

Atwood Asks Trustees For Black Scholarships

The following is the text of a letter sent to the University faculty and Student Government Association by President Atwood concerning funds for black scholarships:

In recent months, many of us have been concerned about the continuation of the Rockefeller scholarships for disadvantaged students. This memorandum reports on current administrative planning in this regard. At its meeting on November 11, the College Faculty endorsed a resolution stating that "priorities in the allocation of available resources should be reviewed and top priority given to funds for additional scholarships which will as a minimum continue the program made possible by the Rockefeller Foundation grant." Simultaneously, students have been reporting widespread interest in their own plans to raise new monies for such a program.

The faculty of the College is to be commended, for its expression of commitment. Students, too, must be commended for their enthusiasm and willingness to expend time and energy in pursuit of monies for the scholarship program.

In view of this commitment by both faculty and students, I will recommend to the Trustees when they act on the 1970-71 budget in January that we continue to award scholarships in the same way and at least at the same level as under the Rockefeller grant. I shall further recommend to the Trustees that we try first to marshall all available resources of new money, either from outside the University or raised specifically for this purpose by students and others. If additional funds beyond these are necessary, they are to be allocated as a top priority form any incremental budgetary income available next year.