

Letters

Dear Editor:

I am a graduate of TCU in 1950, and I am writing to express my deep disappointment in your editorial of Nov. 9, entitled "The Wiser Course," and in the apparent policy of the Administration in regard to the admission of Negro students to TCU. Such statements are in opposition to the very purpose of a Christian university, and certainly contradict the very principles and ideals which I received in the classrooms of TCU.

One of the most crucial issues American democracy faces is that of segregation. "White" Europeans are perplexed by the wide gap between our professions and our practices. In the rest of the world where the population is predominantly "colored," there are serious doubts as to what we mean when we speak of liberty and equality. To follow a course which even avoids "involving ourselves in any discussion of segregation or non-segregation" is, to my way of thinking, highly unrealistic and unwise. In fact, it is a denial of the democratic process of free discussion, as well as a refusal to recognize the basic denial of democracy which segregation is.

The Daily Texan here at the University of Texas has consistently crusaded for the admission of Negroes. A "social change of great magnitude" has occurred here in a peaceful and democratic way that has undoubtedly astounded the advocates of the "intelligent and cautious approach." It is my hope and my appeal that TCU and The Skiff will have the courage to stand up and speak out for that which is Christian and democratic. Our first job is to show the world that democracy is at work at home.

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