

Criticism Of Carmichael

Dear Editor,

Today as I read the Ring-tum Phi article "Carmichael Predicts Organized Rebellion," I sat back and thought about the irony of the W&L blacks using money given them by the University to pay \$2,000 to a negro revolutionary for an hour harangue on the evils of the capitalist system. I am an ardent capitalist, but I would feel guilty if I were paid any more than \$1,000 an hour for my time.

Not only is Carmichael a failure as a revolutionary, but he is certainly not aiding his race with his attitude. For negroes to call themselves Africans is as silly as for me to call myself English because my forebears came thence. For a group of American citizens to designate themselves "Africans" calls into question their loyalty to this country and makes one wonder to what extent they value the citizenship which was given them.

It is quite interesting that a speaker of Carmichael's notoriety was invited onto our campus. Would it perhaps be better to transfer most of SABU's budget to Contact and bring onto campus speakers of more general interest to the University?

Sincerely,
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