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NEW EUROPEAN PLAN

May 30th 1969.

Hon. Douglas Keen,

Scottsville, Ky.

Dear Doug:

The announcement of Kelly's resignation was a bombshell on the campus; first heard of it at the cafeteria where I usually have lunch, and was informed the campus was "on the verge of tears".

The big meeting Friday forenoon following was set up practically overnight was in the Diddle Arena and in charge of students. With the Band and some four or five thousand students present it was an occasion long to be remembered. Was there and saw and heard it all.

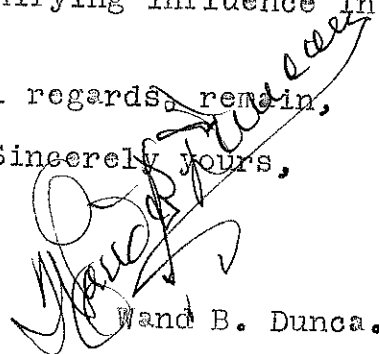
With the deplorable conditions now in so many of the higher institutions of learning, with riots and the occasional destruction of valuable property, to say that Kelly Thompson's standing and influence with the student body is unique would be the understatement of the year.

The writer wishes to place the name of Kelly Thompson in nomination for President Emeritus of Western State University; that he be furnished an office and Secretary so that his unbelievable influence with the student body and the thousands of alumni; that his and that his many warm personal contacts with so many influential people not be permitted to wither on the vine. Regardless of the qualifications of his successor, filling Kelly Thompson's shoes overnight is too much to expect of any man; the writer considers the Regents under the obligation of making the change gradual, which would be the case with Kelly as President Emeritus.

The writer humbly requests this letter be given the attention it deserves; to do otherwise would be a distinct disservice to Western and the State. As a unifying influence in a disturbed time his services are invaluable.

With best personal regards, remain,

Sincerely yours,



Wand B. Dunca.