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University, SAGA Guilty For Food Service Mess

Bumping Problem

According to a story in Thursday's *Tar Heel*, a petition is circulating among food service workers in an effort to oust the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Union (AFSCME).

Fortunately, such is not the case. What is happening is that workers are being bumped and are blaming the union, rather than SAGA, for that situation. It was SAGA, however, which agreed in December when the strike was settled that before any bumping could or would occur, all workers would be laid off according to the inverse order of seniority.

AFSCME has filed a grievance with SAGA that the list of seniority was not followed during the lay-offs which have occurred since the December settlement. And although the SAGA national office has denied AFSCME's request to immediately begin arbitration concerning that and other grievances, the charge still holds that SAGA did not follow the seniority list when it decided who was going to be laid off.

Thus, the workers who now blame the union for their having to be bumped might start wondering whether it was in fact SAGA which might have been in error when the lay-offs were made, which were by contract supposed to have been made in inverse order of seniority.

University Silent

Despite the tension between the workers and SAGA, and within the union itself, the University stands by and is silent. But it was the University which originally hired SAGA, and thus it is the University which has a responsibility for what is now happening to the workers.

Administrative officials are doubtful that the food service is going to be operated next year. If that is the case, the workers, in addition to all the troubles they are facing with the SAGA management, are going to be out of jobs altogether.

The University, through the special task force of James Gaskin, did manage to replace a number of workers who, by contract, were to be laid off by SAGA and later replaced by the University. But that does not settle the problem of the workers who have been laid off since the agreement or the workers who are still employed.

The University has no claim to innocence in all these matters. The University is responsible for what has happened, for what is happening, and for what is going to happen to the workers in the event that the University discontinues the food service.

Union Struggle

Maybe to better understand the position of the University, it would be worthwhile to analyze the University's relationship to the workers.

Back in May when SAGA first assumed management of the food service, the University had had a history of losing money in that area. But it had a responsibility to the workers who were employed up to and during the spring strike. When SAGA took over, the University's responsibility in a sense diminished to some degree, in the University's point of view. Further, using the University's logic, if and

when SAGA began to lay off workers and hire new workers who had not worked for the University, the University's responsibility for the workers was going to diminish even more.

But the University must accept its responsibility. The University has a debt to the workers who were at any time employed by the University, regardless of the fact that they might have subsequently been employed by SAGA, and we might add, in a great many cases, subsequently laid off by SAGA.

The University may now have relieved itself of a perhaps excessive work force, but that does not relieve the University of its responsibility to the workers who happened to constitute the excess.

Faculty Council

The Faculty Council meets today and included on the agenda is a resolution concerning the future of the food service. The council might consider the responsibility of the University in this matter. To deny the continuation of the food operation is in effect to deny the existence of a workers' union on this campus. And the existence of a union is something that has come only with a lot of pain on the part of the workers.

The workers' pain, we might add, has in no way been eased by the attitude and practices of the University, not to mention the attitude and practices of SAGA.

Further, to kill the food service on campus is to insure that the workers do not only not have a union, but also that they do not have any jobs at all.

Finally, the students are going to be hurt by not having a campus food service. The Chapel Hill eating establishments are not set up to cater to the needs of students. They are set up as business enterprises. The University, on the other hand, does have an obligation to provide a decent, inexpensive place for the students to eat.

For an institution which can build all the buildings, recommend all the new curricula, renovate all the athletic facilities, etc., etc., that this one does, the University ought to do something about providing its students with a good, inexpensive place to eat.

The Faculty Council has its work cut out for it.

Sorry

An editorial in Thursday's *Tar Heel*, entitled "Visitation Policy Retarded By Administrative Power," said the Committee on University Residential Life (CURL) was comprised of faculty members and administrators.

That was an error. CURL does comprise faculty members and administrators, but it also includes seven students, recommended by the Student Body President, and a representative of the United Campus Ministry who is an ex-officio member, as are the three administrators.

There are seven faculty members on the committee.

We apologize for the error.

Rick Allen

No More Foot-Dragging On Desegregation

The old Southern politician used to tell his friends: "I hate only two things—niggers and bigots."

Many of UNC's students fall into the same category. They call themselves liberals, but they reveal themselves with such comments as: "You can't give them too much too soon."



We have isolated and down-trodden the black man for centuries because we fear him. Our fear derives directly from our lack of understanding. As with so many things, we choose to attack rather than to comprehend.

And so it is that instead of bringing the black within the walls of our white society, we have shut him out, contenting ourselves with the "knowledge" that he is lazy, or stupid, or unclean.

The current school desegregation battle has brought this feeling back out into the open. Students tell me that it is unfair to break up schools in the middle of the year.

But the fact is that the Supreme Court told the Southern states to integrate their school systems 16 years ago, and to get it done "with all deliberate speed."

That last phrase is open to debate, but no one in his right mind can say that the South has not done some procrastinating since 1954.

This latest Supreme Court decision is saying, in effect, that 15 years is more than enough time, and the delaying tactics must end.

Unfortunately, the resistance to integration is continuing, and it is getting some very strong help from high places, including the office of the president.

It may be obvious, but let us remember that the Supreme Court presently consists of eight old men who would not, in all likelihood, be very effective in administering their rulings.

For this reason, it is the duty of the president to back up all decisions of the highest court.

Nixon is opposed to busing, which is the latest excuse of the South to avoid integration. We can only ponder the reaction to busing if it were to be used to keep the races separated.

The ultimate problem, of course, is that it is impossible to eliminate

Robin Brewer

New Words For 'Hark The Silence (!)'

I only sing when provoked. And to graduate in June, the College of Arts and Sciences informs me that I am required to be present when the Alma Mater is sung on Graduation Night.

The last time my voice filled the air to that tune was at Freshman Camp, four years ago. They wouldn't feed us if we didn't sing.

Worse, there is no printed copy in existence of the words. I learned that saddening fact from the UNC News Bureau, after they found that their file on "Mater, Alma", was devoid of contents.

Letter to the Editor

Writer Slams 'Free Press' Campaign

To the Editor: Well, well. The Committee for a "Free" Press has at last responded to John Agar's criticism of them. It took them twelve days to think of anything to say... but we won't worry about that, it's understandable.

Unfortunately, the Committee's latest diatribe is in the same style that has characterized their whole campaign against the DTH all year long—low on rational thinking, high on catchy slogans, noble phrases, and rhetoric. Their arguments tend to fall apart whenever anyone takes the trouble to consider them in a logical and thoughtful way.

The Committee insists that it is somehow sinful or wrong to "force" people to pay for a newspaper they don't want. This is an old, old argument. It was used a hundred years ago: "Why should people with no children be forced to pay for public schools (or, a state university) they don't want?"

But the majority of the people wanted a public education system established, and the government went into the education business. It was trotted out

Readers Forum

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segregation without getting rid of prejudice. No matter how powerful the body, it cannot legislate or adjudicate against discrimination. So long as people think it undesirable to integrate their schools they will find ways to delay.

Another opinion expressed by many students is that "Yankees" are hypocritical in seeking to attack Southern schools while segregation still runs unscathed in the Northern cities.

There is some justification in this feeling. But Northern schools are segregated "de facto", that is, by

neighborhoods and housing patterns. In the South, on the other hand, segregation has traditionally been "de jure", accomplished by law.

What this means is that it is far more difficult to stop segregation in the North. Eventually, the North must be forced to integrate; it will just take longer.

But in the meantime, there is no reason why the South cannot desegregate. The "Stennis Amendment," on the surface, would force Northern cities to desegregate at the same rate as the South.

But in effect, this would slow the South, without speeding the North.

The point is that if two people are at fault, the faults do not offset each other. The South cannot justify its segregation by pointing an accusing finger at the North, even if the North is indeed guilty.

Integration may not cure all the ills of the black man in our society. But at the foundation of our racial troubles is the need for men of different colors to know and understand each other. Only then will our fear and hatred have the chance to die.



But the Alma Mater is sung, they told me. At Basketball games.

My seat in the bleacher section was next to a girl. A stroke of luck. Girls like to sing. She had a date, though, so tact was called for. Innocent overtures, and so forth.

"Wow, some game huh? The guys are really peppering the old hoop!"

"These are the warm-up drills, cretin."

I went out and purchased a Coke for twenty minutes.

She did not notice my embarrassed

return, thankfully. I had trouble spotting it myself.

"I guess they sing the Alma Mater pretty soon, right?"

"Twit, the game comes first." By the grace of the Timekeeper it was halftime, and I left for a breath of fresh air. Eight thousand people rose with me and followed me out. We all ended up by the Belltower, hyperventilating deep gulps of fresh oxygen, and then trudged gymward for what was an equally demanding second half.

We won. A guard on the opposing

team drove the length of the court and made a lay-up in our basket before he realized he had his contact lens in backwards. The jubilant crowd was so moved they burst out singing the Alma Mater.

In a manner of speaking. Most of them were no better off than I was. To hide from the social stigma of not knowing their Alma Mater they did the little things people do when they must sing.

Some lowered their heads and sang into their chests. Others hunched over in their seats looking for imaginary coats. The girl next to me sang above the frequency audible to the human ear. One boy came down with a sudden seizure of lockjaw.

I was at least honest enough to admit I didn't know the Alma Mater. I sang the National Anthem instead, and five people in front of me switched over to it in desperation. We were all glorious allos, and saluted each other when we finished.

What I could understand of the Alma Mater I scribbled down on the lineup sheet. As near as I can deduce, UNC students sing it this way:

'Hark! Bassoon of Two Hill vices,
Ribbons Nancy Drew,
Sagging Carol Hannah's bruises
Jousting, I see you.
Helter Bridgette, sterile ode,
Clarence radars chimes.
Carol Inn, a Princess germ
Recede old prairies, dine.
For Emma Two Hill burn
Andy Two Hill bled,
Antennae dye,
Albee a Two Hill sled.
Sore it's roar, Curl in her antler.
Roar roar Curl in her, antler.
Roar roar Curl in her,
Gotta tell dupe.

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