

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.

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To the Members of the Faculty:

Please regard this as a personal note notwithstanding the fact that it is mimeographed and is being sent to all members of the teaching staff.

Yesterday I had a conference with the members of Student Council. We discussed the reaction of the student body to the Japanese attack on America. The members of the Council stated that many students are unduly excited on the one hand or unduly depressed on the other and expressed the belief that the members of the faculty can help them view the situation calmly and aid them in avoiding hysteria and discouragement. It is their belief (the Student Council) that a bit of wise counsel and friendly guidance will go a long way to help the students through their present bewilderment.

They said, too, that many students have been glued to their radios since Sunday noon and that their classwork preparation has suffered. The Council hopes that under the circumstances the members of the faculty will not hold the students too strictly to account.

I agree with the members of the Student Council that we should do what we can, each in his own way, to help the students through this difficult period and adjust themselves to the new state of affairs with which they find themselves confronted.

The President of the United States has urged all college men to continue their college work until called for other duty, as the need of the future will be for trained men and our resources of trained men may be inadequate. I think we can endorse the President's plea in our conversations with the students and in our talks with them as groups. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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