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CHARLES RIVER CAMPUS

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January 14, 1969

Mr. Steve Hughes
Student Senate President
University of Maine
Orono, Maine 04473

Dear Steve:

Evidently the November issue of The Maine Alumnus was late in publication for mine just arrived yesterday. As usual I read nearly all of it from cover to cover. I was much interested in the interview with you on "The Distinguished Lecture Series."

Two things in that interview particularly impressed me. One was the careful attention you gave to critical letters you received concerning Mr. Zagarell's appearance. The second was the planned symposium next month on the problems of Black America.

I have spent my life in the field of education and retired six years ago as a professor of education at Boston University. In fact I have taught in summer school at the University of Maine five of the last six years. My particular interest has been in the field of teaching social studies in elementary schools. I have been saying for several years that I am genuinely concerned at the lack of concern of many people in New England who do not recognize we have a negro problem because they do not come in contact with negroes and their problems. They do not realize they must be concerned because they are Americans and America has a problem. According to the 1960 census only one third of one per cent of the population of Maine is negro. I hope your symposium is a great success on the basis of student involvement.

I have a Massachusetts granddaughter who is a freshman at Maine this year and is completely enthusiastic about her experiences there. I hope that her cousin, a grandson of mine, whose home as determined by his father's work in the Foreign Service, is in Jerusalem, may be at Maine next year.

My very best wishes to you. May your term as Student Senate President be all that your personal goals have set for it, even unto those things you do not put in words but are in your heart and mind.

Sincerely yours,

W. Linwood Chase

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Mr. W. Linwood Chase Senate President
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Dear Mr. Chase: Steve

Let this be a short note to thank you very sincerely for your great letter of January 14, 1969. Your support for our symposium on black America was much appreciated, and I will read your comments to the Committee at our next meeting.

It is nice to get complimentary remarks from alumni; usually the only people who take the time to write are those who are very much upset about something.

I would enjoy meeting your granddaughter sometime and very much hope her cousin will also join our student body.

Again, my thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Stephen T. Hughes

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