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Dear Mr. Bassett,

You have been kind enough to allow me to come to you when any differences of opinion arise between the Gazette and the University.

It has always seemed to me that the interests of the University and the main interests of the GAZETTE are identical; we both strive to be educational agencies. The University should be able at all times to support the GAZETTE and the GAZETTE, I think, should support the University. In this morning's issue there are two references which I cannot regard as fair.

In the first place, in your article on "350 students create havoc at Walkathon", you link McGill in two places with the occurrence. Personally, I do not believe a McGill student was present.\* There are only three Departments of the University at present in session, Medicine, Law and Physical Education. In the latter Department the students are practically all women, and I do not think any of them would be present. The students in Medicine and Law are for the most part men and women who are older graduates, that is, nearly all of them hold a Bachelor's degree. They are older and in every way a more serious lot; and I do not believe any of them thus early in the session would join in any demonstration like the one you report. The students in Arts and Science, where the majority enrol, in Commerce and in Engineering, have not yet assembled. I maintain that the reporter had no right to link McGill in this demonstration, unless he was sure of his ground. He would probably have as much reason to link up the employees of the CPR, and that, of course, he would not do.

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\*Later: I am informed on reliable authority that there were no McGill Students present.