

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