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We were gratified by the interest generated around the first issue of *Five College Contributions in Black Studies* which was published last year. It is our hope that this, the second annual issue will be able to build on that initial interest even though we have not been able to expand, as we would have wished, the size and scope of this year's offering.

As with the first issue, the journal remains as originally envisioned, a vehicle for the presentation of scholarship in black studies by students and faculty in the Five Colleges with particular consideration given to papers produced for the Faculty Seminar on Africa and the Five College Afro-American Seminar Series.

While this must continue to be our major emphasis, we are emboldened by your interest to invite our readers and subscribers to participate more fully in the life of the journal. Therefore, we will be pleased to read manuscripts from the larger black studies community with a view to their possible publication. It must be remembered, however, that this journal appears only once annually, and that the publication of work received in this way, must be contingent on the growth of the constituency and the availability of resources.

While the seminars will remain the chief source of material, participation is not limited to the Five College community.

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