

Mr. Aker's Note Brings Acres Of Rebuttals

Thanks!

Editors, The Tar Heel:

Mr. Dick Akers, to his great satisfaction, finds himself relieved of the responsibility of considering the problem of discrimination, by the fact that many white demonstrators are "shaggy-headed, unkempt, beatnik" types. He should perhaps propose this convenient solution of problems to the United Nations or other such groups which are having difficulties. These young people of shaggy and unkempt appearance are expressing their dissatisfaction with and refusal to accept the superficial values of a large part of our society, which concentrates on appearances and frantically ignores serious moral issues, to which it prefers a smug moralism. The form of their protest may be questioned or considered immature, but it is preferable to the servile conformity that is so widespread, especially on this campus.

Furthermore, if Mr. Akers considers these people maladjusted, he might consider the fact that his position is more fundamentally out of harmony with the spirit of the times. His clutching at privileges based upon his color is doomed to fail eventually, and he will have to find some other way to "channel his frustrations."

It is a very sad situation if people such as Mr. Akers have never considered the shameful way in which (black) human beings are treated in this country, which professes ideals of human dignity, freedom, and equal opportunity for all citizens; it is, however, inexcusable and a clear case of evasion of responsibility if he uses the appearance of some people in the demonstrations to justify his attitude.

Nancy Thompson

Sad Situation

Editors, The Tar Heel:

I would like to compliment Dick Akers, the treasurer of the student body, on his observations concerning the character of the white "dregs of society" who have participated in the demonstrations that have become familiar to the people of Chapel Hill and students at the University.

With horror I realized that I was one of those "shaggy-headed, unkempt beatnik types" whom Mr. Akers describes. I remembered how clean cut and well kempt the students, who stood around the sidewalks cracking funny jokes and making witty comments about the demonstrators, were. I remembered how repulsive we were compared to them.

Immediately after reading Mr. Akers's letter, I went down to the barber shop to get my shaggy head cut and combed. From there I went to the shoe store to buy a pair of pebble-grained weejuns.

Now I am very secure and am no longer bothered by frustrations. Thank you, Dick Akers, treasurer of the student body.

A reformed dreg,
Jim Wilson
258 Ehringhaus

Sick And Sorry

Editors, The Tar Heel:

As I live several miles to the north, this year has been the first time I have had the opportunity to witness the southern reaction to racial demonstrations in Chapel Hill. One of the things that impressed me about the southern reaction was that the bulk of the southerners protesting the demonstrations appeared to be empty-headed, self-righteous, "bigot" type. Under any circumstances, these people have always been to me rather pathetic, but especially so when they channel their frustrations into a protest against civil rights.

Being a member of the group which supports the demonstrations as well as what they stand for, I felt very sick and sorry Friday morning when I read Dick Akers letter in the Tar Heel; for as long as white people like him walk the face of the Earth, the cause of the black man can only be retarded.

Paul Sears
Carboro

Dismissals

Editors, The Tar Heel:

The decision of Attorney Gen-

eral Whitney Durand to dismiss thirty-five cases involving sit-in demonstrations exhibits weak, if not simply circular, reasoning on his part.

In the test case tried last week, the defense attorneys based their arguments on the "ethical question" of sit-ins, dependent upon particular circumstances involved in the case; to wit, "the time, place, and motivation behind it." The Men's Honor Council reiterated this view and added that the judgment must also consider "extent or degree of action."

Thus Mr. Bynum's actions were deemed in accordance with the Campus Code—in light, it was emphasized, of the particular attendant circumstances. The grave inconsistency arises in the decision to drop all thirty-five sit-in cases on the assumption that any verdict reached would be similar to that of the precedent case. Now it was made quite clear by the chairman of the Men's Honor Council that acquittal of the Negro student was totally dependent on the circumstances involved in his particular case. It is inconsistent to dispose of all the other sit-in cases when we realize that the time, place, extent, etc., would be completely different in each of them.

It is an established procedure to dismiss cases when it is deemed that their trials would be a mere recital of the precedent. However, if we must consider the time-place-extent factor involved in the sit-in demonstrations, the picture changes: each case is entirely independent of the "precedent" tried last week.

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436 Ehringhaus

A Minority

Editors, The Tar Heel:

I do not believe that Mike Lawler represents "all the students of the University," as Bruce Cooper has stated. I do not believe that the Student Legislature voices the opinions of the students by supporting him. There is, in public politics, a check on an office holder's actions. If the majority does not agree with him and what he does, they simply will replace him on the next election day. This is not true with the President of the Student Body. He can do as he pleases, without worrying about whether or not he will be re-elected—he will have graduated anyway. Therefore, he is at liberty to express the views of any group he wishes, even though that group is in the minority. I am certain that he has done this by urging that students boycott those establishments that are not completely integrated. I believe that these businessmen should be free to run their businesses as they see fit. This, I

am sure, is what the framers of the Constitution had in mind when they included individual property rights in the Constitution.

Mike Lawler surely must realize that his views represent a minority rather than the majority who elected him. But, he will not have to suffer the consequences that the public politicians suffer when they make such a mistake in judgment. I wonder how many votes he would get if he were to run for President of the Student Body again.

Fred Dula
120 Polk St.

Buy And Sell

AN OPEN LETTER TO MR. MICHAEL H. LAWLER, PRESIDENT, THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA STUDENT BODY.

Dear Mr. Lawler,

I was ecstatic to learn of your amazing ability to "buy and sell Attorney Generals," for as you no doubt know, sir, dealers in this particular commodity are few and far between. Well, sir, to get to the point of this letter, I have looked high and I have looked low. I have looked up and I have looked down, but to this date, sir, I have been unable to find a genuine "Johnny-on-the-Spot" minion, I mean Attorney General. And you see, sir, being that you are in the business that you are in and all, I was thinking that you might be able to dig me one up—CHEAP. I am pretty sure that he would be. Actually, sir, I cannot understand for the life of me why you have not already sent me one, being that with all your extrasensory perception, you have known that I have wanted one all along. Oh, in case you cannot make any intelligent recommendation to me at this time, the United Press International has a marvelous service through which you might advertise for what you want, then in turn try to sell it to me. Everything will be just rosey, and maybe everybody else will get interested and you can expand your little business. Well, I have got to run-toot-ta-loo, sir. Thanks for everything!

"Rags" Wilson
313 Stacy

15 Per Cent

Editors, The Tar Heel:

The Student Legislature does not find significant a petition signed by over 15 per cent of the student body. In a single day, 1500 people were sought out, approached, and convinced, in those few cases where any convincing was necessary. Not one student outside of that group of Olympians on Mount Graham Memorial, went on record as supporting the petition opposing this proposal.

Last year the petition urging the sending of the hurry-up-and-integrate telegram to Ole Miss received far less support, but the telegram was sent. This year the Legislature seems to have lost its interest in campus opinion.

The Student Government constitution only requires petition by 10 per cent to institute referendum. True, our petition did not request referendum but when we circulated it Tuesday night's infamy had not yet occurred and we still had hopes that those people who claim to be our representatives might try to act as such.

It's a shame we were so naive. No one could deny the significance of a referendum petition. The constitution sees to that.

Last spring, after weeks of campaigning, Mike Lawler could persuade only about 30 per cent of the student body to support his election by secret ballot. This winter things are different. Fifteen per cent of the student body after only one day's canvassing were willing to oppose Mr. Lawler's boycott with their names exposed to public view on the most-signed petition in recent campus history. The opinion of this 15 per cent was not significant.

Dave Sentelle
201 Stacy

Impeachment?

Editors, The Tar Heel:

Some of the student legislators remembered last Tuesday night that they were representing the student body. We owe a vote of confidence to those eleven legislators who voted against the Lawler-inspired, Jackson-Murphy resolution. We owe nothing, except maybe impeachment, to the twenty-two other legislators who rooked us by running for election as representatives last spring, and satis-

fied their own political whims Tuesday night by passing a resolution which is contrary to the public opinion on this campus.

Representative Murphey stated that, "Many may be alienated by this bill, but it is our job at times to lead our constituents." Well, thanks, but no thanks! The student government was elected not to do our thinking for us, but to reflect our thoughts. Furthermore, I know of no candidate who stated before election that he would at times lead us, even though we might be alienated by such leadership. The legislators were elected representatives of the student body; twenty-two of them are representing a minority movement on this campus.

Each member of this community has the right of individual boycott of any business, and he may exercise this right for any purpose he pleases, but for a legislative body to call for a mass boycott of a private business is a leftist action which would be more at home in the Kremlin. Preach to us of discrimination, inconsistent liberals! Tell us to end one boycott by inacting another! Win freedom of opportunity and destroy it with one stroke!

I am confident that the majority of students at Carolina can see the inconsistency of obtaining equal opportunity for one group by taking it from another. I am confident that most students here want equal opportunity for all Americans, regardless of race or religion. I am also confident that a majority of the students realize that moral problems cannot be solved by irresponsible legislation. I am confident that if merchants are not pushed in violation of their rights, they will realize their moral obligation, maybe not by tomorrow or by Easter Sunday, but as it becomes morally and economically expedient to them.

Our student government does not reflect such a philosophy. They have disregarded a petition containing 1500 signatures urging them to take a position which reflects student opinion. They said that 1500 signatures out of 10,000 students is insignificant. Doubtless they realized that less than 60% of the students vote in most campus elections, and also that almost every person approached signed the petition.

We must write off Lawler and his cabinet as a bad political investment, unless someone wants to start impeachment proceedings, but we must remember the political opportunists who passed the resolution of Feb. 12 when election time rolls around. We must show a continued support of the legislators who represented the majority opinion of this campus by voting against the bill.

If President Lawler honestly thinks he is right, why doesn't he put the public accommodations question on 10,000 ballots and clear his doubts?

James L. Robinson
411 Ruffin

A Proclamation

Editors, The Tar Heel:

We, the undersigned, would like to have known that, even though we may not approve of all the tactics employed by CORE, we agree with its ideals. Although most of us have no desire to become involved in the Civil Rights Demonstrations and have never carried a picket's sign, we intend to at least do our own small part by boycotting businesses which refuse to admit that all men are equal, regardless of race, creed, or national origin.

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Daniel Dawson

'But It Would Have Been Inconvenient'

Every now and then something comes along which not only shocks and angers us, but saddens us at the same time. Such was the case when we first heard that the Chi Omega's had held their initiation banquet at The Pines Restaurant Sunday night.

The Pines is one of the local establishments which remains segregated in spite of the pleadings of the Mayor's various committees, local citizens, and the picketing and demonstrations of the Chapel Hill Freedom Committee.

Mike Lawler, President of the Student Body, and the Student Legislature have both urged students to boycott these remaining segregated establishments which will not serve a portion of our student body. Response to this boycott request has been good, and it seemed to have at least a slim chance of changing the form of demonstrations against racial discrimination in Chapel Hill.

But the Chi Omega's held their banquet at The Pines, and limply explained that they had made their reservations long before the student leaders had called for the boycott. This explanation has absolutely no validity. The Pines has been on the list of segregated businesses since the early part of last summer, and we don't believe that anyone who lives in Chapel Hill could possibly

be ignorant of the fact that it has been the scene of several demonstrations in recent months.

If Chi Omega had not wished to support a segregated restaurant, it wouldn't have taken a request from Lawler or the legislature. They wouldn't have thought of going there in the first place. Secondly, if it did take a request from these sources, they had ample time to cancel their reservations and reschedule the banquet. Granted, this would cause some inconvenience to the sorority, but we would like them to compare their inconvenience with that of those people who can't eat there because they are black.

As we said, all of this saddens us a little, but what we find most disheartening is that Bev Hanes, the Chi O President, and many other members have long been against the injustices of racial discrimination. We find it almost impossible to comprehend that not one out of the 60 women in the house raised a voice in dissent, or finding her dissent ignored, refused to participate in the banquet.

In patronizing The Pines the Chi O's have reinforced the stand of the segregationists, done a disservice to their student government, and further harmed the image of the Greek system which is currently under so much fire nationally on this same issue.

Should You Or Shouldn't You?

The Charlotte Observer

Should you offer a cigar to the lady? There's evidence that it may save the cigar smoker a great deal of trouble.

Take a fellow named Jay Silberman of New York. The other day he got on a jet plane to San Francisco and took a seat beside singing comedienne Kay Stevens.

Talk about smoking more and enjoying it less! Mr. Silberman was puffing away when Miss Stevens reached over to his coat pocket and crushed his remaining cigars.

Mr. Silberman went looking for a policeman when the plane landed. The confirmed cigar smoker will not be surprised that he wanted to prefer assault and battery charges against the singer.

Deputy Sheriff Frank Bastastini turned conciliator when Miss Stevens

complained that Mr. Silberman "was blowing that vile smoke in my face." After all, he too had read the smoking-and-health report from the federal government.

"Would it be all right," asked Bastastini, "if Miss Stevens bought you some new cigars?"

"I don't want any cigars from HER!" retorted the complainant. He stormed out of the terminal cigarless.

Surely a lady, a comedienne at that, wouldn't have had the heart to put the crush on Mr. Silberman's cigars if he had taken a seat, given her a sidelong glance and graciously offered her what up until now has been considered a man's smoke.

There's a lot we can learn about life just by paying attention to the commercials.

Keep 'Em Coming

It was heartening indeed to see Ray Farris' name on that letter Sunday, supporting the call from President Mike Lawler and Student Legislature for a boycott of establishments which practice racial discrimination.

It was equally heartening to see the letter from UNC Law Professor Kenneth L. Penegar the day before; and the individual and group letters from students to the same effect.

This is strong evidence that the people who count are the ones who are willing to stand up and be counted on the side of social justice.

Take Farris, who's now a UNC graduate student, for example. President of the Senior Class in his undergraduate years here not long ago; starting quarterback on UNC's football team; a member of the Order of the Golden Fleece; and, most recently, Coordinator of the

State Intern Program.

Saying all this will probably embarrass Ray, as he's an exceedingly modest guy. But, significantly, he is not modest about declaring where he stands on the moral question of racial discrimination which faces all of us as students and citizens.

We are confident that our fellow students and faculty members will continue the flow of declarations against discrimination.

'The Shake'

From The Nashville Tennessean

Presumably having exhausted themselves with the twist, the British younger set has turned to a new dance craze called "the shake."

An approximation of what it is like could be gained by nailing a dancer's shoes to the floor and dumping a bottle of black ants down his back. "The shake" also has variations, one of which is called the Zizzle. This could be simulated by exchanging big red ants for little black ones.

All this will probably appall an older generation — provided nobody reminds it of the shimmy, which could only be approximated by both little black ants and big red ones.

Heelprints

Maine's Senator Smith is an awfully nice lady, but those people who are backing her for President seem to be off on a wild Margaret Chase.

Definition: A.A.A.A.A. — an organization for drunks who drive.

A friend of ours dates a girl so ugly that he's the only person we know who plans to use the draft to avoid marriage.

With all those overtime games, this year's North-South double-headers lasted almost as long as

the original war.

Then there's the Johnyse Masenbourg doll—you can't wind it up.

Concerning the Florida East Coast railroad, we'd say their business has been booming lately.

The Purple Paladins and the Blue Devils managed to leave the Davidson Wildcats a little red in the face.

Simile: as numerous as Jimmy Hoffa's trials.

'Another Communist Plot To Destroy My Freedom'



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