

An Open Letter to President Richard Lyman

We share your conviction that the University must function by rational and objective consideration of facts and issues without prejudicial coercion.

In order to do this it must be possible to obtain, present, and hear evidence and opinion on all sides of a question. Disruptive actions prevent members of the University community from doing this. Riot, destruction of University property, and violence against persons, insofar as they may be expressions of feeling at all, are coercive and prejudicial to consideration of any issue. They must be rejected by a University both on this account and of course because they destroy the psychological and physical fabric of the University itself.

We wish that persuasion, and University rules against disruption, destruction and violence, were sufficient to deter those who are inclined to these evils. But what has happened on campus shows that this is not the case.

Therefore we support you, President Lyman, in acting to obtain by court injunction legal relief from, and protection for the University against, these evils and the persons perpetrating them.

350+ signatures

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