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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
HUMANITIES DIVISION

Selection Committee
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Dear Sirs,

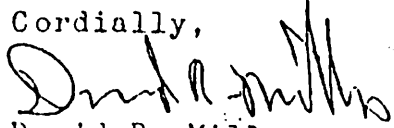
I am pleased to write in favor of Rev. William Austin for the position of UHH Chaplain. I have known Bill Austin for a number of years and am very pleased at the prospect of his continuing his most valuable ministry to the people of UHH, if only on a part-time basis.

Bill Austin is the most effective College Chaplain I have known. Unlike some in my experience whose ministry was conducted in a tentative manner primarily from off-campus, Bill involved himself in the life and activity of the school from his first days here. He attended classes, was constantly available in the cafeteria and elsewhere on campus and, in general, rapidly became well known to faculty and students alike. I have heard from numerous students of the kind and thoughtful listening and counselling he has provided them when they were in need. In class and out of class, I have found Bill Austin to be a quietly persuasive advocate of Christian ethics and Christian faith.

Bill Austin is unique in my experience of College Chaplains in his broad and thorough knowledge of Religion. He has never hesitated to share this knowledge with faculty and students alike, thus promoting an interest in and respect for Religion in general as well as Christianity in particular. In the past year, he demonstrated this interest and ability most dramatically in his participation in the "Everyman in the 80's" project. In addition, he generously donated his time and expertise in filling in on an emergency basis to teach two courses in Religious Studies (SP '85) for several weeks as the result of a family crisis suffered by our visiting professor.

In word and in deed, Bill Austin has amply demonstrated his great value to our students. I urge you to appoint him to this position, not primarily, for his own sake, but for ours.

Cordially,


David R. Miller, Chairman
Humanities Division

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