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TO: DANNY MITCHELL AND JIM FOREMAN  
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HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS WHICH I'D LIKE TO MAKE REGARDING THE RECENT DEMONSTRATION AT GRADY AND AT THE CAPITOL. I ADMIRE AND SUPPORT THE EFFORTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE STUDENT GROUPS AND APPRECIATE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT YOU ALL HAVE MADE. I THINK ONE REASON FOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE STUDENT ACTION HAS BEEN THAT THE GOALS OF ANY PARTICULAR ACTION HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CLEARLY STATED SO THAT THE WHOLE COMMUNITY UNDERSTOOD EXACTLY WHAT YOU HOPED TO ACCOMPLISH AND THAT THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN POSITIONS TO MAKE THE DECISIONS HAVE BEEN APPROACHED AND ASKED TO DO CERTAIN SPECIFIC THINGS.

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I DON'T THINK THIS HAS BEEN DONE AS WELL IN THE CASE OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS THIS WEEK, BECAUSE TOO MANY PEOPLE HAVE ASKED ME "WHAT ARE THEY DEMONSTRATING FOR?" I WOULD SUGGEST A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS, ETC. STATING EXACTLY WHAT THE PURPOSES OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE AND WHAT YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH - SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THE APPEAL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, MAYBE A RESTATEMENT OF THAT.

FOR ANY FUTURE DEMONSTRATIONS, SEEMS TO ME IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE A STATEMENT PREPARED TO HAND TO THE PRESS SO THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU DOING AND WHY, AND KNOW THAT YOU KNOW!

ANOTHER SUGGESTION IS THAT EFFORTS BE MADE FOR STUDENTS TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH THE INDIVIDUALS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDITIONS YOU WISH TO CHANGE. SOME PEOPLE WOULD LAUGH AT THE IDEA, BUT I THINK A REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE GOVERNOR, TO DISCUSS HIS EXECUTIVE ORDER, WOULD BE A GOOD THING. IF HE WON'T SEE YOU, THIS IS NEWS, AND THEN YOU CAN PUBLICLY ASK FOR HIS REASONS, FOR PRECEDENTS, ETC..

TO MY KNOWLEDGE THE STUDENTS HAVE HAD NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, WHO AFTER ALL ARE THE ONES TO MAKE THE DECISIONS. I SUGGESTED SEVERAL DAYS AGO THAT YOU ALL DIVIDE UP THE NAMES AND CALL ON THEM INDIVIDUALLY AND DISCUSS YOUR REQUESTS WITH THEM. IT'S GOOD FOR THEM TO HAVE TO FACE YOU DIRECTLY, AND THEN THEY CAN NEVER SAY THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE AFTER.

I'D BE GLAD TO HELP IN ANY WAY YOU CAN.