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As the University of Mississippi desegregation crisis swings into its third week students were lining up solidly behind governor Ross R. Barnett in his attempt to keep the college lily white.

But, there have been no more of the outlandish, segregation singing, flag lowering out breaks that marred Meredith's first attempt to come on campus. Students have mainly been insatiably curious to know what is happening and to be there when it happens.

"It's almost impossible to concentrate on lectures against such a confusing background. How can I study literature when my whole future is at stake. Frankly, a lot of us have quit studying. Why bother if Barnett may close the school?"

"You know what we do? We sit there and open our books, then we rush to the window at the slightest little noise." Such tension makes crowds inevitable, but as yet there has been no ugly scenes such as occurred at the University of Georgia desegregation. Mainly, Mississippi Rebels would like to get the whole thing over with and get on with school. The first week was exciting, the second week unsettling, and the third
seems to be getting a little out of hand as far as most are concerned. Also, there is also the threat that Mississippi may lose its accreditation unless the Trustees stop playing politics with the governor and get Meredith registered. This has a lot of students worried. "I don't know what to do," said one, "--- wait it out or try to transfer now.

And a pretty blond added, "Of course, everyone wants to maintain our credits, but how long will that be possible?"

Students have been as concerned with their academic future as they have been with segregation, --- they gathered in force when word spread over the radio last Thursday that Meredith and the
There was some disappointment that there was not another showdown.

"Aw, he chickened out," yelled several. But the curiosity that grips the campus was demonstrated again this past Saturday, when C.B.S interrupted the Notre Dame - Oklahoma football game to announce that Federal Marshals had taken off in helicopters from Memphis and were heading for Oxford. Within minutes a crowd of 50 students were at the airport waiting for them to arrive. When it turned out to be a false alarm everyone trooped back to the dorms.

Mississippi-Kentucky football in Jackson. And, as happens many times, was directed at reporters rather than the actual participants in struggle. Charles Moore, a Black Star cameraman from Montgomery, Alabama was snapping pictures of the pre-game pep rally in front of the downtown Heidelberg Hotel when a student poked a confederate flag in his face, told him to stop snapping. Moore took a couple more frames then made a grab for the rebel flag to keep the student from breaking the lens. The flag stick snapped, the student started swinging, but it was quickly broken up by a policeman. Twice on the way back to their hotel rooms (at the Heidelberg) the student...
student tried to pick a fight with Moore (who was doing some shots for Life), and stinger Bob Fellows. They tried to avoid him and took the elevator up to their rooms. About 10 minutes later there was a knock at the door and a crowd of about 20 angry, beer drinking Mississippians forced their way in. Trooping Moore, Fellows, Miami Bureau Chief Dick Billings, reporters Ron Bailey and Don Underwood and the pilot of their chartered plane. For twenty minutes they were cornered by the angry students cursed and swore at them. Outside there was a crowd of 50 more. Finally, Fellows managed to slip out of the room and get Mississippi student body Dick Wilson, who broke the mob up. According to Billings it was mainly a lot of drunken cursing and vilification. But it was the most really nasty thing that has happened on campus so far. The ugly element on campus does exist though. There are students who detest the press (especially the northern press), and miss no opportunity to insult them. But. They are a small minority. Just as there are only a small minority of Mississippians for whom students Meredith admitted.
but it was the clearest example of student irresponsibility to date.

Mostly, the moderates on campus have just remained silent. There are a number of students and faculty who disagree with what Barnett is doing but they are either afraid or unwilling to speak out. And in the atmosphere that grips Mississippi few can blame them. Barnett has wide support that anyone who is not behind him is considered a traitor to his state. If the University loses its accreditation or is shut down, fanatical support may turn against him. Still it's hard to say who they would be maddest at, their governor or the N.A.A.C.P. Probably they would just be bitter as hell at everybody.

Parenthetically, we would like to add that from here, it looks as if the students have behaved better than anyone else in the State so far. Their newspaper, The Mississippian, last week ran a nasty cartoon of Barnett's people depicting him as a curly-haired suit. And considering the fact that most of the students were 10 years old when the Supreme Court decision was handed down, and since that time they've heard nothing but a steady stream of propaganda that desegregation means mongrelization, it was surprising they have been as
controlled as they have. And compared to the rable rousing state
legislature, the citizen council crew, and Barnett, hard stand and against
the Federal courts, they look much the best of the lot.
Marshals were going to make another attempt to crash the barriers that
had set up around the campus. As the hours dragged by they
let loose with some football. "Hotty Toddy!" yells but there was no
more of the ugly, "twixt two, four, six, eight, we will never segregate"
the week's chants of the week before. There was some muttering about "getting that
nigger," by a small number of Rebels, but on the whole
they were peaceful. Whether they would have remained so had
and the Marshals not turned back to Memphis is another
question. But their curiosity as opposed
to open hostility was demonstrated against again and again this past