

Grinnell College
Grinnell, Iowa 50112

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Dear Sirs:

The attached statement has been sent to labor unions across the country. I would appreciate the inclusion of this letter in your paper as a reflection of the intense concern voiced by colleges throughout the nation.

Sincerely,

STUDENTS

Enclosed is a letter which is being sent out to labor unions around the country. Copies are also being sent to all the major newspapers. In conjunction with this we wish students of Grinnell to have copies of this letter placed in the smaller community papers where they live.

Therefore if you would forward this letter to your local paper with the second enclosed explanation which would contain your own signature, it would greatly assist in informing the country of our concern and perhaps aid in awakening the concern of all the people.

If for whatever reason you are unwilling or unable to make use of this letter, we would appreciate it if you would return the complete envelope to the box marked "Union Letter" in the Post Office, as copies are in short supply.

This is a small sacrifice of your time to ask for such a large possible return.

Dear Sirs,

I address this letter to your union paper because you express concern for the betterment of American life.

I am certain you share our concern with the economic and political tension that is becoming crucial in the United States.

In an unprecedented action, our college has closed down along with many others across the nation. All of us, blacks and whites, students and faculty, conservatives and radicals, feel that the situation merits deep concern. Our hope is that this action will free the individual to follow the dictates of his conscience while making our unified feelings of apprehension known to our nation.

As you well know, institutions and large organizations strongly affect political decisions. We feel that the current situation, including rising unemployment, inflation, increased American forces in Asia and the undermining of our American educational system necessitate an official stand from your union. We request that you support our position as the issues vitally concern us both. Using the strength of your paper, you could aid us in verbalizing our position.

Thank you for your consideration. We eagerly await your response.

Sincerely,

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