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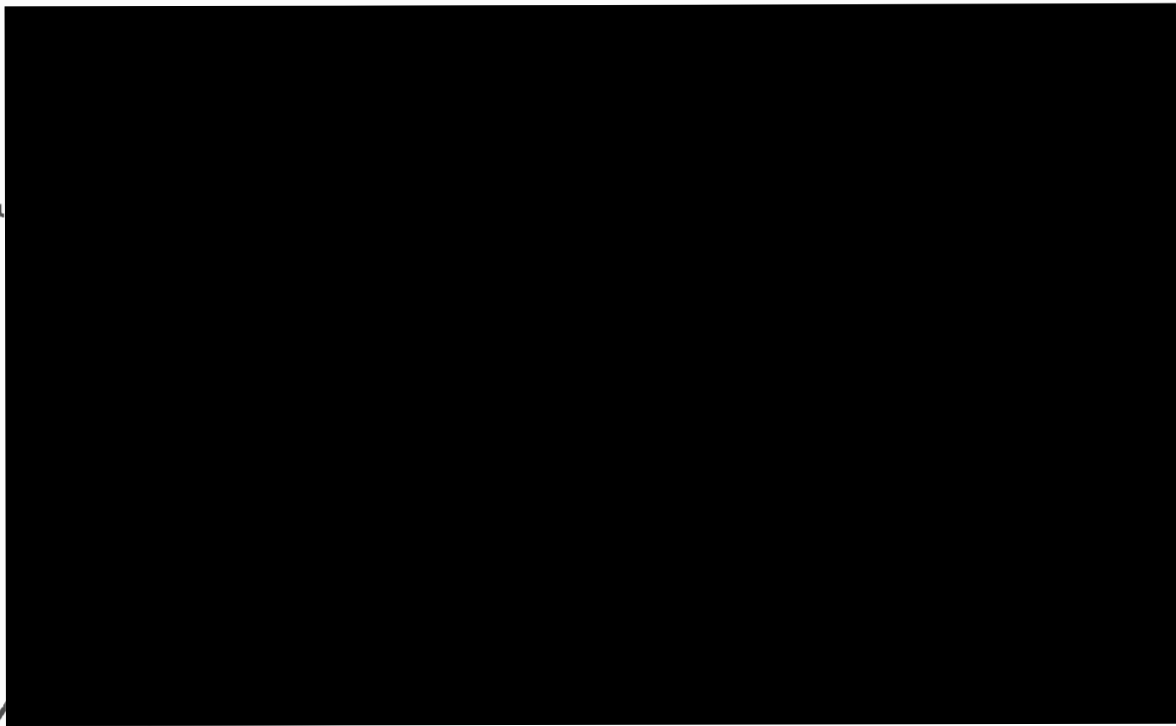
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To the Sarah Lawrence Community:

Last night in an informal gathering we the undersigned agreed on several issues:

We support and admire the students who have highlighted racial problems within the Sarah Lawrence College community. Without such action this gathering would never have taken place. However, we disagree with some of the methods used to bring about change. We recognize that individual student organizations have the right to introduce proposals but any proposal which affects the entire community must eventually be addressed by the entire community. We feel that if the "agenda" had been presented to the entire student body in the form of an informational meeting, with open discussion rather than an ultimatum given to the administration, it would have prevented the estrangement of those who feel themselves allies to the promotion of cultural plurality; moreover it would have set a pace for negotiations that would lend themselves to judicious decisions. Ultimately, regardless of the decisions that are reached, we feel that open and generally representative discussion must begin.



14 March, 1984