Letters to the Editor

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No Compromise

The Black-White problem today on La Salle campus as is the problem in the United States is one wherein we find that the whites with power are continuously under the pretext of bringing about solutions through discussion, must good faith of any particular racial problem, have in fact before discussion commenced, resolved that nothing whatsoever will blacks get unless there is a compromise. It is rare, if ever, that whites in positions of solving racial problems really ever want to get right down to real gritty and direct with the crux or the reality concerning such matters. This statement, I am sure will appall some whites, particularly those white who have a great sense of confidence in man's moral and humane capacity towards his fellow man. To you who feel as such, certainly must recognize, of only through history (not to mention the present time) that you whites have never accepted black men as an equal; therefore, have not granted him the justice or ethical considerations deemed fair in any situation. Being specific, I call for further, dwelling in point with the controversial aftermath of La Salle's "Open Door" Program, its director, Dr. Turner C. Battle, B.S.U. and the Administration.

With the initial stage of the "Open Door" complete, one now finds those whose parents were involved in that need of assistance by way of an administrator. Because of this fact, the "Open Door" brothers, the director of the Urban Study Center, and the entire staff associated arose to this need and in turn recommended and endorsed Turner C. Battle to again take up the position he held during the Summer session. Their indorsement was not for a blackman, nor an administrator, but a man called as he is by his name. The fact of Mr. Battle being black was never a point in question because the race qualification was understood by all. The original question at the beginning of the program was that a competent individual be found and judged equally by his administrative capacity and social acumen, such as his being able to communicate, be respected, be loved, and basically to relate to the sensitive needs of his brothers in the program.

Certainly anyone would recognize that Mr. Battle completely fulfills the requirements of the position.

The white administration at La Salle on the other hand, in light of facts, observed or recognized, though given truths and needs, respected the black brothers or the community for in lieu of their crises it has rejected their demands. The first question is what the blacks did the administration do as it did? In short, the administration at La Salle is racist, because once again, as in billions of other incidents, you have whites disregarding blacks and determining what is supposedly good for them. This being specifically done by stating that some other blackman will find the position. Clearly anyone can see where La Salle's administration is "coming from," because as stated earlier a blackman was never the issue in question. The second question did the administration to this conclusion? "Compromised?" This form of fair practices that is usually the case when black confront white administrators, that is, whites go through the process of making blacks feel they are getting something, when in fact blacks are getting nothing.

I can not compromise, I am black, I have nothing with which to surrender. My people are in the same bag. Why do you whites continuously want black people to make concessions that only leave us with more nothingness? As a blackman, I believe that short and shortly henceforth will not be able to tolerate continued trickology. I am frustrated, I feel that one day soon in my lifetime, I will reach the point where in death will probably be my only recourse, and surely death will likewise come to some white men, women or child.

Today, I am at a standstill, I regret the path I am being forced into by white administrators as those on La Salle's campus. The seeds are being sowed by whites with power, and only then can they change the situation, not only mine, but my people many of whom feel just as I.

Frustrated Black Student

Where to Park?

It has come to my attention that there is a gross injustice being perpetrated upon the student body. The injustice in question is that of the student parking facilities. These facilities are most inadequate to accommodate the increased enrollment at La Salle.

A situation arises where a student is forced to park his car at distances up to four or five blocks away from school because the lots are full.

It is understandable that the student lots are full. However, there always seem to be ample room left in the faculty lot for additional cars. My comment is directed to the person or persons who planned this facility. They seemed to have had very little foresight.

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