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Copy of letter sent to Trustees

We are passing on to you this Community Letter delivered to each member of the student body, faculty, and administration. The week of events that the letter describes will be a new, and we feel, a healthy experience for the College Community. The theme of black consciousness and racism indicates a collective affirmation within the black student community itself, and a desire to enlarge the College's limited insight into the black perspective.

Each academic division in the College is giving money to a fund which will be used to pay for speakers and performers. The fund is not large, and we are working within obvious limitations, but we plan to maintain and increase this fund during the year in order to sponsor other individual events. For example, we hope to bring two nationally known black artists here in December. They have agreed--we must raise the money.

We hope that you might find a way to contribute in some fashion towards our effort to communicate ideas that are not familiar here, and, indirectly, to expand the much referred to "Bennington Experience". If you wish to respond to this letter, you may write to:

Bennington Black Students
c/o The President
Bennington College
Bennington, Vermont 05201

Sincerely yours,

Black Students of Bennington