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Letters Extra: Proud of protesters

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William G. Bowen, a former Princeton president, called the Haverford protest of former Berkeley chancellor Robert J. Birgeneau as speaker "immature" and "arrogant." CLEM MURRAY / Staff Photographer

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As members of the Haverford College faculty, we were disappointed by [William G. Bowen's remarks](#) at Sunday's commencement.

Dr. Bowen's condescending speech marred an otherwise celebratory occasion. In our view, in raising questions about the conferral of an honorary degree on ex-UC Berkeley Chancellor Birgeneau, the students whom Dr. Bowen sought to shame at Commencement took a principled stand on police brutality and the

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defunding of public education.

Unlike finger-wagging from a lectern bearing an institutional seal, engaging in activism is a messy and challenging business. It has no built-in resources, and it has to discover its methods as it goes along. As the debate about Birgeneau proceeded over the past few weeks, the students did a marvelous job of refining their articulation of their views while maintaining the passion of their commitment. We were inspired by their work, and in many cases, by their eloquence.

To those in the Class of 2014, we say, we are proud to call you graduates of Haverford College.

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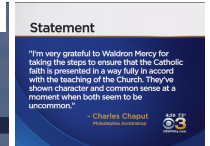
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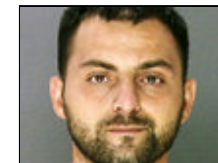
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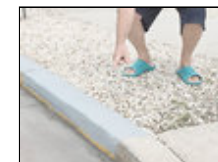
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