

These are the letters . . .

About police and classes

TO: Department of Pharmacology
FROM: Dr. E. E. Daniel

January 27, 1969

**RE: INTRUSIONS INTO EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOLOGY**

I have been informed that individuals purporting to be members of the Campus Police have from time to time attempted or succeeded in entering classrooms and laboratories in other departments in the University to interview, question, or identify students taking part in these activities. In some instances when the individual purporting to be a member of the Campus Police was requested to produce identification, he refused to do so.

In the Department of Pharmacology no individual, whether connected with the Campus Police or not, is to be permitted to interview or have any contact with students carrying out activities in our courses. Such individuals, if they attempt to intervene in classroom or laboratory activities, or in any other way, are to be referred to me.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

E. E. Daniel, Ph.D.
Professor and Chairman
Department of Pharmacology

**TO: Dr. E. E. Daniel, Department of
Pharmacology**
**FROM: D. G. Tyndall, Vice-President for
Finance and Administration**

February 3, 1969

Thank you for sending me a copy of your memorandum of January 27, 1969 addressed to the Department of Pharmacology regarding "Intrusions into Educational Activities in the Department of Pharmacology".

I agree with you that as a general rule, the campus police should not intervene in classroom or laboratory activities on campus; however, in the case of serious emergency, the police must have the authority to enter a classroom or laboratory even without the approval of the head of the department, if the head of the department is not available at the time.

I feel that the exception which I have tried to set forth in the preceding paragraph must be recognized since the campus cannot be a haven or refuge for criminals, and because emergencies do arise. (Recently we had a case of a student who is alleged to have inflicted serious bodily harm on two students, and to have threatened further action of the same type). I have sent a copy of your memorandum to the Security Officer and have asked him to ensure that members of the campus patrol are instructed "that except in case of emergency, they are not to intervene in any classroom or laboratory activity without prior approval of the head of the department".

In the future, I would appreciate it if, instead of issuing unilateral orders of the kind contained in your memorandum without prior consultation, you would do me the courtesy of bringing such matters to my attention either directly or through Dean MacKenzie, so that a solution which is acceptable to all concerned could be worked out.

(Signed) D. G. Tyndall

**TO: Dr. D. G. Tyndall, Vice-President for
Finance and Administration**
**FROM: Dr. E. E. Daniel, Chairman,
Department of Pharmacology**

February 10, 1969

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Dear Dr. Tyndall:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 3 in which you outlined your views regarding the intervention of campus police in classroom or laboratory activities on the campus. I am pleased that you feel (and have taken steps to implement) that "except in cases of emergency, they are not to intervene in the classroom or laboratory activities without prior approval of the head of the department". I am however, unable after considerable thought to understand the necessity for an exception to this rule.

You give as the reasons for the necessity of exceptions that the campus cannot be a haven or refuge for criminals and that emergencies do arise. With regard first to the emergencies, I should think that the only likelihood of an emergency of the type you describe, or indeed any other emergency would be an event which occurred within the classroom during classroom activity and in connection with which the department head or the faculty member in charge of the class, acting on the authority of the department head, would have summoned the campus police. Therefore the question to which I address my memorandum, the unrequested intervention of the campus police, could not arise. You may be assured of course that in the event we are unable to deal with any emergency that might arise in the classroom we would request the necessary help.

With regard to the other reason for the exception, namely that the campus cannot be a haven of refuge for criminals, I am unable to follow your reasoning. If you are referring to convicted or escaped criminals, I would assume that such individuals would be most unlikely to be in classes in the University of Alberta. If you are re-

ferring to alleged criminals, then I think it is entirely improper for them to be identified, interrogated or apprehended from a classroom. Since students spend only a minority of their 24 hours per day in the classroom, there are many other opportunities for such police activities. I am sure you will agree that the effect on the classroom and on the relationship between teacher and student does not permit interevention of the type I had in mind. There are indeed many other more appropriate ways of handling any problem that is likely to arise in respect to an alleged offence by a student. Since there are questions of academic freedom associated with this matter, it might be desirable to seek further clarification of what seems to be our difference in viewpoint by referral of the matter to General Faculty Council.

I am indeed sorry if my memorandum seemed to you to be discourteous and to have the aspect of a unilateral order. Let me make clear that I have only the greatest admiration for you and your willingness to undertake a difficult and often thankless task with great patience. My intention in sending the memorandum was in fact to do you the courtesy of informing you of what I thought was obviously an action required by me within my duties as Chairman of the department. As you are no doubt aware, there is some lack of clarity in areas in which academic and administration affairs overlap. I did discuss the matter very briefly over the telephone with Vice-President Wyman who suggested that I should outline a particular case to get a ruling. In the interim I thought it best to leave my staff with a clear position as to what action they should take in the event of an intervention of the sort which I had in mind. This position of course left me with a responsibility of making the decision, a responsibility I am glad to undertake.

Finally, I would be most grateful if in the future that correspondence dealing with academic affairs should not include copies to Mr. C. A. Breakey. I do not regard that individual as having any competence in academic matters and as having an attitude of mind consistent with academic life generally.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. E. E. Daniel, Ph.D.
Professor and Chairman

**TO: Dr. E. E. Daniel, Department of
Pharmacology**
**FROM: D. G. Tyndall, Vice-President for
Finance and Administration**

February 20, 1969

Thank you for your memorandum of February 10th regarding the Campus Police. I was pleased that in your handwritten note you agreed that an emergency could arise which would necessitate police intervention in the classroom without prior agreement of the department chairman.

I cannot accept the suggestion made in your final paragraph regarding Mr. Breakey, since there may well be areas where there is a significant overlap between purely "academic affairs" and affairs which are properly the concern of the Security Officer. When such problems arise, it is essential that Mr. Breakey be advised. I realize that Mr. Breakey's past experience was in situations different from those with which he now must deal. He has much to learn about academic life and the academic community, and he is aware of this. Mr. Phillips and I believe that Mr. Breakey can make a useful contribution to the University. I hope that any past unpleasantness can be quickly forgotten.

D. G. Tyndall

**TO: Dr. D. G. Tyndall, Vice-President for
Finance and Administration**
**FROM: Dr. E. E. Daniel, Chairman,
Department of Pharmacology**

February 26, 1969

Thank you for your note of February 20th. You have ignored by suggestion that there are unresolved issues in this matter which might properly be taken to the General Faculty Council. Apparently you do not agree. However, I think that the matter is of sufficient seriousness and importance not to be left unsettled. Let me point out one example of an area in which clarity is lacking, and there are many.

In the event that a University security officer requests permission to enter a classroom or a laboratory and in the view of a responsible person this is unwarranted and permission is denied, can the security officer on his own, decide whether an emergency exists and enter the classroom anyway? Who defines what an emergency is? I myself am unprepared to leave this to the discretion of the Chief Security Officer, or anyone else for that matter. With regard to the Chief Security Officer, I am completely lacking in confidence in his ability to handle any situations which might arise in the future such as have arisen on other campuses. I, in fact, am confident that any actions he might take would make matters worse instead of better.

I sincerely hope that we will never have any of the confrontations that have existed on other campuses, but on the other hand I think it would be irresponsible to assume that they might not occur here. In view of all the unresolved issues which I see in this matter and in view of your lack of interest in bringing it before the General

Faculty Council, I intend instead to bring it to the attention of the executive of the Staff Association. Before doing so, however, I wanted to inform you.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Yours Sincerely,
E. E. Daniel, Ph.D.
Professor and Chairman

**TO: Dr. E. E. Daniel, Chairman,
Department of Pharmacology**
**FROM: D. G. Tyndall, Vice-President for
Finance and Administration**

March 4, 1969

Thank you for your courtesy in advising me of your intention of bringing the question of the authority of the Security Officer to enter classrooms before the Staff Association.

With respect to the specific question raised in the second paragraph of your letter, the answer must be: "The Security Officer". If the Security Officer were to abuse his authority, he would of course be disciplined. I regret that you have such a low opinion of the Security Officer. I have been favorably impressed by his performance in connection with recent troubles with the S.D.U. group.

I will of course be glad to discuss the issues with you personally, with the Staff Association, or at G.F.C., but since I personally see no unresolved problems, I do not propose to initiate such discussions.

D. G. Tyndall

**TO: Dr. D. G. Fisher, President,
Staff Association**
**FROM: Dr. E. E. Daniel, Professor and
Chairman, Department of
Pharmacology**

March 4, 1969

Dear Dr. Fisher:

I am enclosing correspondence between Dr. Tyndall and me in connection with the past, present and future activities of Campus Police and their authority to enter classrooms and laboratories on the university campus. I think it will be obvious that a number of important issues related to academic freedom exist and remain unresolved in respect to this matter. In particular I am concerned about what might happen in the event of some sort of confrontation between students and faculty. I am definitely not in favor of allowing these to be handled at the discretion of the Chief Security Officer and I think that policies in respect to these should be worked out insofar as possible in advance.

I would be happy to come and discuss this matter with the Executive if that seems desirable.

Yours Sincerely,
E. E. Daniel, Ph.D.,
Professor and Chairman

March 14, 1969

**TO: All Teaching Personnel—
Department of Political Science**
FROM: G. R. Davy—Acting Chairman

RE: UNAUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS IN CLASSROOM

It has been reported to me that an individual purporting to be a member of the University security police appeared on Monday and Wednesday at the door of a classroom in which a section of Political Science 200 was being conducted. On Wednesday, he interrogated a student about the instructors and the course.

Until further notice, please follow these procedures:

- Do not permit any person to attend your lectures or seminars unless he or she is registered in the course or is known to you personally. If an individual not meeting these two requirements insists on staying, ask for identification, cancel the class, ask the individual to see Dr. Bay or myself.

(University regulation regarding "auditors" are set out in the 1968-69 Calendar, Item 12.3(5).)

- If any individual, whether he identifies himself as a member of the security police or not, stations himself at the door of your classroom to observe or question students or yourself, ask him to see Dr. Bay or myself. If the individual refuses to leave, cancel your class and inform Dr. Bay or myself of the details.

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