

SCRIPPS COLLEGE
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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To: Parents, Alumnae, and friends of Scripps College

In the light of recent news reports emanating from The Claremont Colleges, I thought you would be interested in knowing the status of the Scripps College campus after the rather unsettling events of the past few months.

I am pleased to report that the atmosphere at the college is normal, with students attending classes and participating in extracurricular activities. The Concert Choir of Claremont Men's College, Harvey Mudd College, Pitzer College, and Scripps College is preparing for a second Spring Tour from April 7th to 12th; The Four College Players are rehearsing for a musical production, "Naughty-Naught", scheduled for presentation after the Spring Recess; an art exhibit, "Senior Students' Choice of Six Sculptors", is presently being shown in the Lang Art Galleries; and each week speakers and films are being presented in afternoon and evening meetings.

As a result of the January proposal from the Black Students Union for an autonomous Black Studies Center, there was formed on March 9th an intercollegiate committee composed of trustees, faculty, eight black students, President George C.S. Benson of Claremont Men's College as Provost-Designate, and myself as Provost, to give consideration to the establishment of a Center for Black Studies in The Claremont Colleges by the fall of 1969. The committee is to report to the Intercollegiate Council, the faculties, and the Boards of Trustees of the six colleges, who must obviously have the final voice in determining matters of this kind. Representing Scripps on the committee are Miss Lou Holloway, Assistant Professor of History, and Mr. A. Stevens Halsted, Jr., attorney and Scripps trustee. As Provost, I am chairman of the committee.

In regard to the tragic bombings which occurred at Pomona and Scripps, I want to report that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office and the Claremont Police Department are continuing an intensive investigation, and that The Claremont Colleges have posted a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension of the person or persons responsible for the acts. Mrs. Mary Ann Keatley, the young secretary who was seriously injured in the Pomona bombing, has been released from the hospital, but will continue to have therapy for some time.

As you probably read in the newspapers, the BSU called several rallies during the week of March 3rd on the campuses in Claremont in order to win support for their particular proposal for a Center of Black Studies, and asked students and faculty to boycott classes. This "strike", however, was unsuccessful, with the vast majority of students and faculty attending classes as usual.