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Dr. Jim Silver, longtime history professor at Ole Miss, spoke in Asheville N.C., Thursday night. Press wire reports he abused the state of Mississippi, its people, officials and newspapers in the same fashion he has in previous speeches in Atlanta, Memphis and other points.

OXFORD (UPI) — The vice president of the University of Mississippi student body Friday accused Dr. James Silver, an Ole Miss history professor, of having a "closed mind" to Mississippi's way of life.

Brad Lawrence of Oxford leveled the charge following Silver's remarks to a meeting of the Southern historical Society at Asheville, N. C., Thursday night.

In his speech Silver described Mississippi as a "closed society" where historical truth had been replaced by official orthodoxy.

He said that "Today the totalitarian society of Mississippi imposes on all its people acceptance of an obedience of an official orthodoxy almost identical with pro-slavery days."

Lawrence, formerly of New Haven, Conn., said in a statement he thought Silver "was bitter in that he has been unable to convince the young people of Mississippi to accept his theories of centralized government and racial intergration."

The student leader said Silver "believes that those who do not agree with him are ignorant" and such beliefs indicate that the "man has a closed mind."