings.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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May 13 - 10:10 a. m.

Mr. J. P. Alexander, Edmonson County School Superintendent, called. He said to give you the following message: "Stay in there and grind. Don't let half a dozen down there tear up Western. I back you one hundred percent."

May 20, 1970

Dr. George S. Beard
Medical Center
Hartford, Kentucky 42347

Dear George:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful letter of May 14. You can be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your support means much to us during these times.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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GEORGE S. BEARD, M.D.
WAYNE L. WERTZ, M.D.
General Surgery
MEDICAL CENTER
HARTFORD, KENTUCKY 42347

Telephone 298-7020
May 14, 1970

Dr. Dero Downing, President
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

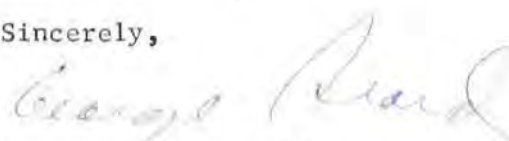
Dear Dero:

You have my sympathy and support in these days of recurrent student unrest.

I did not know how to run a college when I was a student and I can't believe that students today are that much more capable and knowledgeable.

I hope you can keep lines of communication open without excessive appeasement.

Sincerely,



George S. Beard, M.D.

GSB:fr

May 18, 1970

Mr. Moorman Beard
1340 Euclid Drive
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Monie:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful phone call last week. Please be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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Thursday afternoon:

Monie Beard called and wanted to convey the feelings of himself, those at the company, and in the city of Bowling Green. He wanted to know they have confidence in you and if there is anything they can do in any way, you should feel free to call upon them.

May 18, 1970

Mr. Gilbert Biggers
869 Richland Drive
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Gilbert:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful phone call last week. Please be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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June 1, 1970

Mr. Jerry N. Bowman
Harris Insurance Agency
P. O. Box 238
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Jerry:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful letter of May 21. You can be assured that your comments and suggestions have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

DGD:raw



COMMONWEALTH LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

COMMONWEALTH BUILDING 7 LOUISVILLE 2 KENTUCKY

JERRY N. BOWMAN
LIFE UNDERWRITER
HARRIS INSURANCE AGENCY

402 MILLIKEN BUILDING
P. O. BOX 238 BOWLING GREEN KENTUCKY
PHONE VICTOR 2-2535

May 21, 1970

Mr. Dero Downing, President
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

I suppose everyone in Bowling Green has a solution to the present situation at Western and the other colleges in Kentucky and elsewhere. I, too, have a solution.

First, I would require that every person seeking to come to Western for the Fall term file an application of admittance. Included in this application would be a statement that the prospective student agrees to accept the curriculum of the College as shown in the catalogue.

The prospective student would agree to live up to the rules and standards of the institution. The rules and standards will be interpreted by the President of the School. If the President feels that he wants to discuss any situation with anyone else, he can designate such a person or persons whether representative of the students and/or the faculty.

There is absolutely no compulsion on anyone to matriculate at Western, so if he or she does not like the courses of study offered or the rules and standards of the institution, he or she is perfectly free to go wherever he or she can be in harmony with the school chosen.

I feel that the students have absolutely no "rights". The "rights" to an education have been confused with the more exact word which is "Privilege". Schools have been built by thousands of taxpayers over many generations and if there are any "rights", they lie with those who have contributed to the building of the schools. Tuition, generally, does not pay more than about 1/3 of the cost of operating the school. The bigger share is borne by the taxpayers.

Schools are maintained by the taxpayers so that those who want to learn will have a place suited for that purpose. If a youth is so learned that he knows that the school is not teaching the proper courses or that the methods are wrong or that the rules are not right, he should go to some school where they have those things that he knows are right for him.



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PHONE: VICTOR 2-7535

Mr. Dero Downing, President-----Page -2-

In the event that he does not find such an institution, possibly he and his ilk can join together and build such a place.

Sincerely,

Jerry N. Bowman

June 1, 1970

Mr. W. H. Briggs
Executive Vice President
Citizens National Bank
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Bill:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful letter of May 21. You can be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

W. H. BRIGGS
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

May 21, 1970

Mr. Dero Downing, President
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Dear Dero:

It certainly is a pleasure to see someone do something to prevent trouble! I sincerely believe that had you not obtained the Court Order to prevent demonstrations on the "Hill", Bowling Green would have been in for its part of the modern trend--- "If you can't control, destroy".

I am sorry that I missed you at the Warren County Court House this morning as I would like to have told you in person how proud all of us in the area of Western Kentucky University are of you for heading off what could have been serious trouble.

If any of us at the Citizens National Bank can help you in any way, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely yours,



W. H. Briggs
Executive Vice President

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I talked with Dillard Williams who asked me to deliver the following message to you. He had missed talking with you; this was the third time he had called today but had not left a number where he could be reached. He said if you had a minute tomorrow, you might give him a call.

He said just to tell you that he wanted to commend you for the action you have taken and little Charlie too.

He said to tell you to stick with your guns. If you need help call on some of us fellows, he said.

He said to tell you to take a red pencil and mark out beside of some names, both students and faculty and at the end of the semester say good-bye to them.

May 27, 1970

Mr. James W. Brite, President
Mr. J. R. Ames, Executive Vice President
Miss Barbara Isom, Secretary-Treasurer
Tri-State Bedding Company, Inc.
Post Office Box 870
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Friends:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful letter of May 20. You can be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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Wake up
Refreshed!



TRI-STATE BEDDING COMPANY INC.

P. O. BOX 870 BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY 42101

Mfgs. — **SPRINGAIR** Medic

James W. Brite, President
J. R. Ames, Exec. Vice Pres.

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May 20, 1970

Mr. D. G. Downing, President
Western Kentucky State University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear President Downing:

The undersigned of Tri-State Bedding Company, Inc., support you and your staff for the direct and efficient manner used in the handling of student related affairs.

It is axiomatic that where disruptive masses flourish and grow so also does sympathetic, submissive methods of the university staff become employed and fail miserably to curb campus disorders.

The governing rules of the university contain the distilled wisdom of many wise men and offer to our youth the world's greatest opportunity for self-advancement in all of the arts.

Disorderly protests accomplish no worthwhile goals. Student violence and the destruction of property is a poor way to discuss views. Moreover, universities that become plagued with radical, unreined violence can no longer discharge their responsibility to educate our future leaders.

We are confident of your righteous and steadfast attitude and assure you of our continued support in the best interest of Western Kentucky State University.

Yours truly,

TRI-STATE BEDDING COMPANY, INC.

James W. Brite
James, W. Brite, President

J. R. Ames
J. R. Ames, Exec. V. President

Barbara Ison
Barbara Ison, Secretary-Treasurer

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June 1, 1970

Mr. Stanley DeBoe
Post Office Box 221
Eddyville, Kentucky 42038

Dear Mr. DeBoe:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful letter of May 23. You can be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude and mean a great deal to us because they come from an alumnus of whom we are proud.

Since you and members of your family have the special interest which only alumni of this institution can have, we especially covet your interest and support.

When you are in this area, it would please us to have you visit the Western campus; and if I or others here can be of assistance in any way, I hope you will not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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Supervisor Of Instruction

EDDYVILLE, KENTUCKY 42038

May 23, 1970



Mr. Dero G. Downing, President
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Dear President Downing,

I am a graduate of Western (Class of 38') and my wife, Virginia Nowlin is a former student. We have two daughters, Joyce and Helen, who are graduates of Western. We appreciate the opportunities Western gave us as students.

We feel a very small minority of students are trying to deprive the great majority of students of these opportunities. We feel that students should be heard but not by riot or demonstrations. A university president should not be put on trial because of the misconduct of students.

We are ready to support you in your stand for right. Call on us when you need us.

I teach Adult Agricultural Education in three Counties. I work with 73 families in these counties. These people say they will not send their children to a school where students cannot be controlled.

We do not want this to be said of Western. We are behind you 100 %.

Come to see us when you can.

Very truly yours,

Stanley DeBoe
Stanley DeBoe

Box 221
Eddyville, Kentucky 42038

MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT



TO: Mrs. Frances Dixon

DATE: May 18, 1970

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Please accept my sincere appreciation for your expression of support, and you can be assured that it means much to me.

I am disappointed that I did not have the pleasure of meeting your brother, Lilburn, last Wednesday; however, I felt that a trip out of the state was ill timed and had to decline.

Dero G. Downing

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June 1, 1970

Mr. Larry Farmer
P. O. Box 421
Beaver Dam, Kentucky 42320

Dear Larry:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful letter of May 21. Please be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

I hope things are going well with you; and if I or others here can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to let us know.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

DGD:raw

Box 421
Beaverdam, Kentucky
May 21, 1970

President Downing,

As a 1967 graduate of Western Kentucky University I would like to voice support of your stand taken against disruptive demonstrations on the Western campus. Your actions indicate that the leadership of Western is in the hands of responsible men who will not allow the academic process to be interrupted.

Since 1963 I have seen the leadership at Western give the student body a bigger and bigger voice in campus affairs. Unlike many universities, this trend has been orderly and responsible. It is therefore with dismay that I view a handful of radicals who are not appreciative of this progressive attitude. Those who seek to tear down the excellent communications between the administration and students of Western are not acting within the spirit that has made Western the great university it is today.

With kind regards, I remain;

Sincerely,
Larry Farmer

May 26, 1970

Mr. Roland Fitch, Chairman of the Board;
Officers, Directors, and Employees
Bowling Green Bank and Trust Company
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Friends:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful letter of May 19. Please be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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cc: Mr. Charles H. Reynolds

- I appreciate your personal letter of May 20, and I am sending to you also this copy of the response made to Mr. Roland Fitch and all our other friends at Bowling Green Bank and Trust Company.

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BOWLING GREEN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

BOWLING GREEN, KY. 42101

CHARLES H. REYNOLDS
PRESIDENT

May 20, 1970

President Dero Downing
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101


Dear President Downing:

Please be advised that both you and your administrative staff
have my unqualified support.

Please advise if I can render any assistance of whatsoever kind.

Best regards.

Yours very truly,



Charles H. Reynolds
President

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May 19, 1970

The Honorable J. David Francis
Attorney at Law
Post Office Box 449
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Dave:

Please know of my appreciation for the interest which prompted your letter of May 15, and you can be assured we are grateful for the support and confidence you have expressed.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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J. DAVID FRANCIS

WHAYNE C. PRIEST, JR.

J. DAVID FRANCIS
Attorney at Law
POST OFFICE BOX 449
511 EAST TENTH STREET
BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY 42101

PHONE 842-0123

May 15, 1970

Mr. Dero Downing
President
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Dero:

Just a line at this time of turmoil to let you know that I am 100% behind you in all that you do but particularly in your efforts to maintain our beloved University as decent and trouble-free seat of learning, and if I can be of any help to you or the others in the administration of the University in any way at all, please let me know.

During these troubled times please be assured that you have my constant thought and prayers.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours very truly,



J. David Francis

JDF/map

May 18, 1970

Mrs. Frank Gunn
208 Woodlawn
Horse Cave, Kentucky 42749

Dear Jean:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful note. Please be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

I hope things are going well with the Gunns; and if I or others at Western can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to let us know.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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May 13, 1970

Dear Dero,

These are indeed,
troublesome times for
university presidents
Frank and I want
you to know that you
have the support,

approval and concern
of your friends —
and of the student
that we know best.

Sincerely,
Jean Crabbe Gunn



May 13, 1970

Mr. Delbert J. Hayden
Department of Home Economics
and Family Living
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Mr. Hayden:

Just a note to convey my thanks and appreciation
for your letter of May 8. Please be assured that your interest
and support mean much.

Best wishes are extended to you for continued success
in the fine job which you are doing.

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

May 8, 1970

Department of Home Economics
and Family Living

Office of the President
Western Kentucky University

Dear Sir:

I am writing to express my approval of your official attitude in the current Kent State - Cambodian crises on campus. Your respectful and sensitive statements have prevented disruptive reactions from the various factions.

I am happy that balance has been maintained in these trying circumstances.

Very truly yours,
Albert J. Hayden

May 29, 1970

Mr. Edward L. Henry
Henry - Cisney Chevrolet
Post Office Box 470
Central City, Kentucky 42330

Dear Mr. Henry:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful letter of May 25. You can be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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5/25/70

Dr. Dero Downing
Western Ky University
Bowling Green, Ky.



Dear Dr. Downing:

In the June 1970 issue of *Leaders Digest*, there is an article entitled "I'm tired of the Tyranny of Spoiled Brats." I would recommend your reading this article, and also every member of the faculty and student body as well.

You are to be commended for your actions during the recent campus "tyranny" & court proceedings, but I firmly believe that unless the University expels the trouble-makers, it will experience continued problems

Yours very truly,
Edward L. Henry BS '39

PUTTING YOU FIRST...KEEPS US FIRST!

May 22, 1970

Dr. Ted Hightower, Pastor
State Street Methodist Church
1101 State Street
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Dr. Hightower:

I want you to know of my gratitude and sincere appreciation for your visit on Monday morning.

Your expression of friendship and your efforts to relieve my anxieties and depression meant more to me than you will ever know. Most of all, I am grateful for your prayers; and I am sure that none of us will ever know how much was effected by the prayers of many concerned souls.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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DIAL THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY - 842-8991 - ANYTIME

State Street Methodist Church

1101 STATE STREET

BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY 42101

TED HIGHTOWER

PASTOR

PHONE 842-8171

Just to tell you I + we
are praying for you -
Just don't be afraid to
fail - This side is
most yet - Prayerfully
L.S.

May 27, 1970

Dr. C. C. Howard
Howard Clinic
West Washington Street
Glasgow, Kentucky 42141

Dear Dr. Howard:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful letter of May 15. You can be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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HOWARD CLINIC

WEST WASHINGTON STREET
GLASGOW, KENTUCKY 42141
651-2133



C. C. HOWARD, M. D.
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GENERAL SURGERY

DONALD B. ASPLEY, M. D.
GENERAL PRACTICE

LYNN B. MAYFIELD, D. D. S.

CLEO C. HOGAN
BUSINESS MANAGER

Dear Friends,
I wish to come
meet you for
the first time
you have handled
the demerol
at Western, class
firm.

5/15/70

your friend
C. C. Howard

May 26, 1970

Mr. Joe C. Howard
Assistant Principal
DuPont Manual High School
120 West Lee Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40208

Dear Joe:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful letter of May 19. You can be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

We find pleasure in your pride in Western, and it is people like you who make her worthy of the affection and pride of all who love this school.

We hope you will visit the Western campus at any time your busy schedule permits, as it is always a pleasure to have the opportunity to visit with you.

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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DUPONT MANUAL HIGH SCHOOL

120 WEST LEE STREET
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40208

A. J. RIES, Principal

LOUIS F. COBBS, Assistant Principal
SANTFORD SINGLETON, Assistant Principal
JOE C. HOWARD, Assistant Principal

May 19, 1970

Mr. Dero Downing, President
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Ky.

Dear President Downing:

Your effort to keep law and order at Western is appreciated by me. Those of us who love Western as I do and as you do can and will not sit idly by and see her become a place where outsiders and a few rebels will destroy what we cherish without having been heard.


You know part of the Joe Howard story but I doubt if many of those there now know the full story of how I was led from darkness to light by Western and her many leaders. I will not attempt to name them for they are or were many. I owe Western more than I can ever give for what she has done for me. It hurts when anything but the best comes from that Hill.

You have my support in anything which you see fit to do to keep her good name clean.

I meant to write to you after the Western breakfast and tell you that I enjoyed it. I always do. I hope that I can attend each one as long as I live.

Best wishes to you and all.

Sincerely,



Joe C. Howard

May 18, 1970

Mr. James F. Huggins
Mr. Lynn Nixon
Jesse Stuart High School
4601 Valley Station Road
Valley Station, Kentucky 40272

Dear Jim and Lynn:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful letter of May 11. Please be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

I hope things are going well with you; and if I or others here can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to let us know.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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JESSE STUART HIGH SCHOOL

4601 VALLEY STATION ROAD
VALLEY STATION, KY. 40272

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BILL HUGHES, JUNIOR HIGH
COUNSELOR OF GIRLS
FAYE BAIRD, SENIOR HIGH
MARY HELEN VAUGHN, JUNIOR HIGH

May 11, 1970

President Dero G. Downing
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Sir:

We would like to write this letter expressing our support for you and your staff and the Board of Regents in dealing with the latest demands of a few members of the student body. We are quite proud that Western has "Kept its head" in this time of student unrest and protest. We are thankful each morning when we look at the newspaper and find that Western is not in the headlines because of riots and demonstrations.

We hope this letter indicates our support and pride of Western. We want Western to continue to grow and assume an even greater role in the education of the young people of Kentucky.

As graduates of Western, we are relieved that you have been able to deal so effectively with the students during these "troubled times" and pray that you will be able to continue to do so.

Sincerely,

Jim Huggins
James F. Huggins
Class of 1964
Lynn Nixon
Lynn Nixon
Class of 1964

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May 16, 1970

Mrs. Gilbert Hunt
Cave City
Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Hunt:

Thank you for your recent communique, and I want to assure you of our sincere appreciation for your thoughtful comments.

It is gratifying to know of the interest of a parent who has had two daughters graduate from Western Kentucky University, and we are pleased that you have taken the time to let us know of your thoughtful concern which means much to us.

We extend to you and to your daughters who are alumnae of this institution our personal best wishes, and we invite you to call upon us if we can be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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Hear Mr. Downing.

I can't understand
the contradictory views
of the students who
want to deny
academic credit to
R.O.T.C. students
& yet want to
eliminate the draft.
Do they want us to
be an unarmed
defenseless country?
Why shouldn't a

young man who
wants to prepare
for a career in the
military have the
same right to pursue
this cause on the
premises of our
country, as one
who is preparing
for any other
career -

Would any one
of them want to
be an unarmed

security guard in
a country where
violence seems to
be the past time
of so many.

I had ~~two~~ two
daughters graduate
from Western. They
studied on campus
and it was a
great source of
comfort to me
to know there were
armed security
guards protecting

them - Contrary to
what they must
think the security
guards were there
long before the
trouble makers who
are on our campus
today -

Please don't
give in to their
demands when
the safety of so
many is at stake -

Sincerely
Mrs. Gilbert Hunt
Camp City, Ky.

June 1, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson
Old Scottsville Road
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Friends:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful and gracious communique of recent days. You can be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and they mean a great deal to us because they come from friends for whom we have the greatest respect. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to share with us your feelings.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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Dear Mrs and Harriet

John and I have thought of you so often during these trying days. We want you to know that we believe that you are one hundred percent correct in the steps you have taken. Motion can certainly overcome the critics of this small nation.

George

John has so many nice comments on you, Dad, all over the city and country where his work takes him. And I also hear many complimentary remarks from family and others and whom I come in contact.

The know Motion will prove under your leadership, and we wish you many great years on the Hill. You both know you can always

Hallmark


Count on John and me
for any support that may
ever be needed.

Sincerely,

Audrey Jackson



May 22, 1970

Mr. Douglas Jenkins
4924-A North Beauregard
Alexandria, Virginia 22309

Dear Doug:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your recent phone call. You can be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us. I only regret that I was not there to take the call personally.

I hope things are going well with you; and if I or others here can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to let us know.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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May 15, 1970

Mr. Luther B. Keen
644 High Street
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Luther:

Just a note to convey to you my thanks and appreciation for your expression of support contained in your letter of May 12. Please be assured that your interest and support mean much.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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May 12, 1970

Dear Sir: -

You sure have my prayers in this troubled time.

The responsibility that you hold must weigh heavy on your heart.

Please do not let the actions of a few irresponsible people deter your ideals for a fine institution of culture.

As a Legionaire and
a Veteran of Foreign Wars it
is my privilege to speak
to you or any other person
on equal terms. Please
do not let a few —
irresponsible — — —

It would not be appropriate
for me to put in writing
all of the things I would
like to say.

Accept my sympathy
and kindest regards.

Luther B Keen

June 1, 1970

Mr. H. W. Kestila, Executive Director
United Givers Fund of Warren County, Inc.
P. O. Box 662
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Mr. Kestila:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful letter of May 21. You can be assured that your comments and suggestions have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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HENRY CARLISLE
PRESIDENT

May 21, 1970.

CHARLES M. MOORE, JR.
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Mr. Dero Downing, President,
Western Kentucky University,
Bowling Green, Ky. 42101.

Dear Mr. Downing:

It was a relief to hear Judge Coleman's ruling this morning although I had felt sure what it was going to be.

I suppose that such spectacles are necessary to protect the "rights" of such irresponsible youths who feel they know more about what and how to teach than do those who have dedicated their lives to the teaching profession.

However, somewhere along the line, these youths must become aware of the fact that "rights" must be balanced by "responsibilities". So far, these youngsters have had no responsibilities. They are still nursing at the family fountain, and are at the University because of the work and sacrifices of their parents.

It may be time for the bulk of the student body at Western to express its views. Obviously, they are not in favor of the tactics of these malcontents, so why not let the college, town, state and nation know that about 10,500 WKU students and faculty are there to further the educational process, to learn and to teach, and that they are not with this small, though extremely vocal, "civil-rights" group.

Would it be possible for Western (and possibly all tax-supported schools in Kentucky) to mail every applicant for admission a statement explaining the rules of the college and requiring each applicant to sign it before his application is processed. The attached sheet gives some of the points that I think might be stressed.

Sincerely,

In order to establish an orderly educational program and to insure that the majority of the registered students at the University are accorded educational facilities to which they have chosen to cast their hopes for learning, the University feels that certain rules and regulations must be set up which, in the opinion of the University's legally and duly constituted administration, will be in the best interests of those students who come to this University to continue their educations.

Courses of study have been established and are set forth in the University catalogue. Students and prospective students are urged to study the catalogue carefully to determine whether or not this University offers those studies in which they are interested and want to pursue. All universities do not have the same curricula, so it is important for the student to check carefully before making an application for admittance in any university.

Rules for conduct in classes, lecture rooms, laboratories, dormitories, etc. will be set by the Administration. Rules and Regulations for conduct in all buildings and anywhere on the campus will also be set by the Administration. It is urged that any applicants for admittance decide before sending in their applications as to whether or not they will adhere to the rules and regulations of the University. If this is repugnant to them, they should not file an application at this University, but rather, at some other school where conditions are more in keeping with their ideas.

There is no inherent "Right" by any person or group (student, faculty, administration) to make use of any facility (either buildings or grounds) without express approval. The buildings and grounds do not belong to any of these groups. Rather, they belong to the taxpayers of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and these taxpayers, through their duly appointed representatives, have the right and duty to set up the curriculum and regulations which, in their opinion, will best serve the interests of those who come to the University seeking to further their educations.

Finally, there is no compulsion to attend ANY University. It is the free choice of the individual student. If, for any reason, he feels the University is failing him, he needs but to withdraw and make application elsewhere where he can be happy under existing conditions.

May 27, 1970

Mr. Charles H. Landreth
Cor. Huron Street and W. Willow Grove Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19118

Dear Mr. Landreth:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful letter of May 17. You can be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

Please assure Peter of our personal interest in his welfare and progress and we hope you will not hesitate to suggest how we might be of greater service in his behalf.

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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CHARLES H. LANDRETH
COR. HURON ST. & W. WILLOW GROVE AVE.
PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19118

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Dear President Denning -

My nephew son, Peter M. Landreth, sent me a copy of the Statement of Purpose recently introduced by Volunteers. He further wrote me you acted on the first and took no action on the other.

Sincere Congratulations!

Peter wrote me about the Kentucky Minors Students and a Teacher coming to your Campus. This is all wrong and a minority of bad can cause much harm. Colleges should promptly tell students many want to come to College. Those in college are fortunate. They will be promptly expelled if they break college rules. Here is one parent who approves of your decisions.

Sincerely yours,
Charles H. Landreth

May 18, 1970

Mr. Harry L. Leachman
355 Sumpter Avenue
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Harry:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful phone call. You can be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to express your feelings.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
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May 14 - 11:10 a. m.

Mr. Harry Leachman called.

He asked to talk with you; but as you were in a meeting, he wanted to give you this message.

He wanted to give you a vote of confidence. He said he is behind you 100 percent and everyone in this town who pays taxes is behind you 100 percent.

He would like to tell you this personally when you have an opportunity to call him.

His number is 842-4881.

May 18, 1970

Faculty and Student Body
Maytown High School
Langley, Kentucky 41645

Dear Friends:

I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks and the appreciation of Western Kentucky University for the statement which was mailed to me.

Please know that the interest and concern which prompted this action mean much to us during these times.

Our very best wishes are extended to each of you individually and as a group for every success in all worthwhile endeavors.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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We the faculty and student body of Maytown High School regardless of our individual feelings toward the President's course of action in handling the 'war situation' do strongly resolve that -

Any college group protesting should follow non-violent and lawful procedures in showing its stand;

And if violence erupts law enforcement bodies should act immediately to restore order;

And if persons in these groups resort to disrupting normal procedures on a college campus, and if they deface or destroy public property, those persons should be prosecuted to the full extent of the laws of our Great Nation.

Signed:

	Name	Address
T	Lowell J. Martin	Langley, Ky
P	Rebecca L. Stewart	Langley, Ky
P	Dianna Lynn Martin	Eastern, Ky
P	Verna Bowling	Langley, Ky.
T	Shirley Stewart	Langley, Ky.
J	Alice O. Martin	Langley, Ky.
J	Alma Lowe	Langley, Ky.

	Name	Address
S	Merita Hagans	Langley
S	Vergna Hicks	Hueysville Ky
S	Anita Hicks	Langley, Ky.
S	Patty Webb	Langley, Ky.
S	Jeddi Gibson	Langley, Ky.
S	Shirley Howard	Hippo, Ky.
S	Jeff Stewart	Langley, Ky.
S	Janie Bailey	Langley, Ky.
S	Reba Rathoff	Langley, Ky.
S	Harry Campbell	Hueysville Ky
S	Mary Ann Hamilton	Langley, Ky.
S	Dalton Howard	Hueysville Ky
T	Libbi H. Hall	McDowell, Ky.
D	Mary Sue Martin	Langley, Ky.
S	Conna Huber	Martin, Ky.
S	Cheryl Lynn Webb	Langley Ky
S	Glynn Stone	Langley Ky,
P	Joseph Cavers	Eastern, Ky.
S	Beulah Patton	Eastern, Ky
S	Marina Lafferty	Hippo, Ky
P	Harold Bear	Hippo Ky
P	Velinda Selzers	Eastern, Ky.
P	Servie Harris	Martin, Ky.
P	Hattie Cooley	Hueysville, Ky
T	Charles Martin	Eastern, Ky.

	Name	Address
S	Betty Conley	Hippo, Ky
S	Jeff McGuire	Langley, Ky.
S	Jamie Gibson	Langley, Ky
S	Carol Stambaugh	Hueysville, Ky.
S	Janet S Boyd	Hueysville, Ky.
S	Dusan Elaine Compton	Langley, Ky.
S	Vanessa Stone	Hueysville Ky
S	Joyce Hale	Hippo Ky
S	Marjie Mullins	Hueysville Ky
S	Della Rose Spriggs	Eastern, Ky.
T.	Philly N. Price	Huxin, Ky
S	Pat Talbot	Langley, Ky
S	Deloris Harmon	Langley, Ky.
S	Glenda Turner	Langley, Ky.
T.	Doris A Robinson	Langley, Ky. 41645
T.	Earlene Patton	Langley, Ky.
T.	Paul S. Miller	Langley, Ky.
T	Joyce Stewart	Langley, Ky.
S	Deloris Kelgore	Hippo Ky
S	Imogene Academy	Langley Ky
S	Mary Davis	Hippo Ky.
S	Lula Martin,	Langley, Ky.
S	Nanci Northrop	Langley, Ky.
P	Jude Stewart	Langley, Ky.
P	Anna M. Bowling	Langley, Ky.

P	Denise Blevins	Langley, Ky.
P	James Robinson	Langley, Ky.
P	Ana Faye Huffer	Langley, Ky.
F	Masaleete Patton	Langley, Ky.
P	Tom Blevins	Langley Ky
P	Dorree Martin	Langley, Ky.
P	Rebecca Turner	Ward, Ky
P	Reba L. Ratliff	Langley, Ky.
T	Louise Howard	Pyramid, Ky.
T	Irma S. Tallent	Langley, Ky.
T	Kedrick Blevins	Langley, Ky.
F	Eloise Allen	Stuyville, Kentucky
T	Syrone P. Martin	Langley, Ky.

P - pupil

T - teacher

May 13, 1970

Mr. Philip S. Myers
Western Towers
College Street
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Phil:

Without elaboration, I would say to you that I am genuinely grateful for the expressions contained in your recent letter. It demonstrates an attitude for which I have respect, and I want you to know that Western is proud of you as a student at this institution.

Your suggestions are always welcomed; and you can be certain any observation, criticism, or comment will be accepted in the spirit of helpfulness which I know is intended.

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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President Dero G. Downing
Wetherby Administration Building
Western Kentucky University

Dear President Downing:

In this time of confrontation I want to relate to you some of my thoughts about what has happened. My feelings can be considered to be on the conservative side but I feel that these feelings are more representative of the makeup of Western's student body. It is the general consensus that letting students expound their feelings whether right or wrong is part of the learning process of a University and is acceptable to all. I laude your initial handling of this situation. Being a member of Associated Students' Congress and present when the list of demands was presented I wanted to assure you that many members of the committee disagree with the individual demands but felt that the general ideas presented were ones of agreement. Also being very particular on points presented would of only added more to the already existing tensions. We tried to tone down the demands so that they could be debatable. I still have serious doubts about those demands concerning academic credit for R.O.T.C. I ask that you dissolve the department and put the courses such as Military History into the History Department and have classes open to all students. There still can be someone to cordinate the program and lead the drills which receive no credit anyway. This way would not deprive anyone who wants to be in the program of what I consider to be their rights while dissolving what many see no need for. Also there is some doubt about campus police carrying loaded conventional weapons. To tell you the truth, Im strictly confused; I know there is a need for some kind of protection of the defenseless but I wonder whether means like mace guns and the like might not be equally effective without the possibility of someone unintentionally getting killed. I know your time is valuable but please consider these opinions and again I want to say that Im proud of your actions thus far and please keep cool. Also anytime you want any help or opinion remember, Im always available.

Sincerely yours,

Philip S. Myers

May 14, 1970

Miss Caroline M. Newberry
537 South Third Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Caroline:

Thank you for your wonderful letter of May 8. It has been received with appreciation for the concern, interest, and friendship which it represents. Your kind remarks, though overly generous, mean much to me during these times; and your letter was especially meaningful because it comes from one for whom I have the greatest respect, both professionally and as a friend.

I hope things are continuing to go well with you; and if I can be of service to you in any way, I hope you will not hesitate to call upon me. //When you are in this area, it would please us to have the opportunity to visit with you; and our best wishes are extended for continued success in the important work which you are doing.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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Friday, May 8, 1970

Dear Mr. Sawing,

Naturally, I always read with great interest and concern anything headed Bowling Green, and especially Western.

This morning I read your speech to the student body; I'm sure the Courier Journal carries only a small part of what you actually said, but it was such a timely part - I thought it was excellent.

We all discuss Western frequently - Just today Nancy Williams and Mr. Howard were two I talked to - This week end it will be Newberry - Even faculty members at Manual who did not go to Western often say, "What does Western have?" Really, I'm afraid to brag. I'm trying to get around to saying all I talk to think you are doing a grand job - Really, I would like to say to those who don't know Western that there is a good Methodist at the head

of the thing. And in country
enough - or old fashioned or what -
ever one might want to call me -
to feel that the whole world
could use some religious new.

May I say something very
personal? Please forgive me
for "overstepping" if I am; but I
have so many brothers and in
laws and nephews who are so
dear to me - And I feel rather
close to you - Don't ever apologize
for becoming emotional - That very
emotion labels you, I think, as
a big person - One of the great
writers said that only a great
man dared to stoop; I am trying to
say to you that I truly feel that
only a big person ever shows
emotion - There are hundreds of
students at Western who feel the
same as I - I feel sure that
Jane Leslie is one of them; she
knows ^{over} men big enough to show
their emotions.

This letter does not require
an answer; tomorrow I probably
would not mail this, but tonight
I feel that I have to.

We are just proud of you -
Sincerely,
Cecilia Newberry

May 6, 1970

Rev. Carl W. Peterson
Father William Allard
Rev. Frank E. Jump
Rev. Walter McGee
Campus Ministry Council
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Friends:

The spirit of helpfulness and the attitude of friendly concern prompting your thoughtful letter of May 6 is acknowledged with genuine appreciation.

At the present time I have no suggestions for formalizing our relationship. However, we remain genuinely grateful for the many ways in which your Christian influence is felt throughout the University community.

I welcome your suggestions, comments, and criticisms at any time, knowing that they are intended for the welfare of all concerned.

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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CAMPUS MINISTRY COUNCIL

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE HEIGHTS P. O. BOX 170
BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY 42101

May 6, 1970



BAPTIST CHURCH
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CAMPUS MINISTER

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WILLIAM ALLARD
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DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
SAM MEPHAIL
DIRECTOR, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
MERLYN ALEXANDER
PASTOR

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HOWARD SURFACE
RECTOR

LUTHERAN CHURCH
R. C. BRANDT
PASTOR

METHODIST CHURCH
WALTER B. MCGEE
CAMPUS MINISTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(U. P. U. S. A. B. U. S.)
FRANK E. JUMP
CAMPUS MINISTER

President Dero Downing
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear President Downing,

The concern of people everywhere is brought to the fore by the recent tragedy at Kent State University. The Campus Ministry Council is aware of deep feelings here at Western, as you are.

Our responsibility as Christian pastors in the midst of the university has prompted us to formally make ourselves available to Western if need should arise. We would not strive to be spokesmen for the administration or other groups, but to enter discussions as men concerned to bridge alienation.

Yours in Christ's service,

Carl W. Peterson
William Allard
Frank E. Jump
Walter McGee

May 27, 1970

Mr. Harry B. Richardson
621 Cedar Ridge Road
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Harry:

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for your kind remarks contained in the thoughtful letter of May 22. Your comments mean more to me than you will ever know.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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Harry B. Richardson
621 Cedar Ridge Road
Bowling Green, Ky. 42101

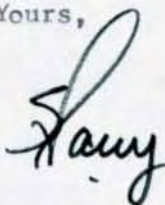
May 22, 1970

Dear Dero:

"These are times to try men's souls" - but
thank goodness it is comforting to know that
there are people like you in positions of
trust and confidence. Therefore I can sleep
better at night.

As one member of the silent-conservative-middle
I guess what I am trying to say is: Hang in
there man!

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harry".

May 26, 1970

The Reverend Anthony L. Romeo
Director, Baptist Student Center
426 Fifteenth Street
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Tony:

Please permit me to tell you how much I appreciate your recent phone call, and I want you to know how much the comments you made mean to me. You can be assured that we are grateful for your interest, concern, and support.

You and your associates are to be commended for the fine job which you are doing, and our best wishes are extended to you for continued success in this highly important endeavor.

If I can be of assistance to you in the important work which you are doing, I hope you will not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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May 26, 1970

Mr. Roland Fitch, Chairman of the Board;
Officers, Directors, and Employees
Bowling Green Bank and Trust Company
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Friends:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful letter of May 19. Please be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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cc: Mr. Charles H. Reynolds

- I appreciate your personal letter of May 20, and I am sending to you also this copy of the response made to Mr. Roland Fitch and all our other friends at Bowling Green Bank and Trust Company.

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BOWLING GREEN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

BOWLING GREEN, KY. 42101

ROLAND FITCH
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

May 19, 1970

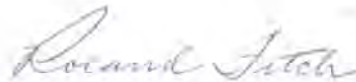
President Dero Downing & Staff
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Dero:

In face of the present crisis at Western, we the officers, directors and employees, of the Bowling Green Bank & Trust Company wish to re-affirm our loyal support to you, your staff and Board of Regents, for the fine manner in which you have handled this very difficult situation facing you. We realize many behind the scene problems must be solved and many decisions must be made that the public will never know about or understand.

We as members of the great majority who believe in law, order, personal decency and respect the rights of our fellowman, offer our whole hearted support and loyalty to you and your administration.

Sincerely,



Roland Fitch
Chairman of the Board
Chief Executive Officer

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Dean Russell called at 4:50 to give you the following message.

"I am personally very proud of the wisdom and judgment you have shown in the face of numerous problems of the recent past.

MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT



TO: Dr. John Scarborough

DATE: May 14, 1970

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Just a note to convey my thanks and appreciation for your memorandum of May 8. Please be assured that your interest and support mean much.

Dero G. Downing

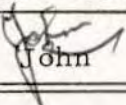
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WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

DATE: 5-8-70 | SUBJECT: The last 72 hours at Western

TO: President Downing

FROM:  John

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Remarks:

MIGHTY PROUD OF YOU!

I think the students are beginning to see what a terrific person you are.

May 15, 1970

Mr. Alfred M. Shearer
37 Hartweg Avenue
Fort Thomas, Kentucky

Dear Al:

The thoughtfulness expressed in your letter of May 12 is acknowledged with appreciation. Thank you for the article which was enclosed.

It is gratifying to know that Gene is doing so well, and I hope you will convey to him our personal best wishes.

If you are in this area at any time, please know it would be our pleasure to have you visit the campus; and we wish for you and yours continued good health and every good thing which life has to offer.

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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bcc: Dean Raymond L. Cravens
Dr. William R. Hourigan
Col. Thomas G. Sweet
Mr. William Bivin
Mr. Rhea Lazarus
Mr. Paul Cook
Dr. Ronnie Sutton
Dean Charles A. Keown

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37 Harlowe Ave.
Fort Thomas, Ky.
May 12, 1970

Pres. Dero Downing
Western Ky. University
Bowling Green, Ky.

Dear President Downing:

The pressure group at U. of Cincinnati clamored for a vote on ROTC and you can note the results on the enclosed article. I thought you might be interested since ^{those} ~~up~~ here are real "stinkers".

Gene has really done well in the field of research. He is now at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel where he has had great success.

Wishing you and yours the best of everything, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
Alfred M. Shearer

Frank Weikel



GIs Remembered On UC Campus

NOT ALL THE ACTION on the University of Cincinnati campus is on the disruptive side . . . but the constructive activities aren't grabbing the headlines, or for that matter meeting with much success.

Take for example a program called OPERATION SOMEBODY CARES. It's sponsored by the Arnold Air Society and the Air Force ROTC at UC. They're attempting to collect small personal items . . . ranging from soap . . . to games and food . . . for use by servicemen in Vietnam.

So far the items collected wouldn't fill a cigar box. In fact four major chain stores refused to grant the group permission to place boxes in their stores so customers could drop off items.

Most business firms contacted by the ROTC group have even failed to reply to the request for assistance.

Anyone wishing to take part in this project can contact the UC Air Force ROTC at 475-2237.

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PREDICTION DEPARTMENT:

Look for UC to reopen its Clifton campus next Monday. Pressure from the vast majority of students who want an education will be recognized.

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INCIDENTALLY, speaking of the college problems, there are those wondering what ever happened to the vote being taken at the University of Cincinnati regarding student opinions on whether ROTC should remain on the campus or be dropped.

Word from one source is that the vote was so overwhelmingly in favor of ROTC that those who requested the vote are trying to find some excuse for keeping the results secret.

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IF FOUR LEAF CLOVERS are really lucky . . . then Dorothea Coriell of 2731 Topichills Dr. in Cincinnati is in for a real lucky time. She found an eight leaf clover in her yard.

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NITE LIFE: One of the first local bars to have go-go dancers is slowly dropping the wiggling act. The Tahiki Lounge is down to four nights a week for the dancing gals and on the weekend they bring in a trio called PART III. It's a young group, all under 24 years, but they're loaded with talent.

Incidentally, the group's singer, Robin Rachelle, is easier to look at than most of the go-go girls.

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600 GREENUP ST., COVINGTON — PHONE 261-6666

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June 2, 1970

LTC Vincent J. Sherry, Jr.
USAF - JAGD
CMR Box 346
APO San Francisco 96235

Dear Vince:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful letter of May 21. You can be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

I hope things are going well with you; and if I or others here can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to let us know.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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CMR Box 346
APO San Francisco 96235
21 May 1970

Hon. Dero Downing
President, Western Kentucky University
College Heights
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101



Dear Dero:

It is with combined chagrin and pride that Margaret and I have just read a copy of the restraining order issued by Judge Coleman concerning what appears to be serious student disorder at Western.

We were chagrined because we know how hard you, your predecessors, and most of the faculty members have worked to give the Commonwealth a university which is second to none by any reasonable measures of attainment; proud because you all acted so emphatically to preserve all that you have built. My only regret was that I was not in private practice in Bowling Green at this time to put my limited professional ability to work gratis in behalf of the University.

Limited as I am by time, place and status, I have taken the only course open to me to express my support for Western; I have written to Governor Nunn, asking him to take any and all reasonable steps to prevent the loss of innocent life or injury to innocent people and to prevent the damage or destruction of University property. We of Western have come too far to let rank irresponsibility and immaturity set us back by a single day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vincent Sherry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

VINCENT J. SHERRY, JR, Lt Colonel, USAF-JAGD

Encl: Ltr to Gov Nunn

CMR Box 346
APO San Francisco 96235
May 21, 1970

Hon. Louis B. Nunn
Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Governor Nunn:

Recently I noted that you were compelled by tumultuous circumstances at the University of Kentucky to dispatch the National Guard to restore and maintain order on that campus. I had meant to write to you at the time and express my personal support of your action, but the press of duties prevented my writing.

Today I received in the mail a copy of a restraining order issued by the Warren Circuit Court upon the application of Western Kentucky University, my undergraduate alma mater. I realized that the cancer which has plagued many colleges and universities this spring had finally come to Western and that a note expressing my support for your action at U. of K. and soliciting your help for Western, as needed, was in immediate order.

Unfortunately, I do not have any of the facts surrounding the disorders at Western. My position in support of President Downing and the university administration is based upon an abiding faith in the wisdom of their request for an injunction. I'm sure I express the sentiments of many "old grads" from the Hilltop when I say that we do not want to see death or injury to innocent students or damage and destruction of university property occur for want of Guard protection.

Western's present physical plant and student body rest on an infrastructure of industry and sacrifice, the hard work and doing-without of a number of Kentucky parents, many of whom possessed only modest educations, folks who wanted the best for their children and they now have it. These people paid the taxes and diverted some of their inadequate incomes to raise Western to its present status and they will not tolerate some northern or misguided homegrown revolutionary's nihilism. We all look to you to help us to preserve what we have.

I shall return to Bowling Green in late June or early July after having served the commonwealth and the country all over Asia for over two years. In the anticipated course of events I shall visit the Western campus, and I have no intention of being assaulted or intimidated by campus hoodlums.

With such emphatic executive protection as you authorized at Lexington,
I'm sure my visit to Western will not be attended by threat of violence.

Sincerely,

VINCENT J. SHERRY, JR., Lt Colonel, USAF-JAGD
(Western '51)

May 27, 1970

Mrs. Jack W. Skiba
3047 Jackson Street
Paducah, Kentucky 42001

Dear Mrs. Skiba:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful letter of May 18. You can be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

Please assure Susan of our personal interest in her welfare and progress, and we hope you will not hesitate to suggest how we might be of greater service in her behalf.

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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May 18, 1970
3047 Jackson St.
Paducah, Ky.

President Dere Downing
Western Ky. Univ.
Bowling, Green, Ky.

Dear President Downing;

My daughter is enrolled at Western, a freshman, and has just sent us a copy of the restraining order of May 12, and a student letter being circulated against this order. I would like to tell you that I stand fully behind your actions.

Susan has not so far as I know participated in any demonstrations and has been informed by us that she will be taken out of school if she does so. She's a President's Scholar, so I believe she will not jeopardize her education, but I thought perhaps you might be interested in her reactions. I quote from her letter, "this is giving an excuse to the dumb radicals on campus for action and I have a feeling there might be some kind of trouble seen."

I believe you have done the only thing possible in this situation and you have our full support.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jack Skiba

Mrs. Jack W. Skiba

MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT



TO: Dr. R. L. Sleamaker

DATE: May 18, 1970

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Just a note to express my personal thanks and the appreciation of the University for the cooperation and assistance given by you and those who accompanied you in response to the request last week.

It would be appreciated if you will convey our thanks to those who came with you.

Dero G. Downing
President

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MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT



TO: Mr. John Oldham

DATE: May 18, 1970

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Just a note to express my personal thanks and the appreciation of the University for the cooperation and assistance which you gave in response to the request last week.

It would be appreciated if you will convey our thanks to anyone who assisted you.

Dero G. Downing

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MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT



TO: Mr. Jimmy Feix

DATE: May 18, 1970

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Just a note to express my personal thanks and the appreciation of the University for the cooperation and assistance which you gave in response to the request last week.

It would be appreciated if you will convey our thanks to anyone who came with you.

Dero G. Downing

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May 19, 1970

Mr. Charles M. Stewart
1223 College Street
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Charlie:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful letter of May 14. You can be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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Charles M. Stewart
1223 College Street, Bowling Green , Kentucky

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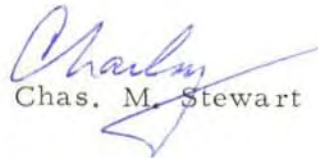
Mr. Dero Downing, President
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Dero:

I know you are going through some trying and frustrating times during this gap. I just want you to know I, and many others, appreciate your courageous stand.

Best wishes in your continuing effort to represent the best interest of all the students.

Sincerely,


Chas. M. Stewart

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May 27, 1970

The Honorable Pat Tanner
County Judge
Daviness County
Courthouse
Cwensboro, Kentucky 42301

Dear Pat:

Our association has not been sufficiently close for me to be so presumptuous to address you in this manner; however, I have felt close to you because of the wonderful friendship you have always had with President Thompson and, more especially, because of your loyalty to, interest in, and support of Western Kentucky University.

Your wonderful letter of May 22 is received with appreciation, and I want to assure you that large numbers of people at Western Kentucky University are giving unselfishly of themselves in an effort to keep it the kind of school of which you and other Kentuckians can be proud.

I hope you will give us the pleasure of having you on the campus on frequent occasions, and I invite you to call upon me or others here if we can be of service at any time.

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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cc: Dr. Coy Ball

bcc: Dr. Kelly Thompson

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COUNTY OF DAVIESS

COURTHOUSE

OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY 42301

May 22, 1970

PAT TANNER
JUDGE

President
Board of Regents
Western State University
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Attention: Dero Downing, President

Dear Sir:

I backed Kelly Thompson and I will support you in problems faced by Western.

However, the majority (8 to 1) of citizens here reject the idea of students running a campus, especially a tiny radical minority.

We specifically reject the minority demand to remove credit for R. O. T. C.

R. O. T. C. provides the most excellent training for officer material to defend America in case of aggression. I am an R. O. T. C. man from high school and college, and this is the best training I ever had. It taught me leadership, organization, citizenship, and American history, etc.

One hundred student protestors, most of them innocent, are victims of the Communist plan to eliminate America's officer cadre. West Point and the Air Force Academy only graduate small classes. World War II was led by R. O. T. C. officers, one of them now a Major-General at Fort Campbell.

I ask that student radical leaders not be allowed to re-enroll at Western next semester. You might check the tenure on a few radical professors also, who should be teaching subject matter and not agitation.

This part of the State is highly aroused over U. K. and we expect firm leadership and disciplinary action at Western.

Be assured of my active and vocal support when needed.

Very truly yours,

Pat Tanner, County Judge

cc: Dr. Coy Ball

June 3, 1970

Mr. James A. Tapscott
Tapscott's, Inc.
Post Office Box 1280
Owensboro, Kentucky 42301

Dear Mr. Tapscott:

Your letter of May 9 is acknowledged with sincere appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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May 9, 1970

President of Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Ky. 42101

Dear Mr. President:

This is probably the most important letter that I ever wrote. It was prompted by the enclosed newspaper headline.

The contents of this letter could cause me to have a serious or fatal accident sometime in the near future and if so you will know why. Naturally I do not think that is going to happen or I would not dictate the letter.

On Thursday, May 14, 1970 I will make a short but important talk to approximately 1200 people (about half students and about half adults) at a Junior Achievement Banquet. It is my intention to say approximately what I say in this letter.

For the sake of brevity I do not intend to elaborate so please accept what I say as true.

I have been around the world 7 times and I have visited approximately 50 different nations. When I say visit I mean that I did more than just walk inside the airport. I hired guides and a car and spent several days to as long as 17 days looking at the particular country and talking to the citizens thereof. I have spent from 4 weeks to 6 weeks in Hong Kong every year for the last 10 consecutive years on a buying trip. I have very many excellent Chinese friends in Hong Kong.

Because I have been fortunate to travel rather extensively I have had an opportunity to see and talk at first hand with people and learn a few things that the average person has not had the privilege to know.

One time when I had finished making a speech to a group of the subject "The Greatness of America" one of Owensboro's finest citizens Jim Matthews who was President of the Modern Welding Company, a local organization that operated on a national basis, came to me and said "Jimmie what you said about the greatness of America is certainly true. I have just returned from a 3 week visit to Russia and I was surprised to learn that from 2 to 6 per cent is all of the Communist there are in Russia and all of the other people (approximately 94%) are peasants or very poor and have practically nothing.

"All of the riches, all of the power of government is concentrated in a very small percentage of people which is something like two to six percent." He went on to say that when he arrived back in New York he was so grateful to be an American and he was so thankful to be back in the United States that he rushed to a telephone called his wife and cried like a baby because he was so glad to be home and so proud to be a part of these United States.

On one of our trips my wife became seriously and deathly ill in Dacca, East Pakistan. We had delivered a message to a young lady Doctor from her sweetheart in Nepal. She was German born and a German citizen. She was an M. D. and worked as a doctor for the Ford Foundation in Dacca, East Pakistan. She told me that East Pakistan was suppose to be a democracy, but actually it was very very communistic. Also in Dacca we had a friend that was a young lady, a Baptist Missionary. She said that they (the Baptist Church) wanted to build a new hospital in Dacca, but the government would not let them build it because it would lend prestige to Capitalistic America. She also said, and I read it in the paper also, that in the city of Dacca which is probably a city of over 500,000 population that there were 30,000 cases of malaria to say nothing of the other infectious diseases such as leprosy, smallpox tuberculosis, and on, and on, and on. There was one hospital in Dacca and it had something like 300 rooms.

I have a real close friend in Hong Kong and he never got enough confidence in me until last year (10 years) to tell me this story. Every year thousands of native Chinese go from Hong Kong back to Red China to see their family and friends. On one such visit this particular Chinese gentleman of which I would not dare give his name was questioned every day that he was there by the police at approximately 7 to 8 p. m. and asked questions for about an hour. They asked him such questions as "What type of business was he in, what nation did he sell to, what were the names of his customers, what kind of flowers, did he manufacture, and on and on." They would come every day and ask him exactly the same questions and this went on for approximately 1 week. He asked his uncle why they wanted to know all of these things and his uncle, who was a native in this particular Chinese town, told him that if he deviated the slightest bit from the answers to their questions they would have put him in jail.

This Chinese gentleman during his visit to his uncle in this particular China city noticed that there was continuously a siren blowing. After several days he asked his uncle why was that whistle blowing 24 hours a day. The uncle informed him that it was a police siren and that they were cleaning out the jail. By cleaning out the jail he meant that they put so many people in jail every day that they soon got the jail so crowded that they had to make more space by taking people from the jail to the edge of town where they were shot and killed. No judge, no jury, they just disappeared.

This same gentleman said that when they (the business men of Hong Kong) went out to a luncheon or gathering they had to be extremely careful and not say anything that was or could be interpreted as unfavorable to Communism. The reason for not saying anything was that almost every gathering was permeated with members of the Communist Party. If they said anything detrimental about Communism they were put on the black list and then when they made their trip on the train from Hong Kong to Red China they might be noticed by the police at any one of the many stops. The police board the train at every stop and they look at every person on the train. If they find a familiar face, that person is removed from the train and disappears. So when a Chinese returns from Red China to Hong Kong the very minute that the train passes the boundary line there is great excitement and great jubilation to be out of Red China and to be away from the Communist.

Now for the point I want to make. This Nation is now on the ropes. This Nation is now where the Communist have been trying to get us for 3 generations. Every segment of society in America is permeated with Communism. I do not mean to infer that everybody that works for the recognition of youth or even young people that burn buildings or union members that go out on a wild cat strike or people that sympathize or encourage such actions are members of the Communist Party. What I mean to infer and what I sincerely believe is true is that they are working for something that they actually believe in. They are working to better themselves and people like them. I don't think for a minute that they are doing this to harm in any way our great government, but the sad fact is that in achieving their end they are serving as tools or hands of the Communist party. We have these uninformed, misguided people serving as school teachers, or possibly even college presidents. We have them in government, we have them as business people, union leaders, union members, we have them every place in the United States and only a very very fraction of 1 per cent are actually Communist, but in striving to achieve one goal they are serving the purpose of Communism. For example they are pitting the black against the white, the gentiles against the Jews, the Protestants against the Catholic, the Democrats against the Republicans, the employee against the employer, and neighbor against neighbor and they are doing anything and everything that will cause or tend to disrupt and upset the people. They know that the thing they must do is to divide. Everything they do or entice their unknowing cohorts to do tends to create confusion and destruction of American from within.

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The time to be a Democrat or a Republican has now passed. We are all Americans and we must stand behind our most excellent and our most honorable President. We must stand up and be counted for these United States, otherwise our children and grandchildren will not have that grand and glorious opportunity. Unless we start now to back our public officials the time is not too far distant when it will be impossible to get men of integrity to accept the responsibility of operating these great United States.

Sincerely,


Jas. A. Tapscott

c. c. President Richard M. Nixon
White House
Washington, D. C.

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Y., 42301, FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1970

Senators Move Toward Early Vote On Measure To Cut Off War Funds

By CARL P. LEUBSDORF
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats moved Thursday to force an early vote on a proposal aimed at cutting off funds for the current U.S. drive into Cambodia.

The Democratic Policy Committee adopted a resolution calling on committee chairmen to give priority to measures relating to Vietnam and Cambodia, and Republican Leader Hugh Scott agreed to back the move.

Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield told reporters the action could bring before the Senate late next week a military sales bill, along with a proposed amendment to bar funds for the Cambodia operation.

The amendment sponsored by Mansfield and Sens. John Sherman Cooper, R-Ky., Frank Church, D-Idaho, and George D. Aiken, R-Vt., is expected to come before the Foreign Relations Committee on Monday.

The House for a second successive day defeated a similar funds cutoff pressed by critics of President Nixon's decision to push against Communist forces in Cambodia. A bipartisan coalition crushed the proposal 163 to 94 on a nonrecord vote.

The amendment on which the Senate may be asked to vote shortly would bar all funds for "retaining United States ground forces in Cambodia."

prohibit instruction of Cambodian military forces or hiring mercenaries, and would forbid aerial combat above the Southeast Asian country by the U.S. Air Force "except for the interdiction of enemy supplies of personnel using Cambodian territory for attack against or access into South Vietnam."

Asked whether he thinks chances are good for the proposal, Mansfield said "I would hope so." He said he believes it to have a better chance than a proposal by Sen. George S. McGovern, D-S.D., and 15 other senators that would cut off all U.S. funds for operations in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam

except those used for withdrawal of American forces.

Mansfield said he was not certain if the proposal, even if accepted by the House, could be passed in Congress before the June 30 target set by Nixon for ending the U.S. operation in Cambodia. But he said it would be a worthwhile addition to permanent law even if American forces have been withdrawn.

The resolution was offered by the Senate Democratic leader and adopted unanimously by the 13-member Policy Committee after a meeting of all Democratic senators.

It cites "the serious situation in Cambodia and the repercus-

sions which it has produced within the nation" and calls on Mansfield to join with Scott in a bipartisan request to the appropriate committees so that the measures dealing with Southeast Asia "may be brought to the floor for consideration by the entire Senate at the earliest possible time."

Mansfield told reporters he had spoken to Scott and that the Pennsylvania Republican was joining in the request to the chairmen and ranking Republican on the Foreign Relations, Armed Services and Appropriations Committees.

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Fiscal Crisis - 2

City Schools To Operate On 'Austerity' Budget

EDITOR'S NOTE: The school districts, like the city, are facing fiscal problems caused by state-imposed limits on local financing and rising costs. This article discusses the situation facing the Owensboro Public Schools. The similar problems of the Daviess County schools were explored in a news analysis story Thursday.

Owensboro Public Schools will be operating next year on an austerity budget as the school board prepares to take in another notch on the financial belt.

Cuts in the planning stage include:

—A 50 per cent reduction in allocation for instructional supplies which includes textbooks.

—Elimination of all purchases of new instructional equipment — projectors, tape recorders and other teaching tools.

—A reduction in the teaching staff of at least 10 positions and possibly more to be accom-

plished by the board of education to remain competitive with other school districts and to give the present faculty a cost-of-living adjustment.

"When the General Assembly and administration allotted a \$200 increase in state aid for salaries in this next school year, it didn't mean the district would receive \$200 for increasing the base of every teacher," Dr. Hilliard said. "Actually, the increased aid will be about \$60,000."

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May 15, 1970

Dr. W. R. Taylor
Rockcastle County Health Department
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky

Dear Bill:

Please accept my thanks and appreciation for your thoughtfulness in sending me information which I found most interesting and with which I heartily agree.

When you are down this way, I hope you will include a visit to the Western campus, as it would be our pleasure to see you.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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Tues May 12

Dear Mr. President,

After reading the *Times* journal this
morning about your problem, and
then reading the professor's article this
afternoon, I was hoping it might bring
you a little solace after a hard days
work.

Yours,

Bill Taylor

June 3, 1970

Mr. Alvis H. Temple
Kentucky Broadcasters Association
Office of the Executive Secretary
Post Office Box 930
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Al:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your thoughtful letter of May 28 and for the clipping which you enclosed. You can be assured that your interest and support mean much to us.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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KENTUCKY BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
POST OFFICE BOX 930
BOWLING GREEN, KY. 42101



May 28, 1970

Dear Dero;

I am almost positive you have seen this article, but, in case you did not, here is one that will be of interest.

And I do want to add my compliment to the thousands you have already received for the forthright manner in which you and your assitants dealt with the recent indidents on the campus. I can assure you that the townspeople are wholly in support of your action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alvis H. Temple".

Alvis H. Temple

May 21, 1970

Mr. Ray Thomas
1908 Benson Avenue
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Ray:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful phone call. You can be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your support means much to us.

I hope things are going well with you and your family, and our best wishes are extended for all the good things which life has to offer.

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
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Ray Thomas called while you were in a meeting with John Lyne.

He said he and Virginia just wanted to say they were mightly pleased with the way you are running this institution. They appreciate the strain you are under and they just wanted you to know they are pulling for you.

He said he didn't know what it would be, but if they could be of assistance or help in any way, you had but to let them know.

I told them their expression of concern, interest and support was a great help.

May 21, 1970

Mr. James E. Topping
Spokesman for Veterans On-Campus
and Other Veterans On-Campus
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Friends:

I am genuinely grateful to you for the expression of confidence and support reflected in your wonderful letter of May 14.

Please know of my appreciation for your comments regarding the honor which Kentucky Wesleyan College is so generously bestowing upon me. I hope I can serve you and other Western students in a manner which will be deserving of this honor and, more importantly, will merit your continued loyalty, support, and personal friendship.

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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Veterans On-Campus
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101
May 14, 1970

President Dero G. Downing
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

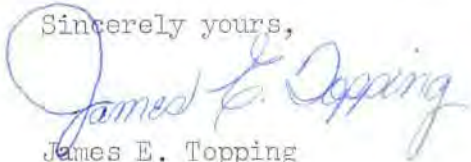
Dear President Downing:

We, as members of the Veterans On-Campus Club, wish to take this opportunity to extend to you our congratulations upon receiving your honorary doctorate degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College.

We also submit this communication as our endorsement of any previous or future decisions placed upon you and your administration regarding school policy on demonstrations--peaceful or violent.

We would be honored to answer any call of assistance that might come from you or your staff.

Sincerely yours,



James E. Topping
Spokesman for
Veterans On-Campus

May 18, 1970

Mr. Milton Traylor
Superintendent
Bourbon County Schools
Paris, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Traylor:

Please know of my appreciation for the interest which prompted your letter of May 12, and you can be assured we are grateful for the support and confidence you have expressed.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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May 12, 1970

President Dero Downing
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Dear President Downing:

I am sorry you are having so much trouble with a small minority group of students enrolled at Western. As a former student you have my support and perhaps the support of about 100 percent of the other graduates of Western University.

If I can be of any help to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Milton Traylor
Superintendent

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May 19, 1970

Mr. L. L. Valentine
103 N. High Street
Franklin, Kentucky

Dear Val:

Thank you for your wonderful letter of May 14. It has been received with appreciation for the concern, interest, and support which it represents. Your kind remarks mean much to me during these times, and your letter was especially meaningful because it comes from one for whom I have the greatest respect.

When you are in Bowling Green it would please us to have the opportunity to visit with you on the Western campus, and our best wishes are extended for every success in all worthwhile endeavors.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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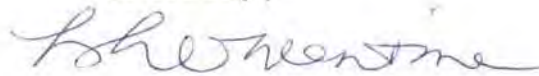
Dear President Downing:

As an alumnus of Western, I just want to express here my utmost confidence, my highest esteem and my warmest sympathy to you in these troublesome times.

Western is my school. You are right is saying that thousands like me love it.

And I have nothing but admiration for you in carrying such an unnecessarily heavy burden. I wish I could share it. While I can't, I can hope that it grows lighter soon.

Cordially,



L. L. Valentine
Class of 1927

May 29, 1970

Mr. Clive Young
Oakland, Kentucky 42159

Dear Mr. Young:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the interest and concern which prompted your thoughtful letter of May 22. You can be assured that your comments have been received with gratitude, and your interest and support mean much to us during these times.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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Oakland, Kentucky.
May 22-1970, 2159

Mr. Dero Downing, President,
Western Kentucky University,
Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. President :-

Through the past few weeks, I have had you and your wonderful institution, on my mind, I am with you all the way in standing up against the present attitude on the part of some, (a small groupe only) who are trying to take over in an age when our nation is so fully able to push ahead and to give to our young people, the best that any age had ever been able to do in the past.

I am out here some distance from you but not too far to be deeply interested, I shall be thinking of you and your wonderful work as the days go along and if at any time, I could do that least of things to aid or to back up what you are doing, it will be my great pleasure to do so.

Your sincere friend,

Clive Young
Clive Young,