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Prof. Publishes Statement

The following is a statement issued by Hood Professor Thomas Rose in response to controversy raised by the possibility of his appointment being terminated:

I have received no written statement about nonrenewal of appointment, and I can not speculate on the basis of oral comment. I will not react to oral comment, but only to direct official written reasons about re-appointment. What is said to the press should also be put in writing. I don't want to discuss unimportant and inconsequential problems because it makes them into issues of consequence which they are not.

It is apparent that some people seem unable to tolerate dissent, criticism, responsible change, and productive classrooms. Since I believe that there have been infractions of my academic freedom, I have asked the AAUP to investigate. (Until I make written statements I will not discuss details with the press).

I have a great deal of hope for Hood students. I understand many of their frustrations. I stand behind those students who strive and search for a unity of

heart and mind. I am deeply impressed with those students who are aware that passive conformity destroys freedom. I came to Hood to work with students in developing greater humanistic reason and understanding, and I will continue to do just that.