

DRAFT RESOLUTION

We the students and faculty of Barnard College deplore the events which have occurred on this university campus during the past week. We feel, however, that from these sad events there has emerged a victory for conscience and for the need for change in our university. We feel that the university and college administrations are now responsive to this need for change. At the university level, the Faculty Committee is now operating effectively. Similar opportunities are available to us here at Barnard. We feel that there is plenty of room even in the present university and college structure for making necessary changes in all sections of that structure. Moreover, peaceable demonstrations can still be made by those who wish to make them.

A general strike or closing of the college would make it impossible to use our present structure and opportunities to propose and discuss the reforms which are necessary. A general strike or closing of the college would cause further polarization and intransigence. We feel that class meetings should be held at regular times and places and should be used, on the joint decision of students and teachers, to discuss present problems and proposed reforms, or other matters.

We recognize the obligation to be educated. And we feel that our obligation can be filled at the same time we carry on other important activities, such as peaceful demonstrations. In addition to classes, other meetings can be held as necessary and for the same purposes, in college meeting rooms, in faculty offices, in dormitories, and wherever.

We must get on with the job of reform in this university. We feel that Barnard may have a special opportunity. We feel that there is more trust, more consensus here, and therefore more possibility for reasoned discussion and reform. We feel that we may be able to create a working model for other university units. WE HOPE TO DEMONSTRATE BY OUR ACTIONS THAT THIS IS A UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DEDICATED TO RATIONAL DISCUSSION AND EDUCATION.

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