



DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
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Dear Colleagues:

Today Bill Sutherland arranged a meeting between Bob Wren and myself for the purpose of resolving our differences regarding the incident that occurred on September 26th in the Student Union Patio area. Joe Kruppa joined us to arbitrate the proceedings and make suggestions. Mr. Wren apologized for speaking to me after the assault, and explained the intended motives of his remarks to my satisfaction. I now believe that he never meant to appear hostile or threatening in manner. I withdrew my request for his disciplinary suspension (which was never acted on by the Executive Committee or the Dean of Students office), and expressed my regret that my account of the incident was widely distributed by other members of the English Department. Bob Wren convinced me that James Sledd did not know I was being invited to his table, and in any event, I have since learned that Professor Sledd has already been awarded Professor Emeritus status in our department. Tom Halliburton has written me a letter of apology for his speech and actions.

I consider the matter closed and urge the Department not to allow it to mar our sense of unity and mission that seems to be emerging this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan Gribben".

Alan Gribben
Associate Professor