Open Hearings

To the News:

The people in Germany during the Nazi era have been the object of much criticism for closing their eyes to the inhuman practices and useless suffering of human beings. Yet at the same time the administration and the students of this university prefer pulling wool over their eyes pretending that racism and prejudice do not exist on Northern’s campus.

It would be a blessing to all the students as well as to the administration if we could open our eyes to face the sad reality. We should be fortunate to have Black students who are still rational and still trying to work within the system. One only wonders how long the Black students are willing to beat their heads against the stone wall.

Presently the white students are either indifferent or plain racist in their attitudes. Now it should be the time to abandon discrimination and bigotry and act sensibly.

The first step toward progress would be to open the February 4 trial so that both sides would be presented. Now one is able to hear only the side of the university, which is only concerned about the nominal damage done to the office, thus suppressing the real issue. Students should not allow the university to evade the real issue and push the trial into a kangaroo court.

Are we, as students, going to be reasoning human beings and act, or are we going to be defending ourselves later like the people in Germany, saying that we did not know what was going on?

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To the News:

After two letters to you regarding the Huber Crusade for Crisis on the Campus, it is readily distinct that you fail to see your academic position as being indigenously counter-