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McDermott Call Bigots 'Crackpots'

Campus Racial Tension Exposed

By Deborah Young
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"When it comes down to racial problems, white people don't have a monopoly on racism. If I give respect, I demand respect. If you demand respect, you should give respect," said Roberta McLeod, coordinator student activities.

This remark comes as a result of a series of "racial incidents" that were brought to the attention of The Reader.

The first incident involved a black student who left a house in Meade Heights occupied by three white students because of the problems that arose.

"I felt they were ganging up on me," said Sharon Henry, 8th term elementary education major.

"I was not given the respect I gave them as far as the courtesies extended. It was like I didn't even live there. Under these circumstances that is why I moved out," she said.

According to Patricia Murphy, residence living program coordinator, it was a case of the women in the house not coming together, and minimal efforts were made to solve the problem.

The second incident concerned a sign posted outside of Resident Assistant Troy Buster's house on the night of January 27.

"The sign was put there between 12:15 a.m. and 2:00 a.m.," said Buster. "It was a store bought one

saying 'slave quarters,' and it was on a stake driven into the ground."

On January 28 the Black Student Union requested an immediate meeting concerning the incident with the provost and the student activities staff.

The meeting was held on February 2.

"We will not tolerate this type of action," said Dr. Robert McDermott, provost of Capitol Campus. "I believe this is not campus wide, but it is a small group of crackpots."

In the future the provost will work in direct contact with the BSU so a solution to the problem can be reached.

The third incident involved a hassle between a French Tickler player and a Brotherhood player at an intramural basketball game on January 26.

According to Brotherhood Coach Troy Buster, it was over a loose ball. A squabble developed between the two players over the ball. A French Tickler player threw a punch at a Brotherhood player. Before the Brotherhood player could defend himself, the referee threw him out of the game.

Rodney Metzger, coach of the French Ticklers, said that was totally false, and he would not elaborate.

(As reported in a story on page seven, Buster interrupted the game twice because of foul calls he did not agree with.)

Father Henry A. Jafolla, O.Praem, Catholic Campus Chaplain at Capitol said, "As a Catholic minister on campus, I get riled up when things like this happen. We are supposed to be intel-

ligent people. Supposedly, we respect God," "I get angry because it is totally irrational and not religious."

"As Christians and Jews, some of us can't fold our hands, bow our heads and tell God how much we love him and turn against one another once we've said our prayers," he said.

Father Jafolla indicated that these incidents should wake us up to an important fact.

"Idealistically we have figured we've come a long way in our interrelations without realizing the road ahead is much longer because many among us are so stupid and irrational."

The administration does not condone what has been taking place here. The Director of Student Affairs has given his support in finding the guilty persons

and SGA has given their support in establishing human dignity for all students.

The Black Cultural Arts Center is open to all students and the BSU would like to see more white students participating in activities they plan.

One way in bridging the gap between white students and black students is the Black Arts Festival.

According to McLeod, this should make people more aware of what is strange to them.

"The issue may be racial, but it is a question of human dignity. Other things that have happened before have been kept quiet. All anyone is asking is that these type of actions cease and that we all respect each other," said McLeod.

2 In Heights, 1 In Church Hall

Fires Now Total Three

By Patty Stanchak
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Hopefully, most of the students at Capitol Campus have reached the age of reason. If you have, you could probably act in an intelligent manner if a fire ever broke out, or you might use some common sense to prevent one.

If you haven't reached this point of maturity you might consider a fire

extinguisher as a toy to be played with even when there isn't a fire. It is this type of action that has prompted the placement of new fire extinguishers in the Meade Heights residences. That and the fact that three fires have occurred at Capitol since the beginning of the fall term.

Two of the fires happened in Meade Heights. The first was a grease fire in the kitchen of a home. The second was the ignition of gas as a result of a damaged oven control knob.

The third fire was in Church Hall. This fire was caused by a burning cigarette that fell from an ashtray onto a bed in the dorm room. This was the most extensive fire with damage estimated at \$350.

According to Dr. James South, director of student affairs, the R.A.'s who were on duty responded very well to the emergency. Skip Gibson and Jeff Devlin are to be commended for the fine job they did, he said.

Besides the smell and soot, fires cause another after effect. Each fire has to be investigated by the

representatives of the Safety and Security Office here at the campus.

The investigations are done to help ascertain the causes of fires. If the student is found to have been negligent, then costs must be covered by the student. But the investigations can also show that a fire might have been the result of a situation that is beyond the student's con-

trol. In these cases, costs are covered by the University.

The University makes the effort to check the fire extinguishers more often than is required by law. The least the student can do is not treat what could be a life-saving device as a toy.

Use a little common sense and help aid in the prevention and, if need be, in the control of an actual fire.

Council Has Gripes

By Cliff Eshbach
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After some entertaining minutes of debate over wording, the Capitol Campus Faculty Council passed a resolution expressing their concern about the removal of tenured faculty members.

The Jan. 28th meeting was presided by Chairman Dr. Susan Richman and was attended by Council representatives of the various academic programs, plus student members.

The resolution states: "The Faculty Council expresses its concern over the procedural inadequacies of the University policy regarding the removal of tenured faculty members. Specifically we are concerned with the removal of a faculty member from his duties before formal notice of charges."

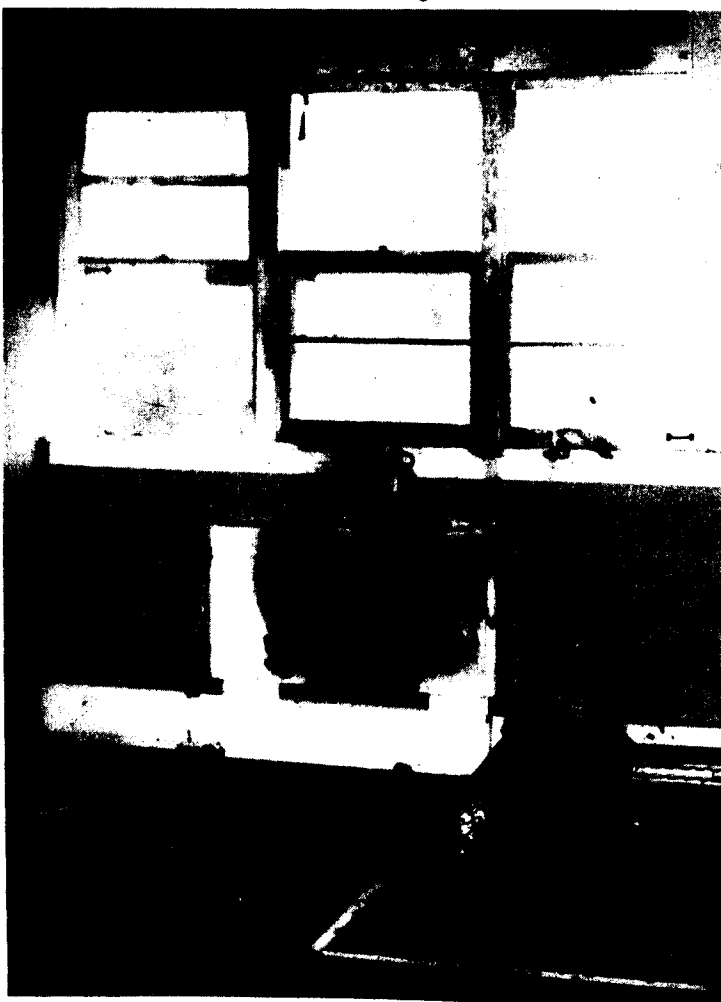
The University policy the Council is concerned about deals with the "adequate cause" clause which can

remove a tenured faculty member from his job without giving formal notice of why he is being removed.

The Faculty Council was planning to refer their resolution to the Faculty Affairs Committee.

In other business, the Council spoke with the dean of faculty, Dr. George Wolf, concerning the creation of two Associate Dean positions at Capitol. The Council questioned Wolf on the source of the funds for these two positions. The two new positions are an associate dean of research and an associate dean of Administration.

The Council has been asked to act as a screening committee for possible candidates for the positions. Some council members expressed thoughts that the screening committee is unnecessary because the positions have already been tagged. The positions are scheduled to be filled in six weeks.



The charred interior of a Church Hall dorm room. A stray cigarette caused a lot of smoke and brought the investigators.

Casino Night Coming

By William Kane
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On Tuesday March 2nd, at 8:00 p.m. in the Student Center you can play five and seven card stud, shoot dice, bet on a wheel of fortune, or play other assorted games of

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