

E.H. Lindley to Governor Walter Huxman

In this letter to Governor Huxman, University of Kansas Chancellor E.H. Lindley informs Huxman that a group of African Americans visited his office and complained that the university's medical school had never allowed an African American to graduate. Chancellor Lindley suggests to Huxman that the matter must be investigated because "our schools must be and remain open to all classes of citizens."

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Chancellor E. H. Lindley
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Chancellor:

I have had a delegation of colored citizens wait upon me who have registered a complaint against the operation of the Medical School, and they have made the charge that during the history of this institution no colored student has even been permitted to graduate from the Medical School. They seem to be of the opinion that there is discrimination against the colored students and that they are always advised or asked to go somewhere else to complete their medical training.

I am not writing this letter on the assumption that this charge is true, but I do think it is entitled to a thorough investigation because our schools must be and remain open to all classes of citizens. It would seem that if the records do bear out the statement that no colored student ever has graduated from the Medical School then that would be evidence to substantiate a charge of this kind.

I do wish that you would go into this matter thoroughly. I am sending a copy of this letter to Dean Wahl, also to the Board of Regents, and am going to ask that you gentlemen thoroughly check into this matter, and if there is anything to this charge I certainly hope that you will be able to see that such a condition is corrected or that the impression is corrected, because we do not want such an erroneous impression to exist if it is not justified by the facts.

Sincerely yours

Walter A. Huxman
Governor

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cc: Dean Wahl
Board of Regents