

THE STUDENT VOICE

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MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM ELECTION

HENRY AND KING RECEIVE OVER 80,000 VOTES

MAJORITY OF MISSISSIPPI VOTERS DON'T WANT JOHNSON

The year 1963 will go down in Mississippi history as a turning point in state-wide political affairs. Dr. Aaron Henry from Clarksdale and Rev. Ed King from Tougaloo received over 80,000 votes in an unprecedented mock political election for the offices of Governor and Lt. Governor of Mississippi.

With some votes still to be tallied the following are some of the tentative round figure totals for different counties in the State for the Henry-King freedom ballot: Hinds County (Jackson) - 12,000; Coahoma County (Clarksdale) - 10,000; Quitman County - 7400; Panola County - 6300; Tallahatchie County - 2000; Bolivar County - 1400; and Tunica County - 1000. All of these counties (except Hinds) are in the Mississippi Delta.

The freedom votes were cast in spite of numerous intimidations by state authorities, including the continuous harassment of voter registration workers, the numerous arrests of these workers, and in some cases the actual taking away of ballot boxes by police officials. Many local stores and churches were forced to close down their election centers for the freedom election because of bomb threats and other forms of intimidation.

It is extremely important to note that the first Republican candidate for governor in Mississippi since Reconstruction days, Phillips, received an approximate total of 125,000 votes as compared with Paul Johnson's approximate 200,000. This means that Phillips' votes plus the protest votes of the freedom ballot (80,000) amounted to a total greater than the number of votes carried by Johnson! This is, indeed, a new day in Mississippi. The monolithical, demagogic Democratic political machine has been challenged and the significance of this challenge will depend on the degree to which the pressure can be kept on Johnson starting right now.

MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM VOTE CAMPAIGN

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MRS. MEDGAR EVERS SPEAKS TO CHEERING TOUGALOOANS

Mrs. Medgar Evers spoke in Thursday's chapel program to a warm and stimulated audience urging Tougalooans to carry on the work that we have been doing. The response from the Tougaloo family was overwhelming and the Chapel swayed as FREEDOM SONGS filled the air.

THE LIBRARY IS OPEN THIS WEEK THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 12 to 1 PM TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE STUDENTS WHO WANT TO USE IT AT THAT TIME

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TICS BEGINS ON CAMPUS

The Tougaloo Indoor Communication Service (TICS) is a new idea in campus radio broadcasting and has been started with the assistance of the Speech Department and Audio-Visual Department. TICS is designed for the use of students to deliver speeches, newsreports, campus bulletins, to play music and to generally introduce to Tougaloo life another effective means of communication. The TICS can be heard each weekday night between 6:30 and 7:00 PM in each of the dormitory lounges and Ballard Hall. All students are cordially invited to participate. Please contact Mr. Hutchinson or Mr. Townsend.

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STUDENTS AND HEADS OF ACADEMIC DIVISIONS MEET

At the request of the Tougaloo Student Government, the Chairman of each academic division on campus met with various students on Monday evening. The heads of the divisions who were representing the Curriculum Committee, whose chairman is Dean Branch, were Dr. Townsend from the Humanities Division, Dr. Borinski from the Social Science Division, Dr. Huffer from the Natural Sciences Division, Dr. Powell from the Education Department, Mr. Dockins - the Registrar of the College - and Dean Branch. Students present included Charles Jones, Albert Lassiter, Audrey Prentiss, Floyd Minor, John Page, Eugene Carter, William Turnbull, Freddie Kirk, Naomi Golf and Stephen Rutledge.

The purpose of the meeting was three-fold: (1) give students a chance to express their feelings, observations, questions and criticisms to the faculty members who are in charge of the curriculum design of the Tougaloo academic program; (2) give students a chance to better understand the reasons why things are like they are, why certain courses are required and what some of the thinking of the faculty is on this very important aspect of Tougaloo education; and (3) impress upon the faculty and administration members the very real interest and enthusiasm with which many Tougaloo students regard their academic lives while in attendance at Tougaloo.

One of the basic questions raised by the students present at the meeting was the advisability of having so many required courses during a four year education; that it tended to interfere with being able to devote more time to one's own field of concentration. The problem of overlapping courses was discussed also. One of the basic points that the faculty and Dean Branch made constant reference to was the fact that Tougaloo students must recognize that if we are to compete on a national level for all of the opportunities that are open to us now, we must be able to score favorably on all of the different national tests that we are taking now (College Entrance, Graduate Record, Civil Service, National Teachers, Peace Corp) and that particularly in the social sciences and humanities Tougaloo students score far below the national average that is required for consideration. If we are to overcome these deficiencies, it is pointed out, we must be prepared to work that much harder in our weak areas and that is one of the primary reasons that required courses are actually required. Deficiencies in the departments of Chemistry and Political Science, specifically, were acknowledged and the students were assured that, at least, efforts are being made to improve these departments.

At the Tuesday night meeting of the Student Council, Mr. Page, Mr. Minor and Miss Prentiss gave their interpretation of the student-faculty meeting and summaries of their reports are included in this week's minutes of the Student Council, which are posted in all dormitories and the bulletin boards.

It is felt that these type of meetings are indeed excellent ways in which the students, faculty and administration can be brought closer together in terms of really making out college community function as a college family.

We, in the student government, urge all students to recognize how important it is for all Tougalooans to really devote themselves to good scholarship habits and an interest in the world around us. In turn, we in the student government, are sparing no effort to see that the voice of the students is heard, is considered and is respected.

Tougaloo Student Government

STUDENTS PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF LIBRARY HOURS

A petition has been submitted to the Student Government of Tougaloo demanding that the present library hours be extended to the following hours: (1) Monday through Friday - 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. (throughout the lunch hour); (2) Monday through Friday - 6 P.M. to 11 P.M.; and (3) Sundays from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M.

The purpose for such a demand is to meet the very pressing problem of lack of proper study space on campus to meet the very minimum needs of our institution. The more than 200 students who signed the petition, are acutely aware of the fact that the dormitories are literally packed to the uncomfortable degree that it is just not conducive to good study habits. The Social Science Lab is not adequate in size to meet the space problem that exists with the many Tougaloo students who study long and late hours this year.

It is recognized that there are problems in terms of number of staff available and amount of money allocated to the library budget, but the students are now saying that the hours must be extended and extended NOW to meet the very pressing demands that require excellent performance in our academic work.

In its Tuesday night meeting, the Student Council unanimously approved the petition from the student body and is now recommending to the Library Committee and all other involved persons that the library hours be extended to include the above stated times.

Library hours have already been extended for this week (mid-term exams) from 12 to 1 PM at the request of the student government. It has already been agreed that a formal recommendation will be made by the library staff for an extension permanently of library hours from 12 to 1 P.M. on weekdays and possibly on Sundays from 2 to 5 P.M. We are now requesting that the additional times petitioned by the student body be included also.

Tougaloo Student Government

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FELLOW STUDENTS,

The Student Council's Committee on Civil Rights has launched a mass letter writing campaign to Congressmen (both Representatives and Senators) specifically involved with President Kennedy's current Civil Rights Bill. The Congressmen's names and addresses are already posted on the bulletin boards.

The purpose of the campaign is to let those "who are in a position to do something" know that we as college students are interested in our future, and the future of America for that matter.

The campaign has been on for almost two weeks. So far, only one letter has come in to the Student Council's office. We are asking you once again to take this opportunity to "act as a first-class citizen."

If you have objections to the campaign, by all means let us know! But, no response gives us the impression that you don't care one way or the other about the passing of the bill.

The Student Council's
COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS

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Perhaps our most highly educationally fashioned, pseudo-intellectual inspired faculty personnell have forgotten the true purpose of college perse. A college or university should be concerned with the revamping and reviving of boys and girls, and the furthuring of their establishment as well-rounded individuals in their drives toward mature adulthood. Certainly a basis for this well-rounded individualism should include certain factions of completely equal importance. These factors are the spiritual, moral, educational and social development of said individual --- and not necessarily in that order.

We are fooled, through mandatory class attendance, to attend class and thus attain the educational side of our four sided completeness. Mandatory chapel and church attendance also insures us a direct pipeline to the powers that be. Moral codes and social conduct are left to the individual himself. I presume that our administrators feel that a good-night kiss on a quiet bench, or a hand-in-hand stroll in the evening is detrimental to this rounded personality. Man and woman are dependent upon each other for compassion, understanding and love. And yet we can't sit on a bench with our respective sweethearts and at least enjoy one quiet sincere moment in our day without having something mandatory thrust upon us. Let's also make Tougaloo a fine understanding family by giving trust to our fellow brothers and sisters who might just be normal and fall in love like normal people and enjoy some of their companionship.

"Maverick" Mitchell

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THE JUDICIARY CORNER

My inner being joyfully-resounds upon the notes played by the majority of my fellow students' awareness and responsibility to ideal student government. May these same notes evolve into an all-engulfing symphony, captivating the instruments of our judgment.

Allow me to briefly convey the fundamental commitment of the Student Judiciary. Each of us shares the common belief that careful, precise adjudication of all cases will equally play a role in determining the future of student government on our campus. Therefore, extreme concern underlies all our actions pertaining to the welfare of the Tougaloo Family --- the gravity of our position is continually felt.

"All free governments, whatever their name, are in reality governments by public opinion; and it is on the quality of this public opinion that their prosperity depends." --- J. R. Lowell

I think this quotation eptomizes the sentiment of the ten justices that will serve you to the zenith of their capacities.

Justice Albert E. Lassiter

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C O R - O N A T I O N B A L L

This Saturday, -November 9th, 1963

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HONEYSUCKER ARRESTEE AT CITY CENTER

Senior Class President and music major Robert Honeysucker was arrested last Friday evening for attempting to enter the Jackson City Center to hear the visiting British Philamarnic Orchestra. He was accompanied by an English citizen (a student at Yale U.) who was arrested also. Protests have been made with the British Embassy. The two were released on bail the next day. Welcome back to campus, Bob!

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YOUR KIND OF SCHOOL

by Juanita Rosena Sumiall

If you were to go to the kind of a school
Like the kind of a school you like
You need not pack your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike.

For you will only find that you have left behind
Nothing that's really new
So its a knock en yourself when you knock
on the door --- It isn't the school its you.

Great schoolsare not built by men afraid
Of someone else ahead
For where everybody works and nobody shirks
It will raise the old school from the dead.

Now if you were to do your daily task
And your neighbors would do theirs too
Your school would be what you want it to be
It isn't the school, it's you.

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DOLLARS AND SENSE

Why should I want to selectively buy?
What good can it do for me?
Will it help me lift my face to the sky?
Will it help me now to be free?

I cannot be happy to trade at a place
Where my mother and father have suffered disgrace,
Where my children can't work because of their race,
Where not one clerk has an ebony face.

When I enter a store, I want to be more
Than a market exploited each day;
I want to be able to sit at a table
And order some food and be gay.

I want to be welcome in every department,
No signs saying "Colored" and "White";
No labels on restrooms and counters and doorways,
Let trading be equal and right.

I know that to purchase the finest of things
Will never make up for the hurts and the stings
Of a law or a sign that says you can't dine,
If you try, you'll be jailed and you'll pay a big fine.

I'd rather be free and live in a shack
And stand like a man with rags on my back
And love everybody, the white and the black,
Than ride like a slave in a new Cadillac.

I have learned to say down deep in my heart:
"With a catalog as my clerk, I can make a good start
Toward trading without killing the man inside me
Toward making this land the true home of the free."

I have turned my face to a brighter day,
No longer for discrimination will I unwittingly pay;
With my God I will walk, and to Him I will pray
To open my eyes and show me the way.

(C. Herbert Oliver
Pittsburgh Courier
August 3, 1963)

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