



AURORA UNIVERSITY

Office of Admission and Financial Aid

To Whom It May Concern:

This past semester, we were very pleased to have Larry J. Tish and Ron Jones visit our Aurora University campus. An act like this was much needed. As the President of the Organized Action Council, an AU student organization which strives to tackle diversity issues on campus, I have been seeking new and distinctive ways to present the topic of diversity and prejudice to our college campus. Through the Black Jew Dialogues, Tish and Jones delivered an important message, while entertaining us at the same time!

Diversity is often a difficult discussion to have. Too often, the topic of diversity and racism is presented in a seemingly accusatory way that can potentially hinder individuals from hearing the message. The Black Jew Dialogues portrayed the reality that we all have played both the victim and the perpetrator role when it comes to racism. Tish and Jones were able to desensitize the issue of racism to the point where it no longer feels like such a taboo topic. The Black Jew Dialogues created an atmosphere where students could become more comfortable facing the racial divides that so many of us choose not to speak of. What's more important, students could relate to the message.

With its combination of humor and significance, the Black Jew Dialogues provided a great base for the discussion of racial issues, which segues into other avenues of diversity. I would recommend the Larry J. Tish and Ron Jones' Black Jew Dialogues act for any college campus. It's a comedy with a purpose; what more could you ask for from a college act?

Sincerely,

Jessica Wernli
OAC President