

# Letters to the Editor

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move chairs and make decorations for dances, set up art exhibits, find places for retreats, arrange speakers, present special attractions, carry posters all over the campus, work in the print shop all day Saturday, arrange interviews for committees, keep the listening rooms open, present fun nights, present Fridays-at-Four, arrange a buddy program for the foreign students, provide rugby and ski teams, etc., etc. This type of work makes one of the best union programs in the country. Once a year at the awards banquet we thank these people for their efforts. At some point in a union program, you have to pat the ticket taker and the post carrier on the back, or they won't be around to become committee chairmen and Board members.

Now that the purpose is clear, I would like to talk about the \$550 cost which is under fire. With 300 involved in presenting extensive and diverse programs there is only one salary on the budget. This is \$231 for the

board secretary. The awards banquet for approximately 200 people costs much less than a full salary for the ASUO President and similar positions. It takes students to run programs and even though they are doing their job as a service to the University, a \$1.25 per person could not be classed as an extravagant or even reasonable "thank you for a job well done."

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### Racial Issue

**Emerald Editor:**

Mr. Floyd McKissick (the CORE chairman who spoke on the campus Wednesday night, Nov. 6) was quite correct in saying that the churches do not have the answer to the segregation problem of today. What mankind needs is an up-to-date religion. Conflicting philosophies and political systems have wrought just as much harm in the world today, so they are not the answer either.

He said, "... if religion was going to solve the problem, then it would have solved it before now."

The fact is, there is a new up-to-date religion which has the practical solution to this problem and all the other ills that afflict mankind at this point in his evolution.

For the past 100 years of its existence, the Baha'i World Faith has been completely and totally integrated. In all 257 countries of the world where Baha'is live, one can see the prime principle of the oneness of mankind at the root of every other principle and action of the Baha'i communities.

Notice I said 'action' for, as most people know, many so-called religious people will quote Scripture one minute and do its opposite the next.

I know so many Baha'is of all races, and I have seen what an influence this Faith has had on them, including complete integration. For you see, as Mr. McKissick said, "Your churches have found passages of Scripture to support segregation" — and this is exactly why all humanity needs an up-to-date World Faith if it is going to have a working solution to the segregation problem.

The passing of laws does not completely eliminate existing prejudices, for until you have a change in the human heart, the racial problem will not be totally solved. This also includes other problems which have international dimensions to them, such as the fanatical religious persecutions in the East.

Even more important is to realize that this is not just a problem with the Negroes. Just as it takes two wings to insure a perfect flight of a bird, so will it take both races, white and colored, to solve this problem.

To quote from the Baha'i Writings: "Casting away once and for all the fallacious doctrine of racial superiority, with all its attendant evils, confusion, and miseries, and welcoming and encouraging the intermixture of races and tearing down the barriers that now divide them, every human being should endeavor, day and night, to fulfill his or her particular responsibilities in the common task which so urgently faces them."

Let no man think that such a problem can either easily or immediately be revolved. No one, no matter what color, can sit back in this day and age and expect someone else to solve the problem.

In agreement with Mr. McKissick's statements that God has ordained America to establish racial equality once and for all, the Baha'i Writings state: "May this American Democracy be the first nation to establish the foundation of international agreement. May it be the first nation to proclaim the universality of mankind. May it be the first to upraise the standard of the Most Great Peace."

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The University's eleven Cambodian students celebrated their southeast Asian nation's tenth year of independence Saturday. Photos, from top, show the students singing a popular Cambodian song; Miss Oum Thoup Molyse Thourk leading countrymen and audience members in the "ramvong" (circle dance); at left, height as language was sometimes a problem in explanations; below, Kim Sillon welcomes the 100 guests; and right, gestures aid explanations of Cambodia.

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## Two Worlds . . .

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alumnus—the one who comes back to Alma Mater like a spawning salmon and wants nothing more than to build a bigger football stadium. Or he loudly and bitterly denounces all the changes on the campus or how the students are being duped by all kinds of sinister influences. But not all alumni are like that. Most alumni realize that it is the nature and function of rivers to change, to keep grinding away at the established order with new and diverse currents, to even cut new channels from time to time.

The student, for his part, must realize that it is the nature of the sea to change much more slowly and imperceptibly. And its nature is such that it is possible, in the western seas at least, to chart one's own course, usually within the confines of the mainstreams of current, though not necessarily.

Obviously, things are not "perfect" or even "rosy" in the world of alumni. There will be much that the new alumnus can, and probably should, criticize. Coming from the purity of the rivers, he may detest the saltiness of the sea. I doubt if he can do anything about the salt. There is much he can and should do to improve conditions—economic, social, political—in specific ways. I agree with Lincoln who said an individual does not have the right to criticize unless he also has the heart to help.

And in the final analysis, it is the rivers which feed the intellectual sea, and the sea which feeds the rivers, and the cycle is never-ending.

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