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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter because I do not think that Dr. Uttl should be fired for the reasons that were listed in the Barometer, although I am sure there are others. I am writing this letter because I did not realize the potential impact of a signed letter turned into the dean. I have always just filled out the evaluation form and thought, "great, now they know how I feel." So, in what might be the final hour of Dr. Uttl's career here at Oregon State University, I ask that you allow me to introduce my signed letter.

I'm an average student, although college has been quite easy for me. I find that with a little study and a lot of play, I can slide through the system with the hopes of owning that piece of paper that will be mine this June. Psychology has always interested me, but the distractions of college allowed me to lose focus on my studies. It was the rare and exceptional professors like Dr. Uttl that really made me think and care again.

In class, Dr. Uttl always seemed to know everyone's name, and I was always glad to come to class (even at eight in the morning for Research Methods!). He was friendly and outgoing and always generated enthusiasm about the material, when, let's face it, who wants to learn about the p-value? He knew how to put jokes into the lectures, and I never found myself drifting off to unconsciousness when he was speaking.

As far as a helpful person, Dr. Uttl was always there for me, even when I had no classes with him. I came to him with questions about statistics when I was struggling in St. 352, and he was ready and willing to help. Dr. Uttl always offered comments about classes and registration with a smile. He helped me with questions I had about Dr. Reed's Language Acquisition class when she was busy with other things (which is not

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too often, she is super helpful too!) He seemed to know everything about psychology, and I could tell that he loved to teach.

If there were any man in the psychology department at Oregon State University that I thought would be here when I sent my future kids to school, it would be Dr. Uttl. I feel privileged to have learned from him, and feel saddened that no one else at this school will get too. He is truly a great professor, and I thank him for all the help and guidance he has given me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey D. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

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