Mr. Penniman.
Provost of U. of Pa.

Dear Sir:

As an owner of property on South St. I would like to protest against the conduct of the U. of P. students, which have been carried to extremes during this present week. I notice that your house is out in Clarendon, safely away from the silly, unmanly, unpatriotic-like demonstrations which are being conducted nightly, mostly from midnight on.

As an onlooker to the raids conducted in the 3800 block on South St. Wed. night, I would like to commend the officers for doing their duty. I think the University authorities should uphold Schofield instead of allowing him to become the target of politics who want to belittle his efforts.

I can't understand why you, who are head of such an institution as the U. of P. haven't given more authority over the students than you appear to have. Temple University, which is almost as large as U. of P.
no one has such degrading demonstrations as we are forced to submit to here in this locality. So the student body can be controlled if sufficient effort is made.

Really such scenes as occurred Wednesday are a disgrace to the U. of Pa. and the police force also. But if they allow the arrest of the only man who tries to control this bunch of hooligans, I guess we can’t expect much sympathy or help. Our only hope are respectable law abiding citizens is to move out into Clivedon while you are, and allow the students complete freedom. They seem to have that now. With our streets so littered with glass that we can’t get to our homes safely for days at a time.

After all, we, who own property here, can’t help but feel that the blame should be put where it belongs. On the authority of the U. of P. We have owned our home and lived in this location eleven years and the only time the students have been controlled during these years was when Smedly Butler was Director of Safety.

If these boys were made to sweep up all the glass off of the streets before...
They could go to bed instead of running back to their fraternity in toga (over the little candle streets paying the toll drivers a few cents for possibly cutting up all four tires) they might realize it was not such a "distinction" to be "slated". They simply walk in the front door of the police station and out the back because some politician wants to get even with the Public Safety Director, who after all is only doing his duty. Some body has to do it and evidently the Community authorities are not interested.

A taxpayer who is sick and tired of riding over glass fired streets.

Respectfully

Mrs. Willie M. Stein.
May 5, 1930.

My dear Mrs. Stein,

In the absence of Vice-Provost McClelland, who is in charge of student welfare, your letter addressed to the Provost has been referred to me for reply. At first, let me tell you that Dr. Penniman does not live in Overbrook, but at 4037 Pine Street, which is just around the corner from where the students live. While I do not condone such affairs as occurred last week, they are a problem at all large institutions, such as Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and other universities. Of course, the College of the City of New York, Temple University, and such institutions that have no resident student body, do not have this problem.

I wish to thank you for your interest in this matter and in writing to the University to express your opinion.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the Provost

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