

November 10, 1969

Dear President Atwood:

It has been brought to our attention that you might like to have further indication of the opinion of the respective student bodys from each of the schools concerning the question of black admissions. I would refer you to the statement from the Executive Council of the Student Nurses' Organization issued last spring following the University Convocation. Copies of this statement were sent to you and other persons in the University. The statement reads as follows:

The Executive Council of the Student Nurses' Organization of the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing of Emory University endorses the joint statement by President Atwood and Student Government Association President Charles Haynes concerning racism at Emory and supports the proposals presented by the Black Student Alliance at the University Convocation on May 28th. We recommend that the Administration and Faculty of the School of Nursing join in taking active steps in support of these proposals. We as students of nursing, in recognition of the integrity of all individuals regardless of race or creed, urge that all of us in the Emory community re-examine our own contributions to the continued existence of racism.

At the beginning of this academic year this statement and

appropriate explanations were given to each class in the baccalaureate nursing program. In addition to this statement, the Executive Council also presented the following statement, which reads as follows:

We, as the Executive Council of the Student Nurses' Organization, support and encourage the S.G.A. Education Program on Racism and encourage the student body and the faculty to actively participate in the seminars. We further recommend financial contribution from the School of Nursing for this relevant program.

Both of these statements were approved by majority votes of the three classes in the baccalaureate program.

We feel that an integral part of the commitment [[commitment]] made by this University [[University]] last spring centers around the admission of more black students into all of the schools of the University. In the weeks and months to come we hope that we will be able to see real efforts being made at all levels of the University to answer this commitment [[commitment]]. We feel that in this way Emory can provide leadership, not only among other institutions of higher learning, but also in our society as well. As students in a health care profession, we believe that an institution such as Emory University cannot limit itself to serving a particular segment of society, but must serve all of society and must help to provide realistic answers to society's problems. It seems to us that a renewal [[renewal]] of the commitment we made last spring is of absolute necessity if we are to continue as an institution of higher learning and equally important, sensitive to the needs of society.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Dean Fort
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