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Oxford: Just A Quiet Southern Town... Now

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a reprint from the Missouri University campus newspaper, The Mansuet. It was written by Editor Larry Fuller, Associate Editor Martin Frost, and staff member Law Morrison. The three student journalists spent a weekend at the University of Mississippi. This is their report on the student's view of Ole Miss today.

Oxford, Miss. — About an hour's drive south of Memphis lies a sleepy little town called Oxford. It looks just like a hundred other small communities in the South... a village square with an old stone courthouse in the middle.

It's a quiet town... now. Last weekend there was an air of quiet apprehension in Oxford and on the University of Mississippi campus.

The riots are over, but many doubts linger on in the minds of students. What's in store for the University? What will happen when the troops leave? What's the future of higher education in the state of Mississippi?

In the midst of uncertainty, life goes on at Ole Miss.

Without Incident
Students attended a concert given by the "Highwaymen" Tuesday; a big pep rally was held Thursday; there was a football game and student government dance nearby in Jackson Saturday night — all without incident.

"Classes are getting harder," one student observed.

served. "They want to keep us busy and out of trouble."

Whenever conversation gets slow, someone cracks a "Meredith" joke. One like "Why is Meredith's wife like a spider? Because she's going to be a black widow."

Students have mixed feelings about the future.

One grad student said he thought the whole thing might blow up again when the troops leave. "People in the rural areas are organized and will be back as soon as the troops pull out," he said.

Others feel differently. Many students are tired of crisis and are determined to make sure that nothing happens to jeopardize their educations. Another incident will almost surely mean loss of accreditation for the university.

Discrediting
Students are nervously awaiting the annual meeting of the Southern Assn. of Colleges and Schools in Dallas, Nov. 26-29. A committee has been set up by that group to study the Mississippi situation with the possibility of discrediting the university.

Some students haven't waited around to find out what will happen in November. They've either transferred to other

schools or dropped out of school a semester. Anyone enrolled in a university at the time it is discredited faces the possibility of starting over as a freshman if he wishes to attend an accredited school.

Most of the students like the University of Mississippi. They don't want to leave. But they will if it means getting an accepted college degree or not.

Along with these fears are mingled memories of the not so distant riots. There are a lot of little things to keep the memories fresh like the bullet holes near the front door of the administration building and the still frequent mention of Oxford by the press.

However, the chief reminder of the tragedy is some 500 troops stationed in and around the campus. The first thing we saw upon arrival in Oxford at 2 a.m. Saturday was a lone Jeep with

three soldiers parked in front of the town square.

Bayonet
Students are used to seeing the troops around now. The squads of bayonet-carrying soldiers constantly guarding Baxter Hall, Meredith's dorm, even when he's gone for the weekend, don't even rate a second glance any more.

The troops have always been resented, and are just now gaining acceptance by the student body. "We were afraid of them at first," said one sorority member. "But then we had the head of the guards over to the house as a guest. We found out they're just like anyone else."

Eight hundred of the original troops were students at Mississippi colleges before the riots broke out. Several boys were Ole Miss students one day and guards at their own school the next. Despite the nearness of the tragedy, students

went out of their way to be friendly last weekend and didn't seem to resent outsiders visiting the campus. They didn't mind talking about what had happened. Many of them were quick to volunteer information.

Our hosts pointed out landmarks of the struggle and relived some of their anxious moments. Students told of the tremendous pressure from parents during the riots to drop out of Ole Miss and enroll elsewhere till it blew over. "I knew if I went home," one freshman told us, "that my parents would never let me come back."

ID's Checked
For days the campus had teemed with troops. Everywhere students went, ID's were checked. Students tried to go back to their dorm rooms but couldn't stay because of lingering tear gas. All they could do was wander around campus.

They were urged to

stay away from trouble spots. The president of ATO warned his members to keep out of the rioting and threatened disciplinary action against anyone caught at the riots. He was proud to boast later that no ATO got involved in the rioting.

"Throughout the whole period, we have nothing but good to say about our student leaders," said Dean Thomas Hines, director of Student Activities. One of these student leaders, Sidna Brower, editor of the school paper, gained national publicity for efforts to calm things down.

Student leaders from Alabama and Clemson have called Sidna recently to ask advice in handling similar situations should they arise on their campuses.

"We were glad to see the pep rally go so well last week," Dean Hines said. "We were pleased to see that the situation has improved to such a

point where normal activities can take place.

Party Planned
It hasn't been much of a year for parties at Ole Miss. Things are just now coming back to normal and one fraternity has planned an "insurrection party" this weekend.

Ole Miss is a school that's struggling to get back on its feet. It's a proud school, a school full of tradition and spirit and many students seeking a good education. It has a long road to travel.

Showhow, after sitting through an Ole Miss football game, going to an Ole Miss student body dance, and spending two days living with the students, we can't help but feel they will make it. We can still hear their yell echoing through Memorial Stadium last Saturday:

Hotty-toddy, gosh almighty, who in the hell are we? Flim Flam, Bim Bam, Ole Miss, by Damn!

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Candidates Discuss State Issues

MORRISON

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Students themselves should actively participate as salesmen for the University, according to Frank Morrison, incumbent democratic candidate for governor of Nebraska.

Morrison believes that the students might work very effectively through personal contact and letters with their legislators and congressmen. In this way the University should be able to increase its services and programs, Morrison noted.

Ever expanding services to the citizens of the state through enlargement of University programs are an integral part of his aims for Nebraska.

Services the University provides to Nebraskans through agricultural research, programs of county and extension agencies, contributions toward industrial growth, and help on tourism projects are all part of the portrait of a growing state which Gov. Morrison is sketching.

Seeks Opportunity
Hammering away at the central theme of his campaign—"the main issue is my record," Morrison seeks the opportunity to fill in the sketch he has already begun—to advance the programs he has initiated.

Historically, no governor who has sought a second consecutive term has been denied it since 1930.

"I cannot emphasize too strongly the necessity of continuing to upgrade the University," said Morrison, pointing again to NU's important role in the over-all growth of the state.

The University College of Agriculture is doing some research work with the state agriculture department, but it doesn't have the personnel and equipment to lead research at the present time, said the Governor.

Research Foundation
"Eventually we want to have all this done in Nebraska," he continued. This is why the governor helped initiate the Nebraska Research Foundation through the legislature. The Foundation, in which University researchers would play an increasingly active part, now suffers only from a lack of funds from grants, said Gov. Morrison.

"Many new processes should be patented so the state gets revenue from them," said Morrison. "This can snowball and in turn support the institute."

Morrison pointed to a lack of incentive at the University as the reason why new processes cannot be patented. "The Nebraska Resources Institute (Foundation) would bridge the gap between the University and private industry," he said.

Criticizes Seaton
Leveling a charge at his GOP gubernatorial opponent, Morrison noted that Fred Seaton was asked and agreed to serve on the board of trustees of the Resources Foundation. "He has served on the board for about a year and a half. If he felt the

Gubernatorial Debate Readies Student Body for Mock Vote

Gov. Frank Morrison and Fred Seaton, GOP gubernatorial hopeful, will debate in the Student Union ballroom at 3 p.m. today.

Both candidates have agreed to the following set of rules:

1. Moderators shall be Executive Vice Chancellor, A. C. Breckenridge and Dean David Dow of the Law College.
2. Each speaker is permitted 15 minutes for opening statements, which shall be confined to answering written questions submitted by the Student Council. The first speaker shall be decided by the flip of a coin.
3. Written questions will be picked up by monitors from the floor. The questions will be screened by the moderators and then presented to the candidates.
4. Each speaker is permitted five minutes for closing statements. The speaker who opened first shall speak last. First closing statement will commence at 4:20 p.m.
5. No light or sound of the proceeding shall be permitted except in the hands of the regular public press.
6. The purpose of the discussion is to permit orderly

discussion of issues by the two candidates for the edification of interested students. No signs or demonstrations other than reasonable applause will be permitted.

No person is permitted to speak unless asked to do so by the moderator. Neither candidate is permitted to indulge in personal references to the other which are not in keeping with the purpose of the discussion.

The four questions which have been submitted by the

student body for the candidates' opening statements are:

- Why and how should the tax base of Nebraska be broadened?
- How can the University be built into the outstanding educational institution of the Midwest?
- What should be the role and power of the governor of Nebraska?
- What other issues do you feel are relevant in the campaign and why?



—Mock Election Wednesday—

NU Students Will Vote For Nebraska Posts

University students are scheduled to go to the polls Wednesday in a mock election to make their choice in the gubernatorial and congressional races and to vote on the reapportionment amendment.

Polls will be open in Ag and City Student Unions from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, according to Student Council President Don Burt. All students regardless of age, are eligible to vote. Student IDs must be shown, Burt said.

The election is being sponsored by Student Council, Young Republicans and Young Democrats.

Students will vote for either Governor Frank Morrison or Fred Seaton, GOP candidate, in the gubernatorial race. In the congressional contest students will vote on the candidates from the district in which their hometown is located.

The Congressional candidates and their districts are: 1st District—Ralph Beermann, Republican, Clair Callan, Democrat, and George Menkin, by petition; 2nd District—Glenn Cunningham, Republican, and Thomas N. Bonner, Democrat; 3rd District—Dave Martin, Republican and John A. Hoffman, Democrat.

The reapportionment amendment (proposed Amendment Number 7) reads "Constitutional amendment to provide that in redistricting of the state for legislative purposes established lines other than county lines may be followed and that primary emphasis shall be given to population with prescribed weight being given to area."

Burt pointed out that students will only make one choice in mock election voting in contrast to three choices in the homecoming elections taking place simultaneously.

SEATON

Editor's Note: The two stories appearing in today's paper are a result of special interviews by the Nebraskan of both candidates. These stories deal primarily with the candidates' approach to the University and its budget. However, the reader should understand that the candidates were interviewed on a broad base of Nebraska subjects. Further stories concerning the policies of the two candidates will be carried later this week by the Nebraskan.

The most effective place for students to work for their University is in their home communities, recommended Fred Seaton, GOP gubernatorial candidate.

"The basic authority is from the people, therefore, the most effective place to work is with the people. Those of us who really believe in the University must keep fighting for it," Seaton explained.

"I have never been aware of a situation, he said, "where the people were informed, when they did not act."

Nebraska must develop a system of over-all state budgetary priorities with the University in the top group, said Seaton, commenting on another of his views.

Necessary Projects
The 52-year-old former Secretary of the Interior said that a governor needs to realize what projects are necessary to the development of the state and should place them in the order of their importance.

"It is the governor who makes the state—he must be the catalyst in starting programs which will benefit the state's development," he noted.

Pointing out that the cost of state government totaled 19 million dollars last year, the quiet-mannered, Seaton said, "I don't equate all progress with sheer expenditure of government funds."

"We will find the money for things that are necessary to do, if we take the people into our confidence," he remarked.

Support Budget Increase
Seaton said that if he is elected governor he plans to vigorously support a budget increase for the University which will not only maintain its present standards, but which will make a substantial expansion possible.

"When a governor explains with logic and facts his program to the people—then he will have public support," he said.

"Seaton's view of the budget problem includes a desire for fast action. "We've got to get at it right away!" he said.

The three areas which need "beefing up" at the University are faculty salaries, classroom space, and the graduate and research facilities, according to the Republican candidate.

Fullest Capacity
At present, Seaton said, we don't need any extra classrooms, but we need to see that the rooms we have are being used to fullest capacity and advantage.

"I don't buy Gov. Morrison's statement," said Seaton, "that it's not up to the governor to recommend the tax structure, that it's only for him to sit by and wait, then spend wisely as he can the appropriations."
"In the last 15 years, only



two governors failed to obtain legislative approval for the money they requested for the University. In that same time, several got more than they asked for. One was Victor Anderson, who missed by 1.7 per cent, and the other was Morrison who missed by more than one million dollars," said his gubernatorial opponent.

The influence of the Board of Regents on the governor and the legislature concerning the University's budget varies with the makeup of the administrative and legislative bodies, explained Seaton. "If I am elected, their recommendations will be very important," he added.

Queen Elections Set Wednesday

Elections for Homecoming Queen and her two attendants will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday at both Ag and City Student Unions.

Each voter must vote for three of the ten finalists for Homecoming Queen or the ballots will be declared invalid.

The ten finalists will be presented on the Joe Martin show, KOLN-TV (channel 10). Five will appear from 10:25-11:30 tonight and five at the same time tomorrow night.

Homecoming elections are sponsored by Tassels.

Council Requests Updated Forms

Student organization registration forms must be submitted to the Student Council office by Thursday. The following organizations have not turned in up-to-date student organization registration forms.

- Touze Club, Alpha Phi Omega, Association of Pre-Med Technologists, Phi Chi Theta, Phi Lambda Upsilon, Phi Mu Alpha, Phi Sigma Alpha, Young Republicans, Alpha Zeta, American Institute of Architects, American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Block and Bridge Club, Cadence Countessess, Delta Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Delta, Innocents, Jr. American Dental Association, Kosmet Klub, Mu Epsilon Nu, Omicron Nu, Orchestra, Paraling Hiflow, Phi Mu Epsilon, Phi Mu Kappa, Rho Chi, Sigma Delta Chi, U of N Council on Religion, U of N Student Education Association, Varsity Dairy Club, Women's Residence Association, Phi Phi, Battalion Recreation Council.

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