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TO: Lee Stauffer

FROM: Henry Blackburn *B*

RE: Public Health Administration conflict with
Epidemiology/Biometry

I have thought for some time that I had sent you a note of thanks for resolving the current problem of course conflict. I can't find any record that I've done so. At any rate, I hope you can continue to work with Mike Sprafka and Tom Louis so that the problem doesn't become chronic. We are grateful for your response. We have a particular problem in our current focus on postdoctoral MPHs attempting to get their degrees in one year. A complex issue.

Another matter I'm hoping you'll be involved in is the search for a new Vice President of Health Sciences!

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Dr. Lee Stauffer
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Dear Lee:

I am impressed with the program for the Summer Institute for Public Health Practice. I hope there might be some elements for next year's program that would include our collaborative efforts with the State Health Department in School-based intervention models. In our community organization models may be we will get some ideas from the June conference.

Congratulations for getting this underway. I see that Ellen Fifer is working with you on it. How exciting. I didn't know she was around.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Henry Blackburn'.

Henry Blackburn, MD
Professor and Director

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Dear Henry -

Congratulations! That was a wonderful and richly deserved tribute to you and your work in the last Minnesota magazine. The summary was very apt, and it was very apparent you were way out in front in terms of the programs you have created. Very nice recognition!

The only thing nice was the handsome photo portrait they had done of you. Also very nice! Again, congratulations! Bee & Stu

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Date _____
To Lee Stauffer
From Jimmy B
Subject Thanks.

Stan Lee: Your seminal role in all the
"progress" of his Division has never
been brought out. In the clear
light of history, it will shine through!
You may see that it needs
a bit differently to be "tribute."
They will publish my letter.
Thanks for all -
Jimmy

Dear Editor:

The total amount of funding for research at the University is an important figure for the community to know. This funding not only represents the national leadership of the University in scientific research, but is directly tied to other government funding such as Indirect Cost Recovery funds which allow new developments across the campus to stimulate research, and BRSB grant awards to beginning researchers.

I would like to express my concern in this note; in fact, my embarrassment, that you have included me in your list of awardees based on the simple criterion of number of dollars awarded! That, in my view, is not a wholly appropriate criterion for reporting research by a thoughtful publication of the University. It is an embarrassment to the research leaders of our fine institution. Would not an orientation of your reportage toward the nature of the research, its basic or clinical contributions, or its outreach and significance to the broader community, be a much more useful and appropriate representation to University research activities?

If you insist on your First Amendment rights to report this public information, of the actual number of National Institutes of Health dollars that I have personally played a direct role in bringing to research activities at the University of Minnesota, there is obviously nothing I can do. I can here indicate my strong feeling about the "unhappy" orientation of your report. It "just ain't fittin'!" Why not talk about what University people really do for people rather than simply about the money they bring into the community?

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, MD
Mayo Professor of Public Health

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