

examinations. This policy is mistaken even if it is not illegal.

- 3) The proposal to spend almost \$400,000 a year for Parent/Student Advocates and "intervention specialists" is another mistake. It is hard for me to imagine a greater disservice than this proposal to institutionalize support for troublemakers who have disrupted the education of their fellow students.
- 4) The proposal to give minorities at least 50% of the state scholarship money for prospective teachers is both questionable as social policy and dubious as a matter of law.
- 5) Then there is the matter of school discipline. Having reached the ripe age of 55 years, I may be out of touch with modern trends. But from my youth I can recall female teachers who could tongue lash adolescent giants into humble submission. That was possible only because the teachers were supported by the power structure, and students knew they would be expelled if they did not shape up.

The Consent Order, however, calls for a different approach. Instead of supporting the teachers, it criticizes them for being narrow minded and middle class and insensitive to the allegedly distinctive cultural style of students who are disruptive or inattentive to schoolwork. Instead of expelling students, the Consent Order would send the teachers away for re-education in sensitivity seminars.

The whole section of the Consent Order that deals with "School Climate and Discipline" should be revised. While expressing concern for slow learners and troublemakers, the Coalition and the State Board have actually done a great disservice to the black community as well as to others. The policies of the Consent Order will allow public education to continue to be disrupted and undermined. These policies will consign the youth of Delaware to the tyranny of malcontents and bad actors.

Nevertheless, there is a practical argument for approving the Consent Order. No matter how bad it is, it will last for only four years. Therefore, why not put up with the problems for the duration? It probably would take a couple years to achieve