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To the Advisory Committee:-

In thinking over the action of the Advisory Committee of a previous meeting when we voted to discontinue the various departments, I feel that we made a very serious mistake in dropping the Department of Business Administration. Therefore I wish you would reconsider the continuing of this department in whole or in part.

My reasons for feeling that it should be continued are as follows:-

1. In order to restore confidence.

First, I feel that the confidence of the thinking members of the faculty has been shaken and <sup>they</sup> are not satisfied with the action taken.

Second. To restore confidence in the present student body. Students have been asking logical questions, such as, Why start a department and discontinue it so soon? They feel that things are quite uncertain.

Third To restore confidence in friends of the Institute, who are wondering why so much change, so much seeming floundering about, jumping from one idea to another, - to where? which is a question hard to answer when trying to be loyal to the Institution, with such wonderful possibilities



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1. Fourth to restore confidence in the Public in general who have seen the literature stating the having of a Business Department and have felt it a good thing.
2. I feel that the Department has not had a chance to show its possibilities in such a short time. That it has not failed. That the work is satisfactory since all credits were accepted by the University of Texas in this department and even two more hours credit given by them than was actually given here.
3. That the evidence used in argument against keeping the department, based on the student questionnaire was not sound, because the students were given to understand before that the Business Administration Department would be discontinued, therefore why should they sign up for a department not in existence. Also because they would not be able to decide in so short a time just what department they would want to major or minor in.
4. In putting myself in Mr. Bratcher's place and in view of what has taken place or has not taken place since the dropping of the department. I feel that we have lost sight of some Christian ethics as taught by Christ. I feel that we have not been consistent with <sup>the ideals</sup> ~~the~~ our claim to uphold in this Institution or with the program set before the students before graduation.

Please remember I ask this not because of



Malice but because of my interest in the  
well fare of the Institute of which we are a part  
and of the individuals, Realizing that I  
was on the Committee that recommended dropping  
the department and therefore realizing more  
keenly my responsibility in the matter.

Sincerely,

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