

October 14, 1963

Williams Alumni Action Committee  
P.O. Box 1929  
Grand Central Station  
New York 17, New York

Dear Sirs:

The spectacle of grown men behaving like spoiled and ignorant children, as illustrated in your first letter on the subject of The Angevine Report, is a sorry and sad one. Your second letter is not only sad but outrageous. A Williams friend recently commented that it was the "rantings and raving of children." The one solace is that its most likely result will be to encourage increased contributions to this year's Alumni Fund Drive.

I reject your hypocritical statements that you stand for "individual freedom of association and of choice." The members of your group would be the first to jump into any fraternity situation and attempt to dictate and limit undergraduate decisions within your own fraternities. I reject your snide implications that the Board of Trustees of the college were incompetent to render a decision on the matter of room and board for undergraduates. But most important, I emphatically reject your outrageous suggestion that my contribution to the current fund-raising campaign be reduced or eliminated because of your appeal. I certainly trust that "loyal and thoughtful Williams alumni" will have a similar reaction. The indication of all in this area of the country is that they will.

Very truly yours,

David C. Phillips

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