

# the DEEP END

editorial opinion & comment

Ho hum, so what's new . . .

It was an interesting campaign as far as the political parties were concerned.

One new party emerged bright and strong amid denials from the leaders to the effect that "I don't know nuttin about it."

Another entered its second year, another changed its name — but not the initials — and the fourth and final party chose to remain with the status quo.

It was indeed interesting how the results of the voting finally tallied.

The new party captured six positions. The two year old party also captured six positions. The name changing party came out of the counting room with three positions while the status quo group came out with nothing but memories of the by-gone days.

Many students ask the question, "what have we accomplished with all these new parties."

The answer remains to be seen. The rationale for starting these new parties varied. Some of the choice comments were,

"to better represent the student body, to break the barriers of the past," (Greek-Independent living group affiliation) and so on.

Some people have been so bold as to say that one party was formed to further the political ambitions of its leaders. This too remains to be seen.

The important thing is — no matter how you slice the cake — the student body is still going to revert back to the old Greek-Independent living group affiliation when they evaluate student government.

And . . . if this criteria is used to equate the future political situation, then nothing has really changed.

The Greeks are politically still on top. Three out of the three executive positions in student government were captured by Greeks. The ratio is two to one for the total amount of student government positions. Ten Greek and five Independent.

So you see, . . . no matter how the cake is sliced, the big pieces are still on the North side of the hill.

## Student group organized to aid Southern Negroes

By KAREN WEST

Why do college students quit school to face hatred, violence and risk of death in the Black Belt South?

Workers for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) would answer that there are no "free men" in this nation if any minority is kept illiterate, segregated in schools—not given their constitutionally guaranteed rights.

SNCC, pronounced Snick, began as a means of communication and coordination between protest groups, but was really born in 1961 when a voter registration project was launched in Mississippi.

College students from both the North and South decided to quit school for a year to lend a hand. Some are still there; others replenish the crew during Summer vacations.

Merri Lou Douglas, a WSU sociology major, spent last summer in Nashville, Tenn., working on voter registration with the YWCA. "We went from door to door asking questions and stressing the importance of voting," said Miss Douglas.

"We arranged for baby sitters and rides if they were needed," she said, "but on the day designated to register we were met with an empty house in many cases."

Another problem she mentioned is that many older people simply said, "We aren't supposed to vote." It is difficult to tell these people otherwise when the threat of lost jobs, beatings or jail is present.

The risks taken by SNCC workers are fantastic. Many police brutality techniques such as electric cattle prods, dogs and physical beatings have been encountered by SNCC workers. Jail condi-

tions and legal proceedings are usually ignored by the press.

SNCC publications contain reports of white racists being hired to beat a Negro cell-mate. Also, whites in jail are promised their freedom if they will beat Negroes.

The "hot box," a small cell with no windows or light is often occupied by up to 10 people. The heat is on for hours. Many men have survived by lying on the floor and breathing under the door. Medical attention is usually denied.

Appeals to federal authorities have done little to alter misuse of the legal process. It's common to be jailed on suspicion of being a demonstrator. By the time a protest can be made, the prisoner can be physically beaten or otherwise mistreated, and then be released.

Since SNCC is not a membership organization, "friends of SNCC" groups have been started across the nation. Money raising and clothing or book drives are their main objectives.

The SNCC staff is maintained by these people who are sympathetic to the Southern situation. Poverty stricken areas and Negroes who have lost jobs because they registered to vote are aided.

Mrs. Beverly McConnell is a key figure in the Pullman area. She has headed fund-raising projects, clothing and book drives.

WSU students raised money for a second-hand car which reached Mississippi last Christmas. Transportation is particularly a problem in rural areas. Mules are sometimes used.

The SNCC staff must put their cause above all else in helping the Southern Negro fight for freedom. It is a job which requires patience and courage.

### Today's meetings

**YOUNG REPUBLICANS:** 7 p.m., CUB 215.

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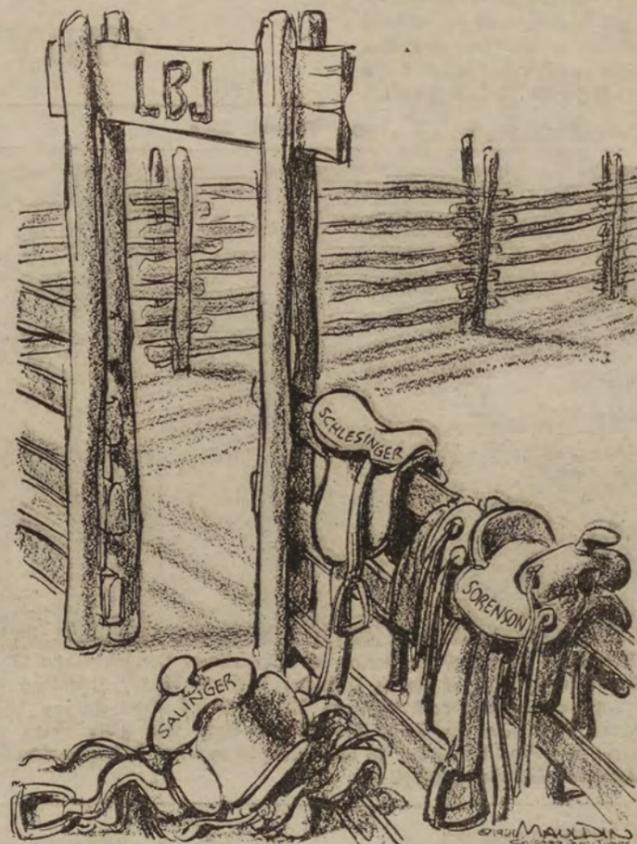
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