Letter From Senator to President Berlo

Academic Senate
Illinois State University
Dr. David K. Berlo, President  
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Dear President Berlo,

As a student and as a representative of students deeply interested in the future of Illinois State University, I call upon you to initiate the implementation of the proposals of a report recently distributed to the members of the Academic Senate, THE COMMUNITY AND THE CAMPUS: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A COOPERATIVE VENTURE (Concerned Citizens of the Bloomington-Normal area).

I.S.U. has simply ignored the "outside" community far too long. Many national and state bodies, including our own Board of Higher Education through Master Plan Phase III, have mandated the nation's colleges and universities to make talents and facilities available to the general citizenry. For I.S.U. to continue the status quo would be to perpetuate a shameful irresponsibility.

I have one recommendation that I.S.U. should implement immediately to get started in the right direction. The university should begin, at the start of the second semester (February, 1972), to enroll people from the community on a space available basis. This should be done with a minimum of red tape by basing the admissions criterion solely on age. I suggest that an entering student be at least 23 years of age.

I am convinced time is of crucial importance. In discussing and acting upon priorities, we must not overlook those who have been overlooked far too long.

To ignore them any longer may be disastrous.

cc: Academic Senate members  
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Sincerely,

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