

President's Office

Dr. Ghent,

President Wilson would like to have a statement from you as to whether there is anything we can do on scholarships of this kind.

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UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

EUGENE, OREGON

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Dr. O Meredith Wilson, President
University of Oregon
Eugene, Oregon

Dear President Wilson:

I have just read the enclosed letter from Mr. Steere of the African-American Institute and I approve of the objectives of the Institute.

At the University of Oregon we can offer a foreign student tuition scholarship to a qualified African student. However, there are at present no University funds, of which I am aware, which can be allocated to provide the remaining funds necessary to provide a full tuition and maintenance scholarship.

It is true ^{that} some room and board scholarships are offered by campus living organizations. The winners of these scholarships are chosen by the organization members, usually from candidates nominated by the Institute of International Education. Most of the students who are chosen are from European or South American countries. However, such a scholarship was once granted by a dormitory group to a Nigerian student. In addition, the present president of the Cosmopolitan Club is an Indian student from Kenya who came to the University of Oregon in September, 1958 on a scholarship provided by one of the Co-operative houses.

If the candidates are carefully screened and highly recommended it is possible that such a candidate might be chosen by a campus living organization as a room and board scholarship winner.

Since our scholarship funds are so limited I don't believe that the Scholarship Committee would want to recommend that we divert the substantial sum necessary to provide a complete scholarship for an African student. If substantial scholarship funds can be regularly expected from the Oregon Development Fund or elsewhere we may be able to guarantee such a scholarship at some future date. I believe that at present the Committee is most anxious to have some unrestricted scholarship funds to help out-of-state United States students.

Somewhat earlier this year we were asked to provide one or more full scholarships for Korean students. If we consider entering into an arrangement to provide scholarships for African students we should at the same time consider establishing funds for other national or regional groups. At the moment I don't know how this could be financed.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth S. Ghent".

Kenneth S. Ghent
Foreign Student Adviser

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