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# Criticisms of President Joel Smith's statements

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\* Let your conscience guide your actions in defense of human beings.

\* Black students are still, after repeated efforts, denied the right to a meaningful life at Denison as an institution of higher learning.

It seems apparent following the Tuesday afternoon mass meeting at which Joel Smith spoke "to" and "around" but not "with" the participants in the strike that a certain segment of the striking body has been convinced of the fact that Joel Smith is working towards the solution of the black problem, specifically in regards to the black demands, and that the Alternate College now is, supposedly, meaningless in terms of helping to implement the black demands. A different segment of the striking population of the university were not so pleased with the results of the meeting. They saw President Smith "specify" one of his vague statements with other equally vague statements: "I disagree with 'some parts' of the demands..." was the standard form for the statements he made in reply to a plea for concrete expression. He remarked that the Alternate College community could not be a more humane community if it was based on "easy commitments," which implies not only a lack of knowledge of the present situation, but also a cruel disrespect for those faculty members who have signed a petition which lays their jobs on the line, those students who are consciously jeopardizing their academic standing by refusing to attend classes, and those students who have taken part in or are still taking part in the gruelling hunger strike.

\* We call upon everyone to continue to support the Black Demands and the humanization of the university.

\* This is a reminder that many are supporting this cause by continuing the boycott.  
THE STRIKE GOES ON !!!