Daniels Controversy Grows

Growing student unrest brews on campus concerning the recent administrative decision not to rehire Mr. Ron Daniels as an instructor in the Social Science Department.

A group of Black and White students have made clear their intentions to stage a peaceful protest march on campus tomorrow. Their march will begin at noon in front of the administrative offices.

Their grievances and demands are:

- 1. Termination of installment payments which will eliminate poorer students
- 2. Seminars in black culture
- 3. Afro-American history and culture courses in school curriculum
- 4. Girls in Upward Bound program
- 5. Office of Student Affairs
- 6. Black speakers on campus
- 7. Hiring of more Black teachers
- 8. Better housing for Black and White students
- 9. A black dean or assistant chaplain
- 10. Rehiring of Mr. Ron Daniels

The group has stated that if the march does not achieve its objectives, more marches and other measures will be planned in the future.



Mr. Ron Daniels

The following letter was received by the JAMBAR yesterday and is printed on the front page because of its great importance and interest to the students of the University.

Dear Editor of the Jambar:

The most than can be said for the decision not to rehire Ron Daniels is that it is administratively correct. That is, from the point of view of administration (atop or under its compelling machinery) a contract was signed for a limited time of service, and that contract completed. Daniels has requested more time here. His chairman agrees. The administration says no. Students who have worked with Daniels say yes, and have gone to the administration says no and no again. The questions we must raise members who know and respect Daniels and are aware of the circumstances have gone to the administration in his behalf. The administration says no and no again. The question we must raise here are obvious and indeed central to the conflicts that are hitting campuses around the country.

Clearly, there isn't space to start such a discussion in this letter. But a few observations might be worthwhile. Daniels has a B.A. and an M.A. (a degree that supposedly qualifies a person to teach at the university level). He is an excellent human being, an excellent teacher, a leader in this community, and a damn tough opponent against those who would institutionalize ignorance and prejudice. He is an open line of communication between this university and the oppressed peoples of our town, and he is symbolic of that great movement to freedom and justice that has blessed our century. He is the man to have here at this point in time. We have received an administrative decision that in reality is an incredibly narrow interpretation of what Youngstown State University means to itself and to our community. O.K. But now we need a decision of wisdom and vision and human consideration. Where is to going to come from?

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