

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Legion of Black Collegian Black Student Government I would like to say that we are completely disheartened by the events that have taken place early this morning. For those who are unaware cotton balls were scattered throughout the front area of the Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center. Reports of the cotton balls were cited as early as 8am this morning. Some students claim to have seen two white males running around that Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center suspiciously, as early as 1:30am. This statement has not been confirmed fact yet. The coordinator of the Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center, Deniece Christian has notified the MUPD. They and staff of the Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center are doing their best to get to the bottom of this terrible event. We don't know much, but what we do know is that this type of prank or whatever it may be will not be tolerated and we as the Legion of Black Collegian, Black Student Government do not find this at all amusing. We will do all in our power to find out who is responsible. We also will make sure that this event does not go unheard. Our Mission as LBC is to be the leading Black voice on campus by eradicating ignorance and promoting positive change through education, motivation, and advocacy for black students at Mizzou. We will not let our mission statement be spoken in vain, especially during the event that took place today. We as the Legion of Black Collegian will take immediate action on this event by first calling a town hall meeting for EVERYONE to attend. This meeting will be designed to express our feeling and create a plan of action. This Meeting will be held Monday March 1st, 2010 at 5:00pm Sharp. We are also thinking of some type of protest beginning early Monday so please keep your eyes open for that. It seems to us that the campus that we call home to all our academic endeavors has students that still do not respect their fellow students, and this is not just a problem for minorities on campus, this is a problem for our campus as a whole. I as President of the Legion of Black Collegian's, Black Student Government I have taken these actions personally, and will not stop asking question, questioning administration, and protesting until a solution has been created. We are too progressive of a nation and a university to still see issues of this nature still taking place. If not settled by this message, be settled by the fact that this incident will be resolve. I give you my word. Just keep high hopes, and remember do not act out in initial anger. Be upset, be disgusted, but keep your composure and react to this situation as the outstanding men and women that you are. I would also like to say that I am extremely pleased by all the support we have been given by our senate, umbrella organizations, and students of the University of Missouri. This is a time where we must through our past difference away attack the issue at hand. I am happy to see we all have our priorities in order.

Sincerely,

Anthony Lawrence Martin, President of the Legion of Black Collegians