



Renwick says he was quoted out of context,

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The Daily Tar Heel says he said one thing. Dean Hayden Renwick and a host of witnesses say he did, too, but not in the context in which it appeared.

The "it" in question is a quote which appeared in the Aug. 27 Tar Heel story concerning Black Pre-Orientation.

"These crackers have been taking affirmative action and trying to shove it out the window," DTH reporter Shannon Brennan quoted Renwick as saying. Renwick says the statement was quoted out of context.

"I was trying to impress upon them the fact that you're going to make a mistake if you don't realize certain things now," he says. "I was telling the audience how a brother who heard me speak last year whispered to his friend, 'this nigger's crazy.'"

Renwick continues: "Then I said, '(Like that brother) you're also not going to believe what I said just like you're not going to believe that these crackers are trying to throw affirmative action out the window.'"

Brennan says, however, that she stands by what she wrote. "The word 'nigger' came out in a joking manner," she says. "He (Dean Renwick) said the word 'cracker' in a heated manner. I think that was a difference."

When asked why the word "cracker" was quoted and Renwick's numerous references to the word "nigger" were not, Brennan says, "Maybe it was because I was the only cracker there."

Black Student Movement Chairperson

William Bynum was one member of the Pre-Orientation audience who felt that Renwick's statements were misrepresented. "When she (Brennan) used the word 'cracker' she used it without being fair," he says. "I think she could have used more judgment. The quote took precedence over what the article was about."

The DTH article was followed by an editorial cartoon on Sept. 5 which depicts Dean Renwick munching "Honky" brand crackers and musing: "Oh well, better this than crow." The cartoon appears to have enraged some black students and confused some others. "A lot of black students didn't know what 'eating crow' meant," says DTH Assistant Managing Editor David Squires.

However, cartoonist Bob Fulghum says he will not explain what he attempted to say with the drawing.

"The cartoon ought to stand for itself," Fulghum says. "If I had to explain every time someone didn't understand a cartoon or story, it would be too much trouble."

"There are channels for people's opinions, i.e. letters or people coming to see me personally."

Meanwhile, Renwick says that he hopes the issue of minority enrollment is not overshadowed by the controversy stirred by the DTH quote and cartoon.

"Personally, I just refuse to get into an argument (concerning the quote)," Renwick says, "because it takes away from the charges. It's a side issue."

"I have used the same two words in speeches for the last seven years. Why this year do they try to single it out?"

Black florist in Chapel Hill

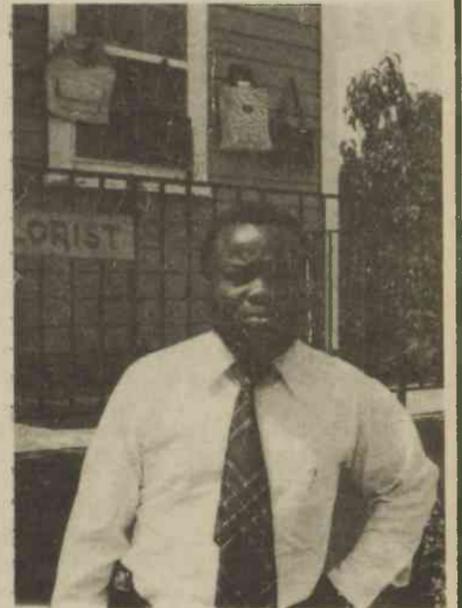
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Mahogany Florist, located on 400 W. Rosemary Street, is the first black-owned florist shop to open in Chapel Hill in ten years. Owned by David Hinds, the shop has been in operation for one year.

The owner, who is originally from Guyana, South Africa, has lived in the United States for thirteen years and terminated his employment at Memorial Hospital last week to work at the florist shop full time.

Hinds is in the process of setting up a partnership and has hopes of expanding the shop. Also, in the very near future, he will obtain ownership of the Carolina Cab Company.

Since opening, Hinds has expressed satisfaction how the business has progressed. He has sold flowers for such on-campus functions as the Que Cabaret, Coronation Ball, and Honorary Clubs. He has donated flowers for the Upendo Sunday morning



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worship services. Other than this, he serves the black funeral home and weddings. The florist is accommodated with the nationwide RBF wiring service.

"I felt there was a need for a black florist in Chapel Hill, as there is a need for many black things," said Hinds, "but I don't mean this in the sense that there should be more black-white competitiveness," he said.

The florist shop sponsored a Black Arts Festival on Saturday, September 22. Hinds stated that he would like to see a closer relationship between the blacks on campus and the blacks in the community.

Chavis receives award

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Special to the Ink

The Reverend Ben Chavis, imprisoned civil rights activist and member of the Wilmington 10, recently received the Letelier-Moffitt Human Rights award. The award was presented during morning services at the Russell Memorial Church in Durham.

The award was established by the Institute for Policy Studies in honor of Orlando Letelier, former Chilean ambassador to the United States, and Ronni Moffitt, worker at the Institute. The two were killed in September of 1976 by a bomb planted in Letelier's car.

Letelier's widow, Isabel, and Moffitt's widower, Michael, presented the award to Chavis, who was to have received it last September. However, according to a spokesman for the Institute, "North Carolina officials refused to allow (Chavis) to leave prison briefly to accept it."

Although Chavis, the only member of the Wilmington 10 still in prison, will not be eligible for parole until January 1980, he has limited leave to study for a divinity degree at Duke University and preach at the Russell church twice a month.

Chavis, who is not allowed to speak directly to the press, accepted the award "with deep humility and gratification" but with the commitment to the human rights struggle that "I will not rest, I will not sleep, I will not bow down . . . until our struggle is one common struggle."

"Reverend Chavis has been in the forefront of the selfless struggle to win full human rights for blacks," said Moffitt, "and even in the midst of his own great difficulties as a political prisoner, he was one of the first American religious leaders to denounce the suffering inflicted on the Chilean people."



Isabel Letelier, Chavis and Michael Moffitt