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To: Members of the Iowa State University Community

From: The Diversity Steering Committee

Date: May 1, 1996

Re: Carrie Chapman Catt Hall

President Jischke has asked the Diversity Steering Committee to <sup>sponsor</sup> support a series of meetings in the Summer and Fall 1996 semesters to study the proposal which has been made by graduate student, Uche Nnadi, to address campus community concerns regarding the naming of Carrie Chapman Catt Hall. The proposal is that a permanent plaque be mounted in a prominent place in Catt Hall with a quotation from an African-American suffrage activist such as Ida B. Wells and the following text:

*Iowa State University recognizes that many prominent leaders of the women's suffrage movement, including Carrie Chapman Catt, used country of origin, class, ethnicity, race and religion to exploit ignorance in their quest to ratify the woman's right to vote. This is a painful fact of history.*

*Political strategies that manipulate our fears continue today. For Tomorrow, let us dedicate ourselves to combat the political rhetoric that manipulates us through our fears of those different from ourselves.*

Dates and times for the meetings will be announced in forthcoming issues of the Daily. We invite you to attend the sessions. If you are interested in being a part of the subcommittee which will plan the sessions, please send your name, campus and/or home address, and summer telephone number to:

Diversity Steering Committee  
E 262 Lagomarcino Hall.

We look forward to working with you in the days ahead to address community concerns regarding Carrie Chapman Catt Hall.

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