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Dismissal Of Chaplains A Blow To Christianity

The story behind the dismissal of the two UNC Episcopal chaplains, Bill Coates, and Herbert Tucker, is beginning to sound even more disillusioning.

Episcopal Bishop Thomas Frasier said Saturday that the two will have to leave the chaplaincy here June 1 because a committee had recommended re-organization of the chaplaincy.

So apparently, when you get down to the meat of the controversy, it seems the two are being dismissed because they made too much of an effort to get along well with everyone, to make the church more relevant to life, to try to do their propogating among all people, not just among those people who came to the Episcopal Church every Sunday morning. Their work here was, as the petition in support of them said, "a fresh, innovative style of campus ministry."

These two have "witnessed to the vital meaning of the Christian message for our day, they have faced the hard questions with courage and integrity, and they have helped many to gain a fresh

respect for the Christian faith," the petition explains.

And now, unfortunately, these two will no longer be with the chaplaincy, effective June 1, unless the Episcopal Bishop realizes their immense value to the community and the Church (not just the Episcopal Church, but the Christian Church.)

It is precisely that which is happening here—two persons who have been recognized by the community as close followers of the Christian idelas, two persons who kept many from becoming alienated from the Church, are being dismissed.

This is extremely unfortunate and foolish. A meeting will be held today at 4 p.m. in Gerrard Hall to consider what can be done to keep these two chaplains in their position. We hope that all persons in the community who are distressed by the dismissal of Coates and Tucker will attend. We also hope that the officials of the Episcopal Diocese will realize the grave error they have made and will keep these two on as campus chaplains.

Joe Sanders

What We Have Here Is A Lack...

"Communication" is the most overworked, indiscriminantly used English word today. When two people get together and neither one knows what he's talking about, you have a "communication gap". When someone refuses to co-operate with someone else, it is most stylish to place the blame on a "lack of communication" or a "breakdown in the lines of communication".

Communication itself has assumed a sort of mystical quality. The University News Bureau released a rash of feature stories this summer proclaiming the effective lines of communication between

'The demands stem from textbook examples of a lack of communication...'

the Administration and the student body. The features never spelled out just how the communication worked, and the reader was left with the impression that South Building relied on ESP to confer with students.

In the last month we have witnessed two related textbook examples of a lack of communication at Carolina. The first

example involved the chairman of the Black Student Movement talking with the director of the Carolina Union for at least half an hour and coming out of the meeting with a misunderstanding over a rather elementary set of rules. The second example involved the same chairman of the BSM asking about 6,000 apparently deaf or uncooperative students to contribute money for a function they were taking the liberty to enjoy.

Preston Dobbins, chairman of the BSM, talked to Carolina Union Director Howard Henry on November 12 about using Carmichael Auditorium for a speech by Stokely Carmichael scheduled for November 21. That Dobbins did see Henry on Nov. 12 is about all the two men will agree on, for both have entirely different accounts of what was said at the meeting.

Dobbins insists that Henry told him he could not charge admission to the speech and would have to meet the costs through contributions from the audience. Henry insists that the matter of charging admissions never came up, and that the entire conversation centered around methods of advertising and soliciting contributions.

Although Dobbins accuses Henry of purposely misleading him, it seems rather

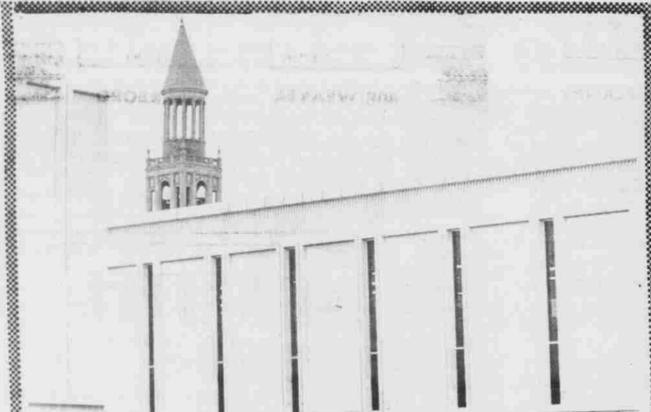
that Henry allowed the entire conversation to proceed on an assumption. Henry had been in charge of letting out University buildings for years now, and he has formulated a set of rules concerning their use without ever having published those rules or explaining their application. Even after the SDS lost a Judy Collins concert last year because of confusion over the use of Memorial Hall Henry still presented no set of fixed rules open to all interested parties.

Yet after lengthy conversations with both Henry and Dobbins it appears that Henry based his Nov. 12 conversation

'Henry's reliance on the psychic forms of communication has proved disastrous'

with Dobbins on the assumption that Dobbins knew what the rules were concerning the use of Carmichael. Henry's reliance on the psychic forms of communication, however, has proved disastrous once too often and he promises to have a set of rules published by the end of Christmas vacation.

The misunderstanding between Henry



... Part Of UNC's Massive Building Project

Is The Southern Part Of Heaven Going To Hell?

Where's our University going to physically?

Is it going to be shot to hell or stay the Southern Part of Heaven? When you stop to think about the many red, ivy covered brick structures on campus and then begin to consider the five story, the seven story, and the nine-story building that are scheduled to go up in their midst in the next decade you begin to wonder if the Southern Part of Heaven isn't going to hell.

Even worse than the thought of the campus beginning to look like hell in ten years, is the possibility that we will look like N.C. State.

Currently decisions on what kind of building the University is going to get for its money are made within the Administration. Students and faculty usually don't find out what their new buildings are going to look like until a contract is let. By then it's too late to stop "progress" on the campus.

This is wrong. What the campus needs, if it is to stay the beautiful academic center that is now is, is open decision-making on the

construction of buildings. Rather than just administrators deciding how to get the most for their money physically, other members of the University community need to be brought in to advise on not just how to get the most square feet of space for the dollar, but also how to get the most sensually appealing, most socially positive building. Lots of classroom and laboratory space help to make a good university, but such penny pinching can backfire if the buildings that are designed are so unappealing as to be the anti-thesis of the beauty of learning.

It is too late to do anything about the design of the Bingham Hall Annex or the addition to Venable Hall but beyond that stage there is room for admission of the rest of the University Community into the planning for the future.

Whether students and faculty are allowed to voice their opinions on where the University will go physically in the future, all hinges on whether the University wants to remain the Southern Part of Heaven or just go to hell.

Letters To The Editor

Library Mess Not Students' Fault

To the Editor:

Mr. Thompson, the Undergraduate librarian, is absolutely right. However, he did not go far enough. As I am sure we are all aware, libraries exist for librarians. Occasionally, however, we students slip and forget. We, for example, borrow books, thus messing up the neatness of the stacks. We put our feet up to get comfortable and, Lord help us, even fall asleep on occasion. Clearly, some severe reforms are in order. I suggest the following:

1. putting all books under glass, so they will look neat and orderly for visitors, alumni, janitors, etc.
2. replacing the comfortable furniture with long picnic-table benches and employing monitors to use electric prods on students who are dozing off.

Action must be taken swiftly, before another chair is scratched.

Sincerely,
L. V. Asch
N. Greensboro St.

BSM Criticized For New Methods

To the Editor:

What has happened to the philosophy of the Black Student Movement? Is the only way it can gain recognition by making attacks and unreasonable demands? Do the members actually feel they can enlist support through such an unfounded proposal as the removal from office of a highly regarded university official like Howard Henry?

Henry is a successful man. He has become so because he is accomplishing the goals of his position. Unfortunately, while acting in his role as supervisor of entertainment presented in Carmichael Auditorium conflict arose concerning admission prices to the Stokely Carmichael speech on November 21. Preston Dobbins says Henry refused to allow admission to be charged; Henry says this isn't true. In the ten years Henry has been at UNC, admission has never

been charged to a speech; even so, he says he did not forbid BSM to do so. Was this a misunderstanding or is the BSM now merely using their failure at raising money through donations at the speech as fuel to gain publicity for their organization by burning Henry?

Surely 90% of the students present at the speech were merely curious spectators, and rightfully so, as Stokely Carmichael is an impressive speaker and has certainly made an impact on today's thinking. The students present proved they were not in support of the BSM program by refusing to donate substantially to their cause. Students on this campus are not so naive that they would pay to see a program, in full knowledge that their money would be wasted in support of a movement that now exists only on the controversy provided by exploited situations.

Had there been an admission charged, Carmichael would have spoken to a nearly empty Carmichael. The BSM surely must have known this, so they figured they would gain more funds by first attracting a full house and then collecting donations. They were wrong, just as they are wrong in seeking an unjustified removal from office of Howard Henry.

Despite the demands of the BSM, Henry will continue at UNC. He is a man of integrity and performs his job well; one can only wish that the same were true of the Black Student Movement.

Sincerely,
William J. Gordon
Beta Theta Pi

Sure Is, Virginia

By JOHN BENNETT

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. Your little friends are wrong. He exists as

certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist. Alas, how dreary the world would be if there were no Santa Claus; as dreary as if there were no Virginias for the Tar Heels to stomp on Tuesday. Wednesday, your Christmas came early against Duke, but ask Kentucky and Vanderbilt if Santa Claus exists.

Their response will be No, but Charlie Scott, Rusty Clark, Bill Bunting, Eddie Fogler, Dick Grubar, Lee Demon and Joe Brown do and the 91 points they are averaging will make your Christmas more like a New Year's hangover.

While you have been laboring for your ACC leading average of ninety some-odd points against powerful competition like Richmond, George Washington and a Duke team that lost to no-name Michigan; Carolina has been lucky to play patsies like Kentucky and Vanderbilt.

Just think about that loss to G.W. when you trot into the hostile glare of

and Dobbins might not have been disastrous at all if the 7,000 students who showed up to hear Carmichael had contributed a penny, it seems, because the BSM grossed only \$700 in the evening. Even after Dobbins told the audience before the question-and-answer period that the BSM had financial commitments to meet, most of the students saw fit not to contribute. Although those who attended were under no legal obligation to contribute, they had, we think, a moral obligation. They ignored this obligation and freeloaded.

Now the BSM is demanding from the administration the dismissal of Henry and the amount of \$7,000 to make up for what it could have collected from an admission charge to Carmichael. The BSM communicated these demands, along with 21 others, to Chancellor Sitterson Wednesday. The Chancellor replied, characteristically, that he would give them every consideration. The whole incident of the Henry-Dobbins dispute seems to have gone into South Building limbo for some time to come.

It seems unlikely that Henry will be fired or that the BSM will ever get \$7,000 from the Administration. Henry does not deserve to be fired and the administration has not made a practice in the past of reimbursing groups for money lost, no matter whose fault.

When Sitterson promised to reply to the demands in writing, however, he gave hope at last that future misunderstandings can be avoided, even if disagreement cannot. Communication, at last, may come to Carolina.

Believe It!

When one member of the Point Barrow, Alaska, Surf Club was asked to quote the price of crumpets in Duck, North Carolina, he was so unnerved that he could not answer.

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AND GET THE HELL SHOCKED OUT OF HIM...

