

26 Crawford Street
Roxbury, Mass.
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Dear President Fels:

As a recent recipient of the College Bulletin - 1964-1965, moments of nostalgia engulfed me - memories of the past came rushing back: the Commons - Bingham Living Room, the library - all were component parts of my development. All contributed to my being and gave me the strength necessary to exist in our present day society; strength to work as a field representative in the deep South the Summer of '63, strength to view my people - to view the South and to view America - white America as it exists today, outside of Bennington's sheltered, Ivy-colored campus nestling deep within the folds of Vermont hills.

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I was appalled at the lack of
Negroid representation in your
bulletin; appalled because as a
Negro I had believed in Bennington,
allowing it to fulfill many of my
dreams - those dreams that one, as
a Negro in America, holds deep within.
As an institution, sensitive to people
and to their needs, aware - aware
of our society - I strongly urge you
to live up to your ideals and to
recruit at all expense - Negro students.
As we too have a part - a very
major part to play in this society;
and then to portray us in your
literature, for we have contributed
to your campus and to your ideals
as an institution of higher learning.

Sincerely yours,
Judith Coleman Rollins

(Class of 1962)