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To: The Faculty and Students  
From: Esther Raushenbush

About three weeks ago Mr. DeCarlo, Mrs. Mattfeld, Mrs. Richter, Mr. [REDACTED], Mrs. [REDACTED] and I met to consider ways to open discussion of the future of the Institute for Community Studies. At that time the question of a possible reorganization of the Institute, which would place it more directly in the community and would bring other institutions than Sarah Lawrence into active operation of the Institute, was discussed.

It is our view that there should be a reconsideration of the purpose and the operation of the Institute to arrive at a good plan for future actions. It has been the intention of the College to undertake such discussions this spring, and carry them on through the summer. I suggest that they begin at this time. I would like interested students and faculty to assist in the effort to bring to such discussion people in the community who will help in this search.

For the information of those interested in Institute funds, it should be pointed out that the major activities of the Institute relating to the community have been carried on, not by the College itself, but under externally supported projects. The funds used in these studies and other activities are not College funds but project funds, and can be used only by the Institute for the purposes for which they were granted.

The College funds used by the Institute are limited to less than \$5,000 to pay for supplies and expenses needed for our students whose academic work is related to the Institute.