

# **Please Do Not Patronize The Campus Grill**

**Until It Serves All Students  
Regardless of Race, Creed or Color**

FOR MANY YEARS, NEGRO AND FOREIGN STUDENTS FROM VANDERBILT, PEABODY AND SCARRITT HAVE BEEN REFUSED SERVICE AT THE CAMPUS GRILL.

WHILE THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A MATTER OF CONCERN TO MANY IN THE JOINT UNIVERSITY CENTER, RECENTLY AN INCREASING NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS, AS WELL AS CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS, HAVE SPOKEN WITH AND WRITTEN TO THE MANAGEMENT URGING AN END TO THIS PRACTICE. HOWEVER, NO CHANGE HAS TAKEN PLACE -- ONLY TWO WEEKS AGO, AN INTER-RACIAL GROUP OF SCARRITT STUDENTS WAS REFUSED SERVICE.

WE, STUDENTS AND FACULTY OF SCHOOLS IN THE JOINT UNIVERSITY CENTER, FEEL THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR FURTHER ACTION. WE ASK YOU TO JOIN US IN WITHHOLDING PATRONAGE FROM THE CAMPUS GRILL AS A STRONG REPRESENTATION OF OUR CONCERN ON THIS MATTER. WE SINCERELY REGRET THE NECESSITY OF THIS ACTION, AND HOPE THAT THE CAMPUS GRILL WILL SERVE ALL PERSONS REGARDLESS OF RACE, CREED OR COLOR IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

FOR A MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THIS SITUATION, PLEASE

SEE THE ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION SHEETS

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## I N F O R M A T I O N   O N   T H E   C A M P U S   G R I L L

### DOES THE CAMPUS GRILL DISCRIMINATE?

YES. Negro and many foreign students from Vanderbilt, Peabody and Scarritt have gone into the Campus Grill and have been refused service on numerous occasions over the last two years. To cite a recent example: A group of Scarritt students, Negro and white, came to the Campus Grill on the evening of October 8, 1963. Before they had reached the restaurant door, they were met by the owner and told that Negroes were not served at the Campus Grill. After some discussion with the manager with no results, the Scarritt students quietly left.

### IS SUCH DISCRIMINATION WRONG?

WE BELIEVE SO. This practice is based on an arbitrary physical characteristic, rather than on an individual's character and behavior. Furthermore, such a practice serves as a source of inconvenience and embarrassment for fellow students - both white and Negro. As a matter of individual conscience, spiritual values, and democratic action we feel morally obligated to work for an end to such unjust practices.

### WHY PICK ON THE CAMPUS GRILL WHEN OTHER EATING PLACES IN THIS AREA ALSO DISCRIMINATE?

The Campus Grill is uniquely situated in the heart of the Joint University community. In addition, it is the only restaurant in this neighborhood which remains open 24 hours a day.

### DOES THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY SUPPORT INTEGRATION OF EATING FACILITIES IN THIS AREA?

WE BELIEVE SO. Statements, including support for integration of restaurants serving the Joint University community, have been issued by the Vanderbilt Graduate Student Council, the Vanderbilt Student Senate, the Vanderbilt Divinity Student Council, the Scarritt Christian Social Concerns Committee, PROD (a Vanderbilt student organization), and over 150 members of the faculty and staff of Vanderbilt, Peabody and Scarritt.

### HAS NEGOTIATION BEEN ATTEMPTED?

YES, REPEATEDLY. As early as 1961, a graduate student circulated a petition on Vanderbilt's campus. This petition which expressed deep concern about the discriminatory policies of the Campus Grill received several hundred signatures. Over the last TWO YEARS individual patrons have asked the management to modernize its policies. For example: Ron K. Parker, a Vanderbilt graduate student and at that time a daily patron of the Grill, approached the manager, Mr. Putman (April, 1963) to discuss the Grill's practices. The manager declared an unwillingness to integrate, citing as his reasons both student opinion and possible difficulties with employees. Individual letters have been written to the management by members of the student body and faculty of Vanderbilt, Peabody and Scarritt. On Monday, November 4, a group of Vanderbilt Faculty members talked to the manager and requested him to integrate the Campus Grill. Also, On Tuesday, November 5, a committee representing the graduate student council met with the manager and discussed his discriminatory stand.



## WHY HAVE NEGOTIATIONS NOT CONTINUED TO BE OUR ONLY MEANS OF DEALING WITH THE SITUATION?

Thus far, many months of negotiations have not yielded even a promise from Mr. Putman that he will attempt to change his discriminatory stand. Because of this, we have been forced to take other forms of action with the hope of having more fruitful negotiations.

## WHAT ADDITIONAL FORMS OF ACTION ARE OPEN TO US?

The following alternatives are possible: (1) a general request that students and faculty withhold their patronage, (2) picketing, (3) both 1 and 2.

A number of students and faculty members from Vanderbilt, Peabody, and Scarritt have informally met and decided to request members of the University Community to WITHHOLD THEIR PATRONAGE UNTIL the Campus Grill integrates and thereby treats all students alike. In order to communicate this decision to prospective patrons of the Grill and the University Community as a whole, the present handbills have been prepared. At the present time, we consider our actions to be the least demonstrative way to make our concern for this problem known. We sincerely hope that the Campus Grill will integrate, treating all University Community students alike, and that more drastic actions within the law will not be necessary.

## DOES THIS ACTION INTERFERE WITH THE RIGHT OF A BUSINESSMAN TO CHOOSE HIS CUSTOMERS?

The disagreement between members of the Campus Community and management of the Campus Grill is a moral issue; not a legal one. The management may well have the legal right to select its patrons solely on the basis of unalterable skin color, but we believe that such arbitrary basis for customer selection is morally unjust and contrary to democratic and spiritual principles.

Of course, we will not physically interfere with an individual's right of entry into any restaurant of his or her choice, but we do ask that each individual exercise his individual freedom as a patron and refuse to support those facilities that do not treat all persons alike.

## WHERE ARE THE INTEGRATED EATING FACILITIES IN THE JOINT UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY?

All of the eating facilities at Vanderbilt (Commodore Room, Rand Cafeteria, Divinity Cafeteria, and the Hospital Cafeteria), Scarritt, and Peabody are integrated. The Methodist Board of Education Cafeteria at 1001 19th Avenue, South, the Medical Arts Pharmacy, 1211 21st Avenue, South, serve all persons without regard to race, color or creed.

## WHAT CAN YOU AS AN INDIVIDUAL DO TO HELP US IN OUR EFFORTS?

1. Please DO NOT PATRONIZE the Campus Grill until it integrates.
2. Please urge your friends to do likewise.
3. Please inform the manager of your decision. (Letters can be mailed to Manager, Campus Grill, 416 21st Avenue, South, Nashville, Tennessee. If you wish to help us to communicate our position, please let us know).