

Response To Carmichael Letter

Dear Editor,

I can tolerate ignorance; I can tolerate ethnocentrism, I can even tolerate juvenile behavior in an upperclassman, but I will not tolerate an outright lie!

I sincerely hope that the majority of the W&L community will not be misled by the inaccurate statements of one misinformed young student!

The Student Association for Black Unity is advised by me and I approved of their choice to bring Brother Kwame Toure to W&L. Bringing Brother Toure here was intended to bring a new and different point of view to the W&L campus. Granted, you may not agree with this position, but be adult enough to attempt censorship of ideas you don't like! Fortunately truth is independent of personal opinion.

David Mullin's "lie" (Isn't lying an honor violation!) hopefully won't create a hostile environment between black and white students here. Since David didn't bother to check the accuracy of his statements before he ran off at the mouth, I would like to clarify the chief inaccuracy for the record. Brother Toure, unlike Mr. Mullin, is a man of principle, he came here for a small honorarium

and travel expenses. Kwame Toure was not paid the enormous figure cited by Mr. Mullin. It is an out-right lie "created" by Mr. Mullin that should be apologized for publicly. The damaging consequences for such irresponsibility should no go unpunished! In his anxiety to get his "criticism" off his chest, Mr. Mullin could have created a situation imperiling the tranquility of the campus community.

In the charter of the Student Association for Black Unity is the purpose of disseminating black culture throughout the W&L community. The programs of SABU will not be dictated to by those who want to bury their heads in the sand and go back to the days when "negrohood" was in flower. If that is allowed to happen, we will all lost something valuable at W&L.

In the next few months SABU will sponsor black speakers in business, the arts, and politics. Next time David, rather than speculate and irresponsibly criticize, why not come and simply participate. Remember one thing, the "failure of a revolutionary" said was "participation gives one the right of observation!"

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