

Statement Adopted by the Alumni Council of Emory University on August 13, 1969:

The most important objective of a university is the search for truth. This will be impeded by hostile acts, by the use of force to press one's own view and by the failure to respect the rights of all to present different viewpoints.

Emory University's answer to the great challenges of today and tomorrow will leave its imprint on the character of this section and of this nation.

The Alumni Council of Emory University has taken note of events occurring on the campus May 25 through May 28, 1969, Because of the concern which alumni have for the future of Emory, the Council feels obligated to state what it believes to be the general reaction of Emory alumni to these events.

Emory alumni are opposed to discrimination in any form and favor the elimination of discrimination of every kind and character, The Alumni Association supports the right of lawful dissent so that the views of any element of the University can be presented and emphasized. The maintenance of these principles is important to the future of the University.

Just as important is the preservation of the legal rights of all students and faculties of the University and, particularly, of the rights of students to learn and the rights of faculties to teach. These rights cannot be preserved if access to the facilities of the University is unlawfully impeded and if disruption of the orderly processes of the University is allowed.

Substantial progress has been and is being made in eliminating discrimination and in providing leadership in the advancement of the disadvantaged in many different ways. Except for the occurrences beginning May 25, Emory has been

singularly free of violence and unlawful acts.

We have reviewed these events. We believe the temperate response of President Atwood was justified, and we approve the same. We are gratified that an amicable solution was reached. We are also firmly convinced that unlawful acts encroaching on the rights of others cannot be tolerated. Furthermore, we consider the Trustees and the Administration responsible for the maintenance of good order on the campus. Anyone who unlawfully interferes with the rights of others and the pursuit of truth, should lose his right and privilege to be associated with the University. If the protection of the University or the rights of the students requires an appeal to the civil or law enforcement agencies, we believe that such agencies should be utilized.

It is our hope that lines of communication between all elements of the University can be kept open and that continued progress toward achieving the objectives of the University can be reached.