

Letters

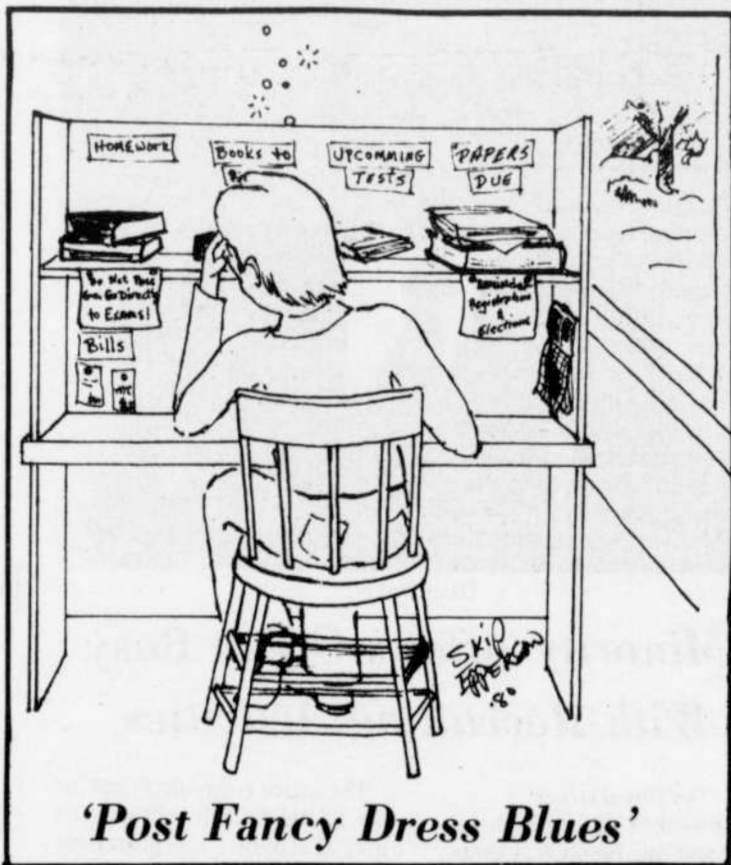
Dean John Clarifies Cost Of Carmichael Speech

Dear Editor:

Because of the allegations contained in the exchange of letters between Mr. David F. Mullin and Mr. John L. White in recent issues of the Ring-tum Phi, I have investigated the matter to determine the actual amount paid to Stokely Carmichael for his speech here at Washington and Lee on January 28.

The total fee paid to Mr. Carmichael was \$345, which included an honorarium of \$300 and travel expenses in the amount of \$45. Because the only figure stated in print up to now has been the highly inflated sum of \$2,000 given by Mr. Mullin, I thought it was important for the University community to be aware of the actual amount. I hope that this disclosure will put the controversy to rest.

I might add in closing that the University community exists as a forum for an open exchange of



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ideas and points of view. I fully endorse and support the responsible efforts of the Student Association for Black Unity, as well as all other campus organizations, in sponsoring a variety of speakers on campus.

I certainly do not agree with all positions advocated by the many speakers who appear at Washington and Lee each year, but I defend their right to be here and to express their opinions in public forums. All of us can learn from them.

Lewis G. John
Dean of Students

Dear Editor:

David Mullin has achieved the dubious distinction of writing a rebuttal that was even more offensive than his original comments.

I wish Washington and Lee had more black students. It is quite probable that if more blacks applied to W&L they would be accepted and persons of Mr. Mullin's ilk would be rejected. And the moral and ethical character of the entire student body would accordingly be raised.

David Estley
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