

LETTERS

Reply

Editor:

According to philosophical logic, man is a rational being. Whereas, a group of rational beings composing the staff of the Daily Utah Chronicle deemed it expedient to place an advertisement of a most psychotic and idiosyncratic nature adjacent to thoughts of inspiration and social ratification, we see no right to question their rationality. However, in the eyes of men of dignity and pride, such an act is one of condemnation, social injustice, racism and pure derogatory sarcasm.

Whereas, we the members of the Black Student Union possess dignity and pride, we herewith submit, amicably and congenially of our own social volition, the above statement expressing disapproval over such behavior.

BLACK STUDENT UNION

Ads and news stories are placed on the page and sent to press at different times. The News Department does not know which ads will be appearing next to the news stories. No sarcasm was intended in their placement. (-Ed.)

We apologize

Editor:

Apologies are due to those who were offended and embarrassed by the ad that was placed by us Monday. We would like to make it clear that no offense was intended.

SCOTT ANDERSON
LDSSA MEN'S COUNCIL

Regrets action

Editor:

I've always considered myself quite liberal, standing for the civil rights of all men. And then I ran the ad that appeared Monday advertising the LDSSA Men's Council Returned Missionary Seminar. I thought nothing of the ad or its contents.

Then came my education. The tragic thing about it is that it happened thoughtlessly. The ad was created and prepared without thinking of what it implied. It implied racism. The ad shows evidently that I am racist without ever thinking I was or meaning to be. Why? Probably alot of it is due to my background. My cultural group is white and all I know is white, so I think white. That is why, I guess, I am racist. That is why the ad appeared without any thought to the feelings, frictions or problems it would cause among the blacks, among the white students, at the LDS Institute of Religion and in the Park Building.

And that, I think, is the tragedy in the racial problem in this country. I made myself a perfect example of it. It is not with the blacks. It is among the whites; it is with me. We just fail to think, speak or act anything but white. I'm sorry it happened and sorry about the embarrassment it caused. I hope that with opened eyes I can be less narrow, learning how to think outside myself.

SCOTT ANDERSON

LETTERS TO THE Editor

Parking pollution

Editor:

The letter to the editor entitled "Pollution and Parking" by George Provol in Jan. 29 issue of the Chronicle has prodded me into writing this letter. I agree with all points made in George Provol's letter urging multiple passenger usage of the University's limited parking facilities. Crowded areas of this country, be they universities, downtown business areas, industrial plants, or other crowded facilities, can no longer afford to provide parking facilities to sole occupant vehicles. Parking spaces in crowded areas, whether furnished to a person or a vehicle free or for a fee (excluding commercial parking lots, of course) should be allotted to university students, workers, etc., on a car pool basis, with priority in proportion to the number of people served by the parking space each day. Personal convenience should yield to the greatest good of the greatest number, including the taxpayer, who usually pays for the acquisition and the upkeep of public parking spaces.

The strong point of George Provol's letter, perhaps hidden, is that control and reduction of all forms of pollution of air, water, sound, space, and population stabilization must start with YOU AND ME, and must be worked at every day all the days of our lives on Spaceship Earth, starting today. This means cultivating selflessness, foregoing many of the conveniences of our sophisticated society. One small but very important cause of pollution is containers. So many food, beverage, personal products today use throw-away containers, causing litter and pollution. When you buy milk, beer, soft drinks, would you be willing to buy the products in returnable rather than throwaway containers? If you will do so, you will be helping solve part of our great pollution problems.

Transportation. We must use the greatest polluter of all, the gasoline-fueled internal combustion engine, for many years to come. Would you be willing to forego the 200, 300, 400, 500 cubic inch behemoths crowding our cities and highways today for moderately small, less powerful automobiles that can serve you just as well? Would you encourage use of and personally use mass transportation systems in place of your own automobile for at least part of your transportation needs? If you would do these things, you would be helping greatly to overcome our critical pollution problems.

The ways you can help to preserve the beauty and health of our planet and its life forms, to make our brief stay on Spaceship Earth more pleasant,

healthful, and meaningful, are legion. How many ways can you think of? How many are you practicing today?

GLENN E. CASEY
Publicity Chairman
Uinta Chapter, Sierra Club

BSU statement

Editor:

To all white racist pigs:

We made the mistake of thinking that in order to deal with racist people on this campus, that we had to talk in a language that they understand. We can see clearly that the *honkies* on this racist campus aren't as educated as they pretend to be. We are tired of living in a racist society, where one succeeds only according to the color of his skin. We are tired of honkies in particular who think that all they have to do is apologize every time they show their racist policies. (The ad that was placed in the Chronicle displaying Black faces.) We feel that it is time that all of the white racist pigs in America, as well as on this campus, realize that they are no longer dealing with Negroes, colored people, and the like. Suckers, you are dealing with BLACK PEOPLE—BLACK REVOLUTIONARIES. We have been putting up with your mess as long as you have been dishing it out. This must and will by any means necessary cease!

Your attempts to assimilate Black people into your mainstream have failed! We see you for what you are, racist pigs. For four hundred years you have been apologizing for your racism. Racism is your thing, why don't you always be yourself? It is time that you faced it, no matter how many apologies, or excuses you make for your racism, you are still what you are; a racist pig fit only for slaughter. It is of your nature to continue to be what you are. So be that and never mind the apologies, you need not apologize for being yourself. You are hooked, an addict and racism is your dope.

ACTIVE MEMBERS
THE BLACK STUDENT UNION

Demonstrations

Editor:

Concerning Stopanovich's anti-demonstration column of Feb. 2.

"You can't teach an old dog newtricks," so we must die for the Washington-elite war games as our

bodies are shuffled in a bubble-gum machine lottery and suffocate beneath the exhaust fumes of Henry Ford while he escapes to the Carribean. The time has come to put our bodies on the machine and stop it. We are wayworn of waiting for an anti-pollution bill to pass slowly through government channels, only to be vetoed by a super-straight whose election was financed by the offending company. We must step over these exploiters and expose their hypocrisy through active demonstration.

You speak blindly of the worthlessness of demonstrations, but because of progressive demonstrating of the insane war, the public have at least took the initiative to question and investigated our purpose there.

Conservationists forewarned us long ago of the pollution bomb, but the fuse was lit by the recent demonstrations.

With concern of the "sputtering" of the moratorium, perhaps you missed the massive candle-light vigils in Times Square and Golden Gate Park, or the 50,000 person march against death in D.C. In major cities where the moratorium was greatly supported by concerned and informed adults and teenagers, the results were fantastic.

Your boycott suggestion reminds one of elementary school days where not eating lunch was a boycott against vinegar-soaked spinach. Are you suggesting we stop buying automobiles, stop heating our homes, or live in flat wood structures to boycott steel. Apply your energy, Stripanovich and write a souped-up letter to D.C. Apply it a little more and try to gain a receptive conference with no-show Nixon. May your hair grow over your face as you wait, adding more emphasis to your already closed head.

MARIANNE ZIMMER

Truth hurts

Editor:

It is surprising how many people are harboring ill feelings. Too bad the truth hurts some people.

It is ironic that the ones espousing a Christian philosophy... "Let he who is without error cast the first stone"... even preach such a Christian philosophy.

Some of you people need to re-educate yourselves or re-educate your Christian God whose philosophy you make a mockery of.

JESSE CASTILLO
ASSOCIATION OF BROWN STUDENTS

BEAUTY AND BLACKNESS

(Fashion Show)

The Black Student Union, University of Utah, is having a Fashion Show and Dance on October 30, 1970 at 8:00 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

AFRO Fashions and also Mode Fashions will be modeled by beautiful black models, sponsored by the Ebony Mall, J. C. Penney and the Chalk Garden — Irene Hasty, Black Fashion Designer.

The Dance will feature:

“DON RAY SAMPSON AND STUFF”

Plus

“THE NEW SOUL SOPHISTICATES”

Everyone is invited. Tickets are available at the Ebony Mall, The Chalk Garden - Main and 1st South, the U. of U. Minority Center. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, and \$1.00 for students. For questions, contact Early (Peaches) Laster at 322-8151

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Blacks present demands to Pres. Emery

A group of 13 blacks presented a list of demands to University President Alfred C. Emery Thursday about 3 p.m. in the president's office in the Park Bldg.

The list, as outlined by a public relations spokesman for the University, dealt with creating a black studies curriculum with black students acting in key roles to select instructors and courses to be taught. Other demands included total waiver of tuition and fees for students below a certain income level (although the level was not specified) and the University taking a definitive position on minority student "rights" applying to minorities both on and off campus.

According to the spokesman, the group indicated the demands were "non-negotiable and if not accepted within five days action will be taken." Identification of individuals within the group could not be made, nor did the University administration indicate whether the group was composed entirely of students.

According to Dean of Students Michael Patton, who spoke for the president, the group entered the president's office at 2:45 p.m. and asked to see him. He was home at the time and returned to the University to meet with them.

An original copy of the list of demands could not be obtained. "They were their demands, they're not mine to release; they are not my demands. If they want to give them out, that's fine," said President Emery after the group had left his office.

The only other thing President Emery would say was, "A group came in to meet with me and gave me a list of demands." Dean Patton said the administration had made no decision on accepting or rejecting the list. "No response will be made tonight," he said, "although the

administration plans to meet tomorrow to discuss it."

Dean Patton said the group represented an organization called Revolutionary Afro-American Forces (RAAF). The group is not an ASUU-recognized student group, although it is allegedly a splinter-group of the Black Student Union. A group called Revolutionary Afro-Americans for Freedom was recognized two weeks ago by Student Affairs.

"The group was basically well-behaved, a very moderate group. There was no destruction of property," said Dean Patton. The meeting between the blacks and President Emery lasted approximately 15 minutes, he said.

Grover Thompson, ASUU president, and

Tallie Cavaness, Organizations Board chairman, met with the group and several other blacks after the incident, although both refused to comment on the content of the meeting.

Charles Kelley, who said he was a spokesman for the group that met with President Emery, said he had no comment to make Thursday night, although he said the group would probably issue a statement Friday.

Mr. Thompson said, however, he had known about the demands in advance.

Carl Mason, black students adviser, said Thursday night that he had "no comment" and that the black students had asked him to stay uninvolved.

Eugene Orr, director of Marriott Library Duplication Department, spoke earlier Thursday on "What It's Like to be Black." Mr. Orr spoke at 1:15 p.m. A group of black students had left his speech abruptly after asking him how he could be both a black and a member of the LDS Church.

He told them, "I chose to work within the system and try to change institutions."

Later, he said, "There's more than one way to skin a cat. Some blacks choose militant methods. I choose to work within the system."

"Violent measures just hurt you, and hurt others," he said. Mr. Orr said none of the blacks had contacted him personally concerning the meeting between the group and President Emery.