

Memorandum

To: Sanford S. Atwood, President

From: E. Jerome Zeller, Dean of Students

Re: Restraining Order

Date: May 24, 1969

I want you to know that, in my judgment, the procurement of a restraining order today violates the rich tradition of healthy interaction which has characterized the relationship among Emory University students, faculty, academic and student personnel administrators.

Mr. Bowden assured me and the Deans on May 26 that there would be no necessity for the University/law enforcement officers to serve papers on individuals if a restraining order were obtained. Only further acts of obstructionism were to have brought the order to bear. It was merely to be procured as a "precaution." Though no violence or obstructionism has occurred today, it appears that the students are to be served with a restraining order.

It is my opinion, according to the information which I have received today, that to serve the restraining order on students who today have done nothing will mark the end of reason and destroy a valuable dialogue which is now beginning to take place.

You have offered the life of this academic community to off-campus authorities, and have offended those who have

worked to keep Emory a real community. Through your action the University is no longer a responsible agency for reconciliation.

You now proceed fully against my personal principles and my professional advice.

EJZ:bjb