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Dear Professor Bell:

Your recent request to the College of Letters and Science for information about our Black Studies program has been referred to me. In view of the nature of our offerings in this area I thought it best to ignore the questionnaire and to reply with a brief descriptive paragraph.

Various departments of the University offer courses--including interdisciplinary all or part of which concern themselves with the Black experience. We have no coordinated Black Studies program, nor have we, as yet felt the need for one. The Black student enrollment at Idaho is small and our primary concern is and has been to provide instruction appropriate to the needs of non-black students. Currently in addition to the standard courses in the anthropology and sociology fields which concern themselves with race, urban problems and people of the world we have an inter-disciplinary social science course entitled Black Identity, a course in Black literature and another in Negro History. The latter two courses will be offered next year through the appropriate departments by regular faculty.

The introduction of courses of the type just noted has been in response to recognition of need. Faculty and students, Black and non-Black have been active in planning them and it is intended, on a limited basis, to use Black talent for instructional purposes.

Very sincerely yours,

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