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APOLOGY ON SNOW STORM

I should like to extend my apologies to the students and faculty members who struggled through the snow to attend classes on Monday morning March 3rd. Classes were not cancelled on Monday morning because reports from the Weather Bureau, the MBTA, the DPW and the railroads were optimistic until 8 in the morning. The University had missed so many Monday classes that we thought it worth trying to keep the school open. It turns out that we, together with the Weather Bureau, were wrong. I am sorry for the inconveniences caused. We shall try to do better guessing.

Meanwhile, school cancellations for the University are announced on the following radio stations:

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| WEZE | WBZ |
| WHDH | WCOP |
| WRKO | WEEI |

Announcements for every day of cancellation last week were made every morning by six o'clock and repeated at least every hour. Two of the three days, the cancellation was announced also on the prior evening.

Finally, some have asked why classes were cancelled on Thursday, February 27th in relatively good weather. The decision grew out of pessimistic reports from the MBTA, particularly about bus service affecting many communities with heavy concentrations of University students. In fact, transportation of all kinds was in very poor condition and nearly all Boston area colleges also closed.

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(A number of students and faculty were misinformed by a security guard answering the University number.)

All students, faculty and staff members are urged to rely on radio announcements on the morning in question.

Paul Gagnon
Acting Dean

MARCH 14

Meeting of Board of Trustees, in Boston

MARCH 17

Holiday (Evacuation Day) may not be observed; watch for announcement on calendar revision to make up one or more Monday classes.

MARCH 18

Last day for students to drop courses without penalty for second semester (courses dropped between 2/21 and 3/18 recorded as "W").

MARCH 20

Faculty Senate meeting

MARCH 28

Mid-term grades close