

# Letters to the editor

## S.A.B.U. president responds to editorial

Editor, *The Ring-tum Phi*:

I am very disappointed in your dismissing the conflict between the Student Association for Black Unity and the Student Activities Board as magnified and distorted. In treating the conflict as an isolated issue, you implied that S.A.B.U. was unduly, overly sensitive and generally had no

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streets has been explained, but what information on campus?

at intersection of I-81 and I-64 (never as well as of routes 60 and 11, our decided to locate an ABM site here. The extremely unlikely location for such a site is way too, and so our beloved campus

installed where the "Law School" is a library site has been recently added in the guise of a new library, in stage. All of this was a well-concealed observation noticed that the Parnly Hall shrubbery, of the type used to conceal this observation made the whole thing

"over the mountain" so difficult to get

ple reason that many of them are not say that's ridiculous. After all, you say, when one visits the campus there are seen (especially in the library).

ly and reliable source in the N.O.W. men, for you who do not keep up with that the campus in question is an inter-organization. Even more interesting is creation is under way there.

ancement of equality for women. "Female the really thing in all respects except) are being created and tested. These counterparts, can work twenty-four

grounds to complain at all. But, S.A.B.U. did have grounds because the conflict was over much more than not getting a concert.

In short, the real issue is W&L's continued insensitivity to the black student's situation. The S.A.B. issue was and is minutia. If you knew what it is like, however, to talk with trustees only to be told to go to administrators and hear them say it is a student problem—go to various student groups, and hear those groups say they can only do what the majority of students want, you would just begin to understand.

You yourself exemplify the point for, for whatever reason, you did not seek S.A.B.U.'s opinion in the S.A.B. matter before you commented. Instead, you presented a picture of black students asking for preferential treatment disproportionate to what they are due; of students who did not want to go through the normal channels. S.A.B.U. does not want preferential treatment, only due consideration. And S.A.B.U. does not mind going through channels—if they produce every once and a while.

Mr. Editor, you cannot editorialize an issue involving the black student drawing just from distant analysis. You would not be true to yourself or to your readers if you did. You would entirely miss the real issue everytime.

Please do not be like last year's editor insofar as blacks are concerned, for you have more than a university-wide audience while the black student may or may not.

Yours,  
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S.A.B.U. President

*Perhaps last week's editorial was not phrased as clearly as it should have been. What was being indicated was that, indeed, S.A.B.U. should receive fair and impartial consideration. It was not implied that there*

*were no grounds for that group's dissatisfaction, but the choice of method to illustrate that dissatisfaction was questionable. Agreed, the S.A.B. issue was minutia, but indicative of a far greater problem; therefore, it still appears that this one case was magnified and distorted to provide an example of the larger dilemma of discrimination.*

## Student directs criticism at city

Editor, *The Ring-tum Phi*:

It was stated in the last issue of the *Ring-tum Phi* that certain City Council members of Big Lex expressed "dismay at the condition of Washington and Lec fraternity houses." I for one would like to express dismay at the condition of their town which resembles at present some form of vocational training center for every construction firm in the state.

All of this activity is of course in honor of our nation's bicentennial celebration. Washington Hall will celebrate its 200th birthday in 2024, at which time all honorable fraternities will re-rug their halls, bury their toilets and relocate all fuse boxes in their basements.

So, Lexington city council members, relax, it could be worse. Abraham Beame could be your mayor, but even that would probably be an improvement as due to lack of funds at least your renaissance construction would trickle to a halt and things would be quiet again.

Bill Schooley 77

Letters-to-the-Editor are always welcome. They should be in good taste, refer to campus issues, avoid excessive length and present a coherent point of view.