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Subject: ^{Isaac 8} Concerns of Black students in attendance at The School of Public Health

1. We would like to meet with you to discuss items listed on the attached statement of concern at a mutually convenient time during the third week of June. After 5:00 on week days or anytime on weekends would be convenient for us.
2. John Hatch has agreed to work out a suitable time with you and will inform the group as to location and time.

A Statement of Concerns Regarding the Relevance & Responsiveness
of the School of Public Health to the Needs of Black Americans

The Black American students in the School of Public Health have become increasingly concerned about the situation in this school as related to Black Americans. We feel an obligation to express these concerns to the administration.

The situation of Blacks in the South is not unlike that of residents of developing countries. We have become increasingly cognizant of the magnitude and severity of the health problems and needs of our fellow Blacks and view this decade as a critical period for ourselves, the nation, and institutions that wish to be a part of the solution.

Relevant solutions and programs to address these problems cannot be instituted without meaningful inputs of Black professionals at the policy and planning levels. As one of two schools of Public Health in the South, the UNC School has an obligation to provide professional training for Blacks to prepare them for these roles. The present enrollment of Blacks is certainly only token representation.

We are requesting a conference with Dr. Mayes, Dean of the School of Public Health, to discuss the following proposals:

1. That a numerical goal of a 25% proportion of Black American students in the School of Public Health be set for achievement by September 1975.
2. That a Black American be employed in the School of Public Health immediately for the recruitment of Black American students.
3. That a numerical goal of 10% proportion of Black faculty in the School of Public Health be set for achievement by September 1975.
4. That Black professionals be utilized as resource persons and consultants in the School of Public Health.

5. That in all planning and negotiation of special projects, research, or services specifically focused toward blacks, appropriate black representatives will be included.
6. That all special considerations and assistance that are presently being provided for foreign students be extended to Black American students.
7. That the curriculum include courses geared to the unique needs of students planning to devote themselves to service in predominately black settings.

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