

The ACLU and Steve Squire are appealing Steve's conviction to the State Supreme Court. Steve was arrested last spring while participating in an anti-war demonstration at Scott Stadium. He was one of three people who were holding anti-war signs prior to the start of the ROTC Awards Ceremony. The Charlottesville Municipal Court sentenced him to \$25 and 6 months suspended on good behavior. Upon appeal this fall, the Corporation Court upheld the conviction and increased the sentence to \$600 and 4 months in jail.

Some of the points that the appeal is based on are listed below:

1. In the second trial, the judge's charge to the jury failed to mention the First Amendment Rights of the defendant to freedom of expression.
2. The Virginia disorderly conduct statute is unconstitutionally vague. The statute defines disorderly conduct to be behavior which is " in a riotous or disorderly manner in a public place."
3. One of the jurors said that he would believe a policeman or a University official over an anti-war demonstrator. The judge refused to remove this juror for cause.
4. It is unconstitutional to increase a person's sentence out of vindictiveness because he appealed. In the first trial Commonwealth Attorney Camblos stated that the case was minor and called for a light sentence. In the second trial, he stressed the importance of the case and called for severe punishment.

We feel that these points reveal that this case, as with other cases that the ACLU handles, goes beyond the rights of one individual. Thus it should be in everyone's interest to see that this appeal occurs. Unfortunately an appeal costs money. This appeal depends on the ACLU and Steve being able to raise \$700 for the transcript of his trial by November 9.

Contributions can be made at the UUS table on the second floor of Newcomb Hall between 11 AM and 1 PM Monday through Thursday or sent to Steve Squire, 10 University Circle, Apt. 15, Charlottesville Va. 22903. Checks may be made out to ACLU Foundation Inc. Such checks are tax deductible.

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