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Dr. A. G. Hansen
Dean, Engineering College

Model Cities, 4th year
Class Project

Dear Dr. Hansen,

My students are now working on the final stages of the three media presentation of their Model Cities "involvement" project.

They are scheduled to make the presentation at 4 p.m. on Friday June 6th, at which time they will show slides synchronized with an audio taped commentary, in the Architecture Auditorium; and their exhibit panels will be on view nearby.

Their third item of presentation will be the brochure, in which Bob Wallace has shown much interest, and has undertaken to do the publishing. And for this item the classwork will be completed with the submission of their typed copy and illustrations, following a format that they have discussed with Mr. Wallace.

The students who are working on this report have been very concerned that what they have been doing and learning is basically in accord with the forward-looking educational and community interaction policies of Georgia Tech. And with this in mind they have asked if it would be possible for them to include a short quotation of a few of your own words on this subject.

On the model cities side, I have been in touch with Mr. Don Sweat in the Mayor's Office, and of course, with Mr. J. Johnson, head of the model cities program, but I have not yet

been lucky enough to set up a time for them to visit us that would be right for both the class schedule and for theirs.*

Mr Sweat, I learned, was recently a guest speaker on the subject of model cities, at a regional meeting of architectural students and faculties in Kansas — so of course I am trying hard to get him to come here on Friday next.

I enclose a transcript of my own opening remarks at our first class seminar, — in which I may have spoken out of turn and over-stated some things. The students however, have been moved by such thoughts, and think it is right that some expression of them should be included in their report.

But they also very much want their report to be clearly in touch with practical reality, especially where it may have reference to some of Georgia Tech's current educational aims and aspirations. And for this, they rightly turn to you.

So I very much hope that you will now be able to provide a few appropriate lines to meet their needs, and also of course that you will be able to come to their presentation next Friday.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Wilson. Professor.

*The class has however had contact with the Model Cities Physical Planning Staff, headed by Mr Jim. Wright, and more especially with the head of its Medical Services & Facilities Program, Dr. George Swerdloff, who has spent many hours with us, and who in my opinion has functioned as a gifted and enthusiastic teacher to our students, as well as to the citizens of Model Cities.

I would say in fact that our claim to having successfully introduced some very worthwhile ~~effort~~ element of interdisciplinary teaching at the undergraduate level, on this occasion could best be supported by reference to Dr. Swerdloff's most instructive contributions to all our discussions.

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