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Dear Connie,

North Carolina is really jumping these days... at least near Woolworth's as I suppose I needn't tell you. Last monday the womens student government at Duke passed the following resolution :

WHEREAS : Students from North Carolina College and Duke University have protested against the discriminating policy of eating establishments in the city of Durham, and have expressed this by non-violent resistance;

BE IT RESLOVED THAT: Although some may agree and some may disagree with the ~~resistance~~ restive methods employed, we assert our sympathy for this attempt to attain justice for the Negro. In addition, we urge that every attempt be made through negotiation to obtain equitable solution.

Furthermore: We affirm the right to act or abstain from action in similiar situations, according to the conviction of individual consciences.

One Duke undergraduate was arrested in the domestration and I am going to tape his reactions this afternoon (Sunday). I have a thirty minute tape of Scott Alexander's reactions twenty-four hours afterthe strike began, and I have attempted to get tapes over NCC with some of the student leaders. But for a number of reasons have been unsuccessful so far.

But most important I think is the resolution at East Campus Duke which was passed in an all-women's campus assembly. I was sitting in the back observing trying to find fodder for my speech this Wednesday when the Student Body President announced that all visitors must leave. I started to get up, but said that I was the exception to the rule and I watched the whole shooting match.

Debate lasted for about fifteen minutes. There was a motion to table the vote but this was defeated, and then the girl's voted. They voted I am sure with conviction about 500 or so to about 210.

At this time I am not convinced that the striking students are going to get their ~~service~~ service. But I think some equally interesting things may happen at least in Durham. Wickersham and I have been working on the possibility of a student governments and religious organizations sponsered something which will send Duke students over to NCC for " talk " in droves.

Max Her~~reich~~reich coming to campus this afternoon to talk with the Y cabinets on passive resistance. Things ar buzzing up here and suggest you work your way back to Northern Carolina.

Fred

cc. Curt G.