

Rift Between Black Man And White Brother Is NOW On Campuses

Jim Patterson.

Thursday night, Feb. 8th, the campus of South Carolina State College was burning in many ways. The immediate result of the flames was the death of three young Black men. The final result of these flames can never change this bloody fact. The killing of these young men touches each of us here

in our academic shelter. We can no longer sit back and eruditely discuss the rift between the Black man and his white brothers somewhere out there. This rift is now on our campuses and "My fellow Americans" it is deadly. Something has to be done soon. The proverbial long hot summer is all too near and the proverbial long hot promises are all too empty. A group of students and faculty

sent a petition to Governor Robert McNair of South Carolina. The night letter petition expressed their resentment of the three slayings. Following are some additional opinions voiced here by our students and some opinions of students across town on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University.

Mary Smith, a leader in the Black Student Unity League of "B Souls", has this to say in regard to the Orangeburg massacre, "It was indicative of the racism which ingests the structure of American Society. South Carolina Governor Robert McNair is representative of that system of suppression. Unless that structure radically changes to embrace the Black man, there will be bigger Orangeburgs with the score of deaths evened."

Johnny James, a student leader at Smith tells of his feelings of personal involvement. "I feel personally involved because I knew some of the people at State. I feel personally involved because I, too, am a Black student. The fault does not lie with Governor McNair or the state of South Carolina. The fault lies in the system. The system must change or collapse."

Antonio Lawrence, the president of the student body of Johnson C. Smith, was taken aback a little when asked how he felt about the Orangeburg incident. "How are you supposed to feel when a brother is killed? You feel anger, disgust, and disbelief. It frightens me that these men have guns. We play S. C. State in sports and we worry. The Bulls are playing in Columbia this week and we

can't help but be apprehensive. The most disgusting thing about the race situation here in North Carolina is that we are greatly disillusioned about it. North Carolina is not racially progressive and it never was. I heard someone say that the incident in Orangeburg set us back 8 years. Hell! We were never there. We haven't been set back we just saw where we really are. We as Black students must be concerned because injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

Mary Reynolds, a sophomore co-ed here on our own campus, feels we much consider all sides before we can heap the blame on South Carolina law enforcement officers. She said, "There is a possibility of justification for the shooting of the three students. If justification can be shown, then the policemen were guilty of nothing but acting in the line of duty."

Ben Chavis, a Black student leader on our campus, gave his opinion of what happened in Orangeburg in two short words, "It stinks."

Hank Rivers from UNC-C replied "I don't feel I can judge the situation sufficiently from what I get from the news media. This means I can't give you a definite opinion."

Frank Muchado, a Cuban student here on our campus made an interesting parallel. "The shooting

of the South Carolina State Students by the police is reminiscent of the Cuban police firing on students in Habana. I don't feel the owner of the bowling alley has the right to bar people from bowling on the basis of race. If violent protest is necessary to insure the civil rights of all citizens, then I condone them."

Mary Smity of the "B Souls" says that white students should organize support demonstrations on their campuses. White people have to talk these problems over among themselves and demand the necessary changes. Miss Smith said "The basic premise white people must work on is the same as the premise Black men must use 'Educate one another.'"

I noticed while interviewing the students at Smith that not once did they refer to the role or position of the black American or the white American. I also noticed that they spoke of each other as Brother or Sister. I was not called brother but Jim. In view of what happened in Orangeburg, I think I know why.

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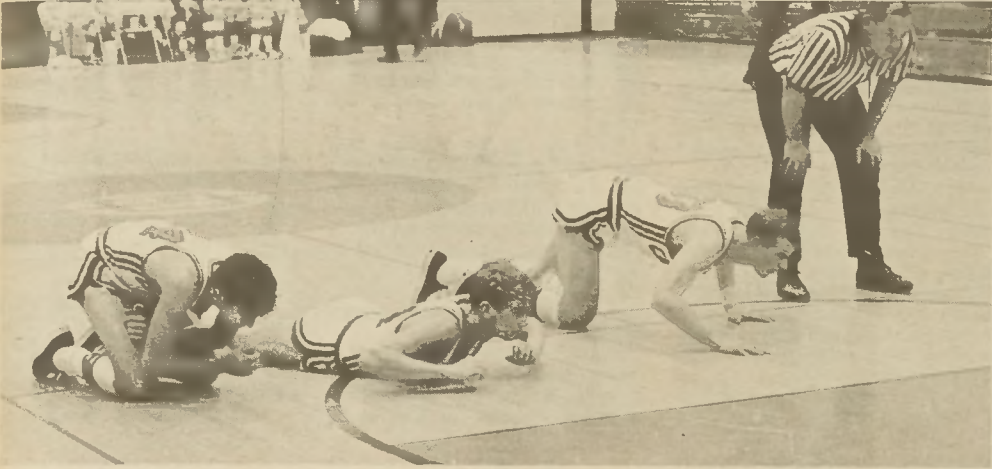
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Ernie Guill, Lynchburg Col.	6-2	185	Jr.	Lynchburg, Va.
Dean Oldham, Greensboro Col	5-11	178	Soph.	Greensboro
Craig Hannas, St. Andrews	6-3	170	Fr.	Grenbury, N.J.
Jerry Anthony, UNC-C	6-1	165	Jr.	Charlotte, N.C.

The Second Squad

Name	College	Class
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Stan Morgan	Greensboro	Soph.
Harry Coffee	Lynchburg	SR.
Chris Felts	N. C. Wesleyan	Sr.
Bill Cook	College of Charleston	Sr.
Gerald Lominac	College of Charleston	Sr.
Ronnie Mason	Lynchburg	Sr.

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