

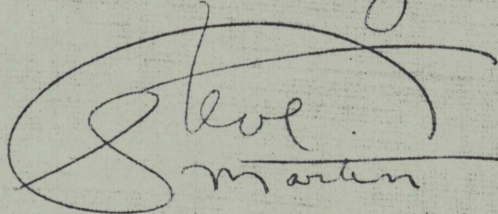
Dear Ms. Wohlgemuth,

APR 18th
1973

I am writing to tell you how concerned I am about the situation that you found on your recent visit to Polk State School and Hospital. It is heartening to know that you took immediate action. How did a man like Dr. McClelland get away with methods such as these? Did he have no one to answer to..no board of review..no periodic inspections by teams of the qualified? Imagine how long this has been going on AND how long it would have continued had you not made your surprise visit.

I am 24. A college student, and weekend radio announcer. And I've got this nagging feeling that these kinds of conditions exist elsewhere in our state, and in other parts of the country. And it's not just the physical conditions that are often deplorable. But how often do patients get therapy and guidance? And are mental hospitals run in a similar way? Let's have more of these surprise visits..to other institutions. We all have some idea of what our jails are like..and what they need. But cages and the like in a "hospital" for the retarded? I'm with you 100% on your firing of the 'Dr.' Please continue your interest in these areas. We must do something for these poor people. Can I do anything? If so, please write-

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Sincerely,

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