

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Open Letter

Dear Newt,

I have just read your letter in today's Swarthmorean. If I could accept all your premises I could agree with your conclusions. But, believe it or not, I differ with you despite the fact that we have similar backgrounds and belong to the same generation. I am moved to engage in a friendly debate. I have just been reading about the subject of black students in the January issue of Fortune and in today's Wall Street Journal. Both articles were good but most illuminating of all is the report of the Harvard faculty committee in The New York Times of January 22. I wish I could quote it here in full.

In the light of these articles, student behavior at Swarthmore and elsewhere can be seen as almost pathetic rather than actually criminal. There are these kids: plenty bright but poorly prepared (through no fault of their own), a small and conspicuous minority in a strange new world, fearful of what their own people think of them and expect of them, and faced with demanding courses some of which do not seem to them to be relevant to their lives.

Empathy is needed more than condemnation. These black students do have legitimate aspirations and they do press them for a while in non-violent, democratic ways. They probably would have achieved them at Swarthmore if they had been a bit more patient, since they did have such wide support amongst the college community. But who has the gall to counsel black people to have more patience at this late date?

It is true that presenting "non-negotiable" demands and barricading themselves in an office smacks of "taking over" but what are their demands? They don't ask the Board of Trustees to abdicate, or for power to run the whole college. All they want is greater recognition, more understanding, proportional representation of blacks in the student body, the faculty, and the administration, some new courses which Harvard now concedes are of academic value, and a meeting place they can call their own. I agree with you that responsibility and power must go together. I believe the former will come as soon as some of the latter is obtained.

By calling for violent ejection by the police as the right response to a sit-in, the moral issue is compromised. It then becomes merely a matter of choosing sides and both claiming that "the end justifies the means."

All students should be grateful for their opportunities. On the other hand, our society cannot afford to allow any of its eager, or over-eager, young people to remain uneducated. It would be short-sighted indeed to reject them even when they outrage us by some of their tactics. Militant students must be made to realize that violent actions are wrong, but college administrators and the public must become aware that they can sometimes be blind. If both can change soon enough all will be well.

Sincerely,
Herbert W. Huse
218 Vassar Avenue

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Jack Price, a Junior at the University of Rochester, New York.

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Dave Conwell, son of Mrs. E. L. Conwell celebrated his 10th birthday last week with

a scavenger hunt at his home on Columbia Avenue.

ZONING HEARING

The Swarthmore Zoning Hearing Board (formerly called the Board of Adjustment) will hold a public hearing in Borough Hall, Swarthmore, Pa., at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, February 13, 1969 on an appeal by Lillian Bachman requesting variances in connection with her present plans for certain alterations to Premises 514 Yale Avenue and additions to the existing store and dwelling at said location. The papers filed may be inspected in the office of the undersigned.

Ruth A. B. Townsend
Sec. to Zoning Hearing Board.

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