

We March To Fate Abreast

ITEGRATION, feared but expected, has finally become a reality on our campus this semester. The desegregation process is one which can not be stopped — it is a pill we must swallow and accept with the courage, wisdom, and dignity traditional to South Carolina. We know that legal resistance can not be overcome, and that physical resistance will be met by Federal force. The lesson of Sept. 30, 1962, in Oxford, Miss., has taught us that we can not yield to violence and disorder, for we do not want our University to become a bloody battleground of armed troops or our State to become disgraced in the eyes of the nation and the world. We have but one alternative — obedience to the law — the Supreme Court decision stands.

While we believe it is essential to obey the laws of this land in order to preserve our democracy, we also believe we have the right to take issue with the laws which we follow. As the law commanding the desegregation of our institution should be obeyed, so should the basic rights of peaceful assembly and freedom of speech. If we grant to certain individuals their constitutional rights, we can not deny these rights to others.

WE have made it clear that we should, at all costs, obey the laws of our land; however, we feel free and compelled to state that we are opposed to the integration of the University of South Carolina at this time, not because of prejudice or because of a desire to perpetuate racial segregation, but because we feel it is in the best interests of both races.

It seems to us that it is senseless to integrate the races without any true moral purpose, yet it is in this direction we are being compelled to follow. Before we can attain, or should attain, integration, there must be an unconscious willingness among both races toward acceptance. Such a state, however, does not exist in South Carolina at this time, and it is for this reason that we oppose the desegregation of our campus this fall.

IT is at the bottom of life that we must begin, and not at the top," stated Booker T. Washington in his autobiography *Up From Slavery*. The eminent Negro educator of the 19th century went on to say, "Nor should we permit our grievances to overshadow our opportunities." Washington had great faith in both the white and Negro races in the South; he felt that integration might eventually evolve when the Negro race proved itself of such indispensable value that the white race would feel the presence of the Negro was necessary to the happiness and wellbeing of the South. "No man who continues to add something to the material, intellectual, and moral well-being of the

place in which he lives is long left without proper reward," Washington said.

We stand unequivocally with Mr. Washington, one of the great leaders of his people, in encouraging the Negro to secure his rights through constant striving and hard work, and proving his worth, rather than by means of artificially forcing his acceptance.

OUR University is not yet prepared for integration. If a Negro must enter the doors of our institution without the willingness of the whites, can this be considered a forward step in race relations? In the end, all that can be achieved by the admission of Negroes in this manner is to deepen racial animosities and suspicions. On the other hand, when the University opens its doors to Negroes, not as the result of federal laws, but as the result of seeking students of merit, without regard to race, this, and only this, will be a measure of progress in understanding. The ideal of freedom from prejudice is fine in theory, but difficult sometimes to practice. By artificially enforcing physical integration, we only impede the progress of genuine integration.

It is often difficult for people in various sections of the nation to comprehend the struggle that is taking place in the South today. It is a struggle of both the white and Negro races toward erasing racial misconceptions and fears that have existed over many years. The road from slavery is long and discouraging, but it is a road the American Negro must walk, step by step, if he is to someday reach the ideal of equality. There are no short cuts on this road to equality, neither God nor government can create them; they can only make the road less difficult to travel.

THE fall of 1963 will go on record as more than just another academic semester at our University — it will serve as an index of and a challenge to the student body. While we oppose integration at this time, feeling that it is not in the best interests of either race, we must face reality with rationality and comply with the laws of our nation. The lesson of Oxford, Miss., has taught us that not only is mob rule imprudent, but it will solve no problems, only create larger ones. It is often hard to obey laws which interfere with our domestic problems, which we know and can handle better, but, perhaps, this is the price we must pay for democracy.

*The laws of changeless justice bind
Oppressor with oppressed;
And close as sin and suffering joined
We march to fate abreast.*

Statement Of Policy

As the school year begins, the new staff of *The Gamecock* assumes its duties and publishes the first issue of the newspaper for the semester. As in the past, our policy will continue to be to supply the news and not suppress it. We are cognizant of our responsibilities and duties to the student body; to present a precise, accurate account of campus events, to become a forum for the exchange of comment and criticism, and to become a means of projecting the opinions and attitudes of the groups on campus to one another.

Fairness and impartiality will be attempted at all times on the news pages. We will play the news as we think it should be played, whether we like what it says or not. At all times, we promise to be guided by the rules governing good journalism: sound judgment and common sense.

Our namesake is a fighting bird. This

Gamecock will fight, too, if need be. We will not fight for the sake of fighting, nor will we criticize without purpose. We will, however, not be afraid to ruffle our feathers a little if we feel it is for the best interests of Carolina and the student body. *The Gamecock* will remain a product of student work and the voice of the students; it will be a paper wholly for and by the students.

The new staff has accepted the responsibility of continuing to publish a newspaper which will be of the most service to Carolina. While we will continue to maintain a high quality, we will always strive to improve.

We believe in Carolina and believe that this coming year will be one of the greatest years of progress for the University, and *The Gamecock* will not be left behind. We will, as our masthead so ably puts it, continue "crowing for a greater Carolina."

—Ted Narrow—

We Are Human

SINCE the famous 1954 Supreme Court decision, we have been faced with the problem of whether a state has the right to allow racial discrimination within its borders, and whether or not the Federal government has the right to find these discriminations wrong, according to our constitution.

Legally, all citizens of this country have their rights granted by our constitution. The question of who settles this problem has not been decided upon, as yet. The really important problem is whether forced integration will be of any benefit to persons who have been discriminated against.

We all are prejudiced about certain things — no matter how slight the degree. This is very evident when we remember that we were raised by human beings,

taught what human beings have said and done — with all the weakness, color, and emotion so characteristic of our species. Laws influence our thoughts and actions. But so do our emotions. Which is stronger? I would choose the latter, since man is still an emotional being, on the whole.

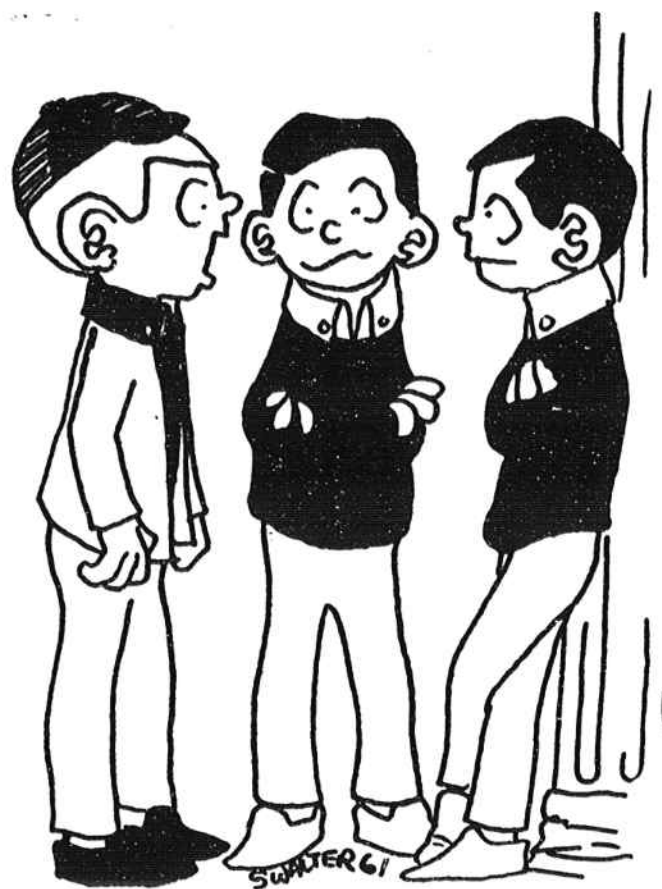
NOT only does the majority discriminate in any given situation, but the minority, too. There is discrimination within all societies in every country on this earth. There are organizations in this country pushing for the elimination of discrimination for their own race, but not others. This discrimination doesn't help solve the problem. Two wrongs never make a right.

Physical integration, especially if it is forced against the majority in control, will never lead to

better understanding of the problem. It will hinder true social integration and acceptance, which is what all minorities are truly seeking. A minority group has to be wanted for its worth to be really integrated into a society controlled by the majority.

We must give Negroes education and the chance to better their entire race before we all dare to attempt real integration. This is the only answer to the problem now, but there will be others as time goes on.

WE must not face this problem with only sorrow in our hearts for the prejudice we have, but rather with hope that someday we might find our country and world truly in the hands of logic — with today's prejudice lessened a little more.



"AND BY THE TIME I GOT TO THE FRONT OF THE LINE I COULDN'T REMEMBER WHICH LINE I WAS IN."

Beautiful Frustration

There are times when we mortals, amid our strife, Contemplate the possibility of ending our life.

Death would be sweet and full of bliss, I'm sure these earthly worries we would not miss.

As we turn our eyes up to the sky, We wonder by what method we will choose to die.

It must be one that when we go, The life from us will quickly flow,

For if we are found before our task is complete, We will not reap the eternal reward so sweet!

After we have departed from this poor earth, Perhaps somewhere there will be a birth

Of a child who through the years will grow, And I hope, to reach manhood to know,

What it is like to live out his days Without finding himself lost, in depression's maze!

—Richard B. Sands



TODD WILSON



Several Bills Facing Senate This Semester

AGAIN, I should like to take this opportunity to welcome our new freshmen. We are happy to have them become a part of the Carolina Community. They shall soon be an integral part of life here at the University.

This year Student Government, as well as the entire student body, is to face the greatest challenge which we have experienced in quite some time. It is a time when we must act with dignity and reservation. The eyes of our state, nation, and world are on us. We have an opportunity to bring great credit to our University, and I am confident that we will act accordingly. Our action at this time will not mean that we, as individuals, approve or disapprove of what is taking place. It does not mean that we accept or reject. It does mean that we have enough respect for Carolina and ourselves to uphold the good name that we already have.

ON the lighter side of things...

Our student government committees are soon to begin functioning, and we invite all students, new and old, to sign up to help out with our work. Some of these committees and their chairmen are Student Union, Tim Quinn; Artists Series, Herb Adams; Dance Committee, Doug Elmore; Student Speakers Bureau, Craig Wrigley; and State Student Legislature, Perry Moses.

If you are interested in any of these committees, please contact the chairman or come by the Student Government Office on the main floor of Russell House. These committees form the basis for our student activi-

ties, and we hope to have some of the best in recent years during the coming year. Still we will need your help to plan the activities which will be best for the year.

STUDENT Senate will be faced with several bills of major importance during the year, chief of which will be on Constitutional changes, to be studied under a committee headed by Jim Scheider. There are a number of desired changes, and we are beginning to examine the entire Student Government set-up at Carolina.

We began to make progress last year, and this year we are expecting to make tremendous strides to strengthen our present organization. It will be a busy year, and we have our work cut out for us. We do expect this year to be one of the best in the history of Carolina.

Student Senate meetings are open to the entire student body, and we urge your attendance to find out exactly what work is.

The opportunity is here. Let us make the most of all that we can.

FRESHMAN orientation was a tremendous success, and much credit is due the counselors, faculty advisors, and the freshmen themselves. They displayed a spirit that we need here at Carolina, and as we begin the new year, the cheerleaders and Pep Club will seek to instill "the new spirit of Carolina." Suggestions on orientation with new ideas, etc., will be welcomed if any of you will be willing to make them. We are off to a good start so let us keep up the good work the entire year.

Presidential Welcome

To the Carolina Student Body:

To all of you of the Carolina community, welcome to this campus of high hopes and great opportunities.

As a student at the University, you exercise a shareholder's interest in one of the finest educational efforts being made by any State in the Union.

The people of South Carolina and the elected officers and Legislature of the State have given generously of their support because they realize the importance of the University to the future of South Carolina.

We are fortunate in having a talented and dedicated faculty, an excellent physical plant, and adequate means and administration to insure that we can function as a first-rate University.

The University and its various schools are fully accredited, and every graduate can say with pride that you received your diploma from the University of South Carolina.

As we begin another academic year, let me emphasize perhaps the most precious factor in your education — time. An academic year embraces only nine months. Every student should make every moment of it count. Form the habit now and you will enjoy a successful and fulfilling year.

A University education is an accumulative investment of hours of study. You must learn to use your time to best advantage. You can never make up lost time. Budget time and treasure the minutes. Do that right from the start, and you'll be surprised at the wealth of golden moments which will be left over for your enjoyment of campus life.

Let me wish you a happy, productive year, one in which you expand your fund of knowledge, your personal horizons and your capabilities.

Cordially,
THOMAS F. JONES
President of the University

The GAMECOCK

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