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Dear Faculty Member:

The purpose of this letter is to acquaint you with the activities of the Students for a Restructured University. The SRU grew out of the crisis at Columbia. I originally consisted of members of the Strike Coordinating Committee, who left that body in order to address themselves to the task of drawing up proposals for restructuring the university. It is our feeling that students must involve themselves in this endeavor, since the outcome will directly affect them.

The central task of SRU will be to prepare responsible statements of student concerns and make proposals for the reorganization of the university. This will be based on the results of a summer of serious, disciplined research, as well as on suggestions submitted by the student body, and through questionnaires.

One of the problems to be studied is the relation of Barnard College to the university. Recently serious questions have been raised as to the desirability of the present system, under which Barnard is an affiliate of the university. We hope through study to propose a clarification and amelioration of the present relationship with Columbia.

Besides planning the summer research program, SRU is engaged in organizing a commencement for students, faculty, and parents, to be held on Low Plaza, June 4th, 1968, at 3:30 p.m. This commencement will affirm the role of students and faculty in a university. In order for the commencement to be a success, we need both financial and physical aid, as well as your presence on June 4th. Will you help?

Cordially,

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