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My brothers and sisters,

Editorial comment

A few years ago an article in the New York Times named Suffolk Univ. as one of the two most apathetic universities in the United States. It was a tossup between us and another obscure university in South Dakota. Well interesting enough, in these changing times, a group of "concerned" of law students of our slumbering University have noticed the lack of Black law students and wish to take action to rectify this problem as they see it. They have written an article to be published in the forthcoming issue of their newsletter "Suffolkate" questioning the admission practices of the Law School. These concerned students have also voiced their willingness to work along with the Afro Club on any plans it has to deal with the same type of problem in the undergraduate schools.

I am pleased that not all the white students in Suffolk are ducking their moral responsibilities and hope that these concerned students press on in what will be an uphill fight. I also hope that this is not one of the fads that white students are known to freak out on for a while and forget, like they have done on civil rights, peace and ecology.

Even though I don't feel that it is necessary to work along with these students but feel that their goals can best be realized if they work with other white students to meet this white problem. With the white students working on one front and Blacks working on another, a solid two pronged attack is presented as opposed to the traditional, weak, integrated one.
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Still, I must praise the young white people who recognize their moral obligations and are ready to act on them. And in conclusion I say that by working separately we are in fact working together and with force that will be difficult to repel.

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BLACK WARRIORS SPEAK:

Submitted by Earl D. Carrick

"If we are ever elevated, our elevation will have been accomplished through our own instrumentality. The history of other oppressed nations will confirm us in this assertion. No People that has solely depended upon foreign aid, or rather, upon the efforts of those in any way identified with the oppressor, to undo the heavy burdens, ever stood forth in the attitude of Freedom. Some one, imbued with the spirit of human freedom, from among themselves, has arisen to lead them on to victory. They have dashed their fetters to the ground."

A statement that anticipated the Black Power Movement, was given by Frederick Douglass (1851).

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