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To the Editor:

Thank you for the article on my joining the staff at UNCC. I feel, however, I must clarify one not-to-exact quote regarding students not having a right to park: I indicated to Joe that being a student didn't carry with it a "God Given Right" to park as one sees fit. Further, that the administration was charged with promulgation and enforcement of parking regulations. Somehow this came out as: "Students don't have a right to park." It's your right to park and the regulations governing that right that gives me a job. Let's work at it together.

Sincerely,
Jerry E. Hudson
Director of Safety and Security

P.S. You must have a good following. I've had many visits and calls on this matter.

(Ed. Note: Journal reporter McCorkle, who did the Hudson story, advises that the statement, as printed, was accurately reported from Hudson. "He (Hudson) did state it was an administrative privilege to park, and that was ignored or forgotten in his letter." We did not record the interview and, therefore, the answer is in who you believe.)

To the Editor:

Concerning the article on Lon Weston, April 29, I feel certain elements which would have influenced the effect of the article were omitted.

For one thing, the article did not state the possibility that any or all of the accused were pushers.

Coming Up...

Last week's graphic front page was the work of Journal artist Erik Jordan; we thank him for his memorial tribute to Kent and Jackson State.

The Journal, for the first time, will print several issues this summer; staff members or anyone else interested in helping this summer contact the Journal offices before the end of the semester.

My personal thanks to a deeply-motivated and responsive staff who have come together to make the Journal immediately new and improved. It has been a team effort and next year we expect bigger and better efforts, from your Journal.

-michael mcculley

Having personally consulted with Mr. Weston, I know that he feels existing drug laws are too severe. Therefore, the possibility exists that Lon Weston was actually doing the accuseds a favor by not exposing them with evidence.

If he had exposed them, the SBI would have immediately jumped in. By refusing them re-admittance Lon Weston was giving them the lesser alternative of expulsion from the dorm rather than a possibility of jail terms and felony convictions. With no offense intended, I think the Editor jumped to conclusions without reviewing all aspects of the case.

Name Withheld By Request

(Ed. Note: We felt it was implicit that "alleged drug activity" would include "pushing" or selling drugs. Further, the "suspected" students did not ask Mr. Weston to "do them a favor;" from our conversations, the "suspected" students felt there was no possibility of jail terms or felony convictions for two good reasons. One, no one would testify in a court -of any kind- against them; and, two, the reason no one would testify is they had not done anything to warrant jail terms or felony convictions. Naturally, if this is untested in court, the students cannot prevent their expulsions; nor can Weston prove them liars; it is a well-established practice to hide behind motives of compassion to support repression and it will occur when it is permitted to occur unchallenged. Without facts, evidence, statements, and witnesses -made public in court- we cannot believe anything from the Housing Office concerning this matter except that they are using repressive administrative power and circumventing lawful means which could possibly prove their case.)

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To the Editor:

We, the Brothers of the Theta Psi Colony of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, wish to extend to you our sincere congratulations upon your election to the office of Editor of the Carolina Journal. If, at any time, you feel that we could be of service to you or your staff in any way, please feel free to contact us. This can be done through any of our members.

Again, let us congratulate you. Our confidence is in you and we wish you the best of luck and success in your term.

Sincerely yours,

Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha (Theta Psi Colony)

To the Editor, and to the University Community:

This letter is written in response to the plight of eleven students who, as reported in a recent issue of the Journal have been denied an equal opportunity to continue to live in the dormitories next year.

If the facts as reported be true, then I urge the actions of the Housing Office be tested in the courts. I see absolutely no legal basis for those actions. Since their reversal may require litigation, I urge that the force of law be employed to oppose, and to ensure the liberty of the victims of, those proceedings.

If responsibility for the students' eviction extends beyond the Housing Office to higher echelons in the administration, then fairness dictates that the true source of the eviction proceedings be made clear by those who are responsible. Oft-quoted in reference to my alma mater, the University of Virginia, are words of Thomas Jefferson to the effect that, "Here we are free to pursue the truth, wherever it may lead." I have grave doubts as to whether this Jeffersonian ideal is in evidence at this institution. Truth, freedom, and respect for law cannot exist in a community which submits to the control of forces which operate behind closed doors. Nor can any component in the educational process function freely, under such circumstances.

I know that taking this matter into court will require the utmost courage of the students involved. I cannot provide this courage. I can, however, provide some financial assistance, and I am doing this by enclosing with my letter a token contribution to help defray the cost of any legal proceedings which may be enacted. I challenge the university community, both students and faculty members, to respond to this issue. This, too, will require courage and may well invite reprisal of one sort or another. I say with certainty, however, that the repression which will arise if the community fails to respond will far exceed any reprisal which may result from our support of and allegiance to those principles we hold dear.

Sincerely yours,
Keith R. Allen
Asst. Prof. of Mathematics

(Ed. Note: Beginning with Allen's contribution, a Legal Defense Fund is being handled by the Journal and all University members are urged to contribute whatever they can spare. Contact the Journal, University Center, and support the "UNCC Six," while you're still in the dorms...or still here...until your number comes up...)

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