

From The People

One View Of Dixie

To the Editor:

What is Eldon Janzen, band director, UA-Fayetteville, telling us?

The message I get is: If you want the Razorback's marching band to play Dixie at athletic events, we'll have to be convinced that the majority of Razorback supporters can, and just might, become more militant than the small minority that opposes the playing of Dixie.

A referendum some months ago indicated sentiment on the campus to be better than 2 to 1 in favor of continuing the playing of DIXIE at all athletic events.

It would be a safe assumption that the 944 votes against continuing Dixie, as the UA fight song represented the total voice of the opposition. It was everything they could muster.

On the otherhand, the 2010 votes for continuing DIXIE represented only that part of the student body with sufficient interest and energy to express their sentiments.

Tolerant and patient Arkansans are not going to standby forever and watch their customs and traditions thrown on the academic dung-hill to satisfy the whims of a small group of militant blacks and their Caucasian fellow travelers.

The appearance on the UA-

Fayetteville campus, recently of a flyer distributed by a group calling themselves the WHITE YOUTH CORPS should not be taken lightly. The flyer is symptomatic of a sentiment that is developing across the nation.

Band Director Janzen, a Texan-come-lately to the UA campus is quoted as saying he thinks "the possibility of injury and violence over the playing of 'Dixie' is real."

Mr. Janzen would do well to keep in mind what happened back east when the "hard-bats" got their fill of the coddling of these militant students by public and school officials.

He would do well to keep in mind that UA is a tax-supported school. A lot of taxpayers are getting fed up with financing colleges and universities whose products appear dedicated to the destruction of the society that nourishes them.

Many Arkansas taxpayers are beginning to wonder if the administrators and faculties in our colleges and universities are as spineless as their counterparts on eastern and far western campuses when it comes to dealing with these militant dissenters of whom Mr. Janzen is so obviously afraid?

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