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NCCU students protest Greensboro verdict outside of Durham post office.



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Nov. 20 rally at NCCU

## Bond urges: 'Act, defend, prepare.'

By Letisa E. Yates

"We must be prepared to defend ourselves ourselves. We want liberty, equality, and justice for all, and we must hold their feet to the fire and demand justice," said Georgia State Sen. Julian Bond in B.N. Duke Auditorium at 11:45 on Nov. 20.

Speaking before an enthusiastic audience of 1,000 NCCU students and faculty, Bond gave various examples designed to exhort black people to unite and take action.

"We are a powerless people in a powerful society," said Bond, pointing out that in today's society the clever use of the political process and personal wealth are most often used. Bond urged that since most blacks lack personal wealth, they must strive to cleverly use the political process.

Warning of powerful political enemies, Bond singled out Jessie Helms, the North Carolina Senator who has constantly turned his back on blacks and who has never had an interest in poor and working people, and pointed out that Helms is to head the committee to decide who will get food stamps.

Turning to another anti-black politician, Bond noted, "Strom Thurmond said that by 1982 he would try to eliminate the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which will effectively erase black voter participation."

Referring to Ronald Reagan, the senator said, "On the 4th of Nov., a man who does not have your interest and mine at the bottom of his heart was elected president."

Bond commented on recent horrors inflicted on black people. "In my hometown,

Atlanta, Georgia, we have seen the vicious murders of children. In Buffalo, New York, we have seen men beaten, shot to death, stabbed, and then their hearts ripped out. And in Greensboro, N.C., we have seen the legalization of murder," he said.

Turning to the problem of the Ku Klux Klan, the senator urged immediate preparation and action.

"The Knights of KKK struck fear and terror into the minds and bodies of blacks everywhere. There was a time when that was true, but that is no longer the case," said Bond. "They would be taking their lives in their own hands if they dared to walk down the street in front of this building."

"This travesty of justice we have just seen makes it evident that the struggle cannot end tomorrow. What do we do?" asked Bond.

"Friends, they will come again, and until we devise the ability to stand up and say no, they will continue.

"Together we are a mighty, mighty people, and so we must stand up and say no. We must apply serious pressure to the federal government," said Bond.

"Nov. 20 is now a historical date. Just as four students from A & T protested and refused to sit in the back of Woolworth's Cafeteria 20 years ago, we shall march to the Federal Building and Post Office in downtown Durham to show our dissatisfaction of the recent verdict of the six Klansmen," said Bond.

At the conclusion of the speech, Bond led a march of approximately 450 students to the Federal Building.

'Mockery of justice'

## Greensboro verdict stuns NCCU campus

Student responses compiled from reports by Media-Journalism's English 3000

Campus reaction to the recent acquittal of the six klansmen and Nazis charged with murder in the fatal shooting of five members of the Communist Workers Party last year ranges from resignation to outrage.

Shortly after the verdict was announced, students and some faculty members from N.C. Central University marched on the Court House in downtown Durham to protest.

Earlier State Senator Julian Bond had addressed a large audience of NCCU students and many sympathizers from Duke University at B.N. Duke Auditorium to deplore what Bond called this additional evidence of racism in America.

And this week, despite the earlier marches and demonstrations, students were still angry over the verdict of the all-white jury that found the six defendants innocent of all charges, ranging from first degree murder to felonious rioting. Four whites and one black died in the shooting that also resulted in serious injury to several others.

Janice Crump, a native of Tuskegee, Ala., but now a resident of Soul City, N.C., showed concern but not surprise over the verdict. "Those of us who grew up with white and colored signs, the midnight terrorist raids of the Klan and sitting in the back of the bus, consider the innocent verdict as 'par for the course.' As a product of the Deep South, I learned very early what to expect realistically from all-white juries," she said.

"What people need to understand about Greensboro is that the trial was not about five human beings being shot down in broad daylight in front of cameras; it was about the honor of 'White America'—as represented by the Klan versus Communism. There was never any doubt in my mind about the outcome, because from the very beginning I understood the simplicity of the matter. What really puzzles me is that the process took so long," Mrs. Crump, a Media-Journalism student, added.

Another student agreed that the jury did not really consider the evidence.

"The jury said that they didn't convict them because they didn't have enough evidence, but what about the video tapes?" asked Denise Middleton, a junior English major from Long Island, N.Y. "It was unjustifiable because of this contradiction."

Lowell Alston, a junior English major from Nashville, N.C., saw a "miscarriage of justice, since the jurors were allowed to go home during such a long, controversial trial. This was a prime example of prejudice in the courtroom," he declared.

"The jury's verdict has slowed up a lot of progress blacks

Faculty responses compiled from reports by Media-Journalism's English 2000

The verdict that acquitted six Ku Klux Klansmen and Nazis charged with murdering five supporters of the Communist Workers Party at a "Death to the Klan" rally in Greensboro a year ago has sparked a blaze of controversy.

In recent interviews, several NCCU instructors expressed their views on the verdict.

Ms. Barbara Dempsey, director of Peer Counseling at NCCU, expressed an impatience with the jurors that was echoed by many. "These people have made a mockery of our judicial process. How could twelve supposedly intelligent jurors with conclusive proof of guilt come to such an idiotic verdict?"

Mrs. Wanda J. Garrett, a visiting lecturer in the English department, said, "I reacted angrily; then the anger subsided to sadness because now, in 1980, people could kill, be recorded on television for the world to see, and be acquitted." Garrett believes the verdict has serious implications for the judicial system of the state: "It made me fearful of state justice and made me realize that justice was bent completely out of shape—blind, deaf, and dumb, just like the three monkeys, See-No-Evil, Hear-No-Evil, Speak-No-Evil."

Several instructors agreed that the verdict was not impartial.

Psychology instructor Elmer Davidson "found it difficult to believe" that such a verdict could be rendered in the same state that convicted the Wilmington 10.

Another psychology instructor, Barbara Nixon, said, "It's obscene to know that justice can be partial."

Aingred G. Dunston, a member of the history department, was not surprised by the verdict: "Such should have been expected from a state with a history of unequal justice, unequal for those who are different—black, poor, Communists, and others. The verdict means that five people were shot to death and nobody killed them."

Janice L. Harper, a reading skills instructor, was not surprised either. "The verdict is typical of the American judicial system," she said. "The fact that the jury was solely composed of whites contributed to this peculiar ruling. There is a need for our judicial system to be investigated because similar rulings are occurring too frequently."

Dr. Helene Dibona of the English department said, "Justice has not been served. They should have been found guilty, because they were."

Shenna Evans, a psychology lab instructor, commented, "People are not satisfied with the decision of the trial, especially black people. This is not the end, although the deci-

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## X-mas toy survey finds bargains, rip-offs, dangers

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If you've been a good little student, teacher, administrator, or staff member this last year, Santa may bring you a Backgammon Challenger.

But if you've been a rotten (one of the above), ol' St. Nick may stick you with "Slime with Worms" (you've got to experience it to believe it) or perhaps "I Took A Lickin' From A Chicken."

These are some of the results from a recent Media-Journalism consumer probe of Durham area toy stores to ferret out "the good, the bad and the ugly."

So check your bank balance and then check these categories.

**Danger—Beware of These Toys**

"The Richard Petty Race Set" (\$22) for ages 3 and over contains 14 pieces which are made of plastic and have to be assembled. There are several small pieces which a young child could easily swallow.

The same warning goes to "The Aero-Marine Search Team," a nine piece playset (\$15).

"The Plastic Model Finishing Kit," for ages 10 and over, contains several potential dangers. Some of the contents are flammable, harmful or fatal if swallowed. Also, the kit gives off a lot of vapors that children should not be exposed to for very long.

"Pop" rifles are not recommended for children five-years-old or under since they can cause bodily harm to anyone hit by the rifles, and can also cause hearing loss.

These rifles are manufactured by many different companies. Models prominent in Durham area are Trail Boss (\$8), Trail Rider (\$10) and Splittin' Image (\$4) by Daisy Co. Paris manufactures the Kentucky Rifle (\$9), and Kedet makes the Trainer Rifle (\$7).

Good Dolls, Bad Ones, Undecideds  
Pretty Curly by Ideal is a popular doll for Christmas. Priced

at \$20, Pretty Curly's hair can be waved and comes with rollers, hair-style catalogue, and a non toxic doll perm.

**Feminists, take note.** My friend Mandy, manufactured by Fisher Price (\$16), is a doll which supposedly teaches a child how to stand and sit like a lady.

Two bad dolls:

"Baby DayPa," manufactured in Spain and selling for \$25, comes with five outfits. But when one reporter tried to see if the clothes would indeed fit, she discovered it was impossible. The doll's shoulders were so wide that the shirt that came with the doll could not go over them. Another reporter found difficulty with the doll's "big head and hips," adding "a child could easily get disgusted with this doll."

"Baby 2-year Old" stands about two feet tall and costs \$22. This doll supposedly can wear the clothes of a two-year-old. As high as clothes are now, what mother would hand down her baby's clothes to a doll? This doll was rated as "not very attractive." Her hair is plastic; her shoes are plastic and her skin is an off-pink.

But a good buy is "Baby Cry And Dry," manufactured by Remco (\$16). Suggested for ages three years and older, the doll requires 2 "C" batteries that are not included. The doll drinks and wets, cries and kicks, and stops only when she is dried.

Baby Kuddles, manufactured by Knickerbocker Toy Company, costs only \$9 and is all cloth, machine washable and dryable. It gives a child a chance to use imagination. Imagination (\$0).

**Rip-offs!!!**

"I Took A Lickin From A Chicken," manufactured by L.J.N., New York, costs \$34. The opponent plays Tic Tac Toe, Chicken Says, Total Recall and Advanced Total Recall with a chicken that wears glasses.

According to Jimmy Brogden, a salesperson for Montgomery Ward, no one has beaten the chicken in Tic Tac Toe. "I think the game is ridiculous," he said. "We had the game

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Don't lose your cookies!

### Join the party

The fourth annual Christmas Cookie Party and Sing takes place today in the Student Union between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Putting aside their red pencils, class attendance forms, and grade books for what has become the traditional Christmas bash at the university, the faculty, administration, and staff are treating the students to an afternoon of cookies, punch, conversation, and carols.

Though dress for the guests is informal, the Union will be decked out in its holiday finest. SGA decorates the Christmas tree with bows and strings of popcorn and cranberries. Other campus organizations decorate the uprights. The Alumni Organization donates a centerpiece for the table which has already been made festive by the Cafeteria and Union staffs.

Get rid of those pre-finals grumps. Come to the party!

## A Rainbow in Black

a special supplement