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To Whom It May Concern:

At approximately 11:50 PM on Tuesday September 27th, 2016, two Black students were verbally assaulted in an obscene manner with regards to their racial identity; again, two more Black students were called "Niggers" on the University of Missouri's campus.

As a group of six to seven white male and female students passed the members of the Legion of Black Collegians Activities Committee, one of the white female students from the group shouted, "look at those niggers looking at us." At this moment, other members of the Activities Committee were contacted to join the two Women, as they were concerned about their safety. Noticing the disruptions caused by the group, the police approached the members of the Legion to assess the situation. It was at this moment, outside of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity house, that while police were attempting to de-escalate the situation, members of the fraternity began recording the interaction, as well as shouting a variety of obscenities at the Committee. These obscenities included, but were not limited to, "Mizzou PC, C**ts, B****es, Niggers" with a plethora of other micro-aggressions.

While some of the police officers proceeded to disperse the developing crowd, some attempted to control members of the Legion as opposed to controlling those yelling out of the windows; another officer used excessive verbal force WITH his hand on his gun, in attempts to calm one of the Legion's members, who was rightfully infuriated about the events that had just transpired.

Even though one of the suspects has been identified, and will be taken in for questioning, a simple warning is unacceptable. Any student that selects to intentionally use hate speech on a campus that pushes the morals of "inclusivity" and "diversity," does not belong, and their presence continues to foster the apparent dichotomy amongst Black and white students.

To say that we are disgusted is beyond an understatement.

It is often said that history repeats itself, but the ignorance that occurs on the University of Missouri's campus always seems to be too familiar. Due to the continuation of an intolerant culture, students of color have been attacked yet again.

As if students did not JUST experience similar disparities in equality last year, and are not all still attempting to heal from those injustices; as IF students have not been "continuing the conversation". They have experienced yet another triggering event to remind them that students still walk amongst peers who feel superior in their privilege. It is blatantly obvious that all of this superficial work has been nothing more than a discussion with little action behind it.

Quite frankly, WE. ARE. SICK. OF. THIS!

Rightful action will be taken to not only correct these wrongs, but to prevent such acts of hate from happening further. We are currently working with members of Administration in order to develop policies and identify follow up actions to eradicate these instances in the now and in the future.

Enough is Enough.

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