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What you think

Recently Carolina's Mikeman was fired. What do you think about the Mikeman's situation? Do you think it was handled appropriately?



Julian White

Julian White, Business Major, Ashville, N.C.

Personally, I feel Kenny was doing his job to the degree that was expected of any mikeman. The crowd was not a spirited crowd and due to that fact, Kenny tried to prompt the crowd. When they did not respond he resorted to telling jokes which offended several people. This prompted Sharon Mitchell to ask for his resignation and eventually fire him which was not fair. She could have just asked him to pipe down on his offensive jokes. I don't blame Kenny for standing his ground.



Sammy Tucker

Michael Johnson, Pharmacy Major, Fayetteville, N.C.

The mikeman's jokes were inappropriate for the game situation. No, I do not feel his situation was handled appropriately because he was not given a chance to prove himself. It is unfair that the people who fired him had no hand in appointing him. He should be given another chance.

Sammy Tucker, Computer Science

I don't think they handled it correctly. If there was a problem with his performances they should have confronted him first.



Karen Hatch

Karen Hatch, Pharmacy Major, High Point, N.C.

Too big an issue has been made of the mikeman situation.

William Bland, Public Health

I would think there is more to it than what's been in the newspaper. I feel that there are racial overtones. I feel that there should have been some official reprimand. If it is not race, then what is it? Why would students react so favorably at one one game to an 11 year old white boy and not cheer with Kenny. it was definitely racism.



James Exum

Sherrod Banks, BSM President AFAM/Political Science, Edenton, N.C.

No, it was not handled appropriately. I think whoever had concerns about it should have approached him with an official warning. I never heard of anyone who has ever been fired from an extracurricular activity. If I said something that some students did not agree with could Sharon Mitchell ask for my resignation and will she expect to get it? And if I don't resign, does she have the right to fire me? To all these questions, I say no! She does not have the right. Students are the only ones who have the right to remove other students from student leadership positions.



William Bland

James Exum, Industrial Relations, Charlotte, N.C.

The Division of Student Affairs has handled the situation very chaotically. I have a great deal of concerns about the procedures used in asking for Kenny's resignation. The admistration needs to share with the students information concerning previous events that led up to the Mikeman being fired.



Sherrod Banks

JeVonne Bradley, Chemistry/Psychology, Fayetteville, N.C.

On the whole, I admire Kenny Ward for being the first black mikeman UNC ever had because it's not an easy job getting before thousands of people. I think he really lost some of his support because some of his jokes were distasteful. I think he could have had everyone's support if his jokes were toned down. You want a mikeman to make the crowd feel motivated to cheer. I thought he lacked enthusiasm. The students should have had more input in the decision.



Ava Greene

Ava D. Greene, Criminal Justice, Raleigh, N.C.

I think the situation was handled poorly. It seemed by popular opinion that my article to the DTH was attacking the white race which I was not, just three individuals specifically. Our white peers dwelled on the racial issue. Ward initially felt there were racial undertones and all I did was to reiterate what he said and blow off a little steam. He should have been given a warning first to clean up his act.

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Blacks to seek Carrboro seats

By Jerome Morgan
Staff Writer

The Town of Carrboro will have two black candidates vying for the three seats open on the Board of Alderman.

Doris Foushee and Rev. B. Willis Wilson II are both concerned with town growth and the area water problem.

"I am interested in providing growth of business that will not impede our natural resources," said Foushee. "I would like to provide low density growth while maintaining old, historic Carrboro," said she.

Foushee, a resident of Carrboro for eighteen years, thinks that community members should pitch in and provide some input to the beauty and growth of Carrboro. "Working, learning, and growing together is the link that cements understanding and trust necessary for sound community planning," said Foushee.

Foushee, a mother of two, received a B.S. in health from North Carolina Central University and M.P.H. from the School of Public Health at UNC. She plans to later attend law school at UNC.

"For the past eight years I have been nursing and health care spe-

cialist counselor for the Durham CETA program. The experience as a member of various community organizations has enabled me to work with a cross reference of community members," she said.

"I am also concerned with expanding the mass transit system outside the city limits," said Foushee. "We need to be concerned with the citizens outside the city limits. I don't know how far the existing system goes out but I will look into the matter, she said.

Foushee is a member of the Carrboro Planning Board, Carrboro Recreation Commission, NC Political Caucus, Panel of American Women, South Orange Black Caucus, and Mitchel Chapel Church. She is chairman of the Orange-Chatham Alliance Against Political Repression, vice chairman of the Grey Culbreth Parent Teachers Association, and is precinct chairman of the University Lake precinct.

Rev. Wilson is also concerned with town growth and the water problem.

He would like to attract business to the area to increase revenue into the city. "Industry should be attracted to the area, but careful

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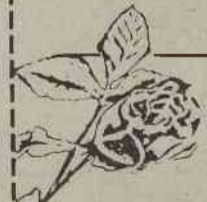


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