

Appendix

CLEMSON COLLEGE

APR 27 1948

President's Office

S. C. State A. & M. College
Orangeburg, South Carolina
April 26, 1948

Dr. Robert Franklin Poole, President,
Clemson Agricultural College
Clemson, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Poole:

Due to the fact that I cannot get a complete course of training in Architectural Engineering, leading to the Master degree at the S. C. State A. & M. College, I am making application to you in this form to enter Clemson College in September, 1948.

I am a junior at the S. C. State A. & M. College, and I would like to make the necessary steps now so I can be accepted in a graduate school when I complete the course I am now pursuing at the S. C. State A. & M. College.

An early reply would be very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Extract From the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Meeting of June 1948, cont.)

June 18, 1948

Mr. Spencer M. Bracey
S. C. State Agricultural and Mechanical College
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

Your letter of application for admission to The Clemson Agricultural College has been given careful consideration by the Board of Trustees of this institution in a meeting held today. In accordance with the decision of the Board of Trustees I have been instructed to send you this reply.

On the date of receipt of your letter of application the college had already received applications for admission in September 1948 far in excess of all available facilities and for this reason your application cannot be considered for admission to the September class.

The Board of Trustees feels that it is only fair, however, to say that in as much as you are now attending a land-grant college where comparable facilities are available for taking the Architectural Engineering course, which you desire, your application for admission to The Clemson Agricultural College would not be favorably considered even at a later date.

We understand it to be the well-established policy of this state to furnish separate and comparable facilities for the education of the white and Negro races within the state. As long as this policy is maintained the Board of Trustees of this institution does not feel that it has the right to consider the application of a Negro student for admission to a white institution.

Very truly yours,

R. F. Poole, President

(A similar letter was written to Mr. Edward Bracey.)

JAMES M. HINTON—President
DR. B. T. WILLIAMS—Vice-President
REV. R. E. BROGDON—2nd Vice-President

MISS ANNA DANIELS—Secretary
MRS. A. J. SIMKINS—Assistant Secretary
MR. LEVI O. BYRD—Treasurer

South Carolina State Conference of N. A. A. C. P.

STATE OFFICE

P. O. Box 1145, Columbia, S. C.

CLEMSON COLLEGE

APR 29 1948

President's Office

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Taylors
Kingstree

Dr. Robert Franklin Poole, President,
Clemson Agricultural College
Clemson, South Carolina.

Dear Dr. Poole:

Contrary to a statement over the radio attributed to you, The State Conference Of The National Association For The Advancement For Colored People, never communicated with, saw, or even know Mr. Spencer Bracy, who applied to Clemson College. Mr. Bracy's letter was written at S. C. State A. & M. College, Orangeburg, dated April 26th, 1948, & only a copy came to us. His application was as much a surprise to us, as to you.

The National Association is interested however in seeing South Carolina give Negroes the same opportunities in education as it gives to whites.

I send this letter that you may be clear in your thinking, how Mr. Bracy filed his application.

Thanking you for your attention to this letter.

Very truly yours.

17 Larnes Street
 Charleston, S.C.
 July 19, 1959

Clemson College
 Office of Admissions
 Clemson, S.C.

Dear Sir:

I would like to obtain a bulletin on your school of engineering. I am interested in a degree in architecture, therefore I would like to obtain all necessary information such as expenses, prescribed courses, requirements, etc.

I am a high school ^{student} here in Charleston and I expect to graduate in 1960. I am definitely interested in a course in Architecture and I am considering your school as a possibility.

Will you please send this information as soon as possible. It will be highly appreciated.

Yours truly,
 Harvey Gantt

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OFFICE
 OF ENROLLMENT
 CLEMSON COLLEGE

1959

4433 Lincoln Ave.
Frisley Hall
Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa
November 2, 1960

Office of Registrar
Clemson College
Clemson, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

Will you please send me a bulletin for the 1960-61 school year. I should like the bulletin to include the different curriculums and the cost of attending Clemson for one year. Also I'm asking that you send me some applications for admission next semester or the fall of '61.

If possible, may I have this information by the 20th of November.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours truly,
Harvey Gantt

PLEASE PRINT

Name of Student HARVEY BERNARD GANTT
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Parent or Guardian MR. & MRS. CHRISTOPHER GANTT
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Mail Address 111 CANNON STREET
(P. O. Box, R.F.D. or Street)
CHARLESTON, S.C. CHARLESTON
(City) (State) (County)

The Clemson Agricultural College
NEW STUDENT APPLICATION

Name and Address of High School Attended (Name) BURKE HIGH SCHOOL
CHARLESTON, S.C. CHARLESTON
(City) (State) (County)

Date of graduation JUNE 1960 Date you desire to enter Clemson SEPT. 1961
(Month) (Year) (Month) (Year)

Have you attended college? YES If so, give the name and address of the institution you attended IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
AMES, IOWA Date last attended 1960-61

For Office Use

E _____

M _____

EE _____

Transcript Received _____

Accepted _____

IBM Code

Student Number _____

High School _____

State _____

County _____

Entrance Date _____

Student Status _____

If you are currently enrolled in another college give date present quarter or semester ends 1960-61 WINTER QUARTER

Date of birth 1/14/43 Place of birth CHARLESTON Sex M Race N

Occupation of Parent or Guardian RIGGER MECHANIC

Have you served in the Armed Forces of the United States? NO If so, give Service No. _____

Dates of Service _____ 19__ to _____ 19__ Check whether you are single or married _____
(Month) (Month)

If church member, what is your denomination? BAPTIST If not member, what preference? _____

Indicate the major course you desire to take ARCHITECTURE

Do you wish a place reserved for you in the dormitories? Yes No _____

Signature Harvey Gantt

For Office Use

Birth _____

Parent's Occupa. _____

Veteran Status _____

Marital Status _____

Church Pref. _____

Major Pref. _____

Residence _____

Sex _____

Card Received _____

Plate Cut _____

Letter Mailed _____

4433 Lincoln House
Friley Hall
Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa
February , 1961

Mr. K. N. Vickery
Registrar
Clemson College
Clemson, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Vickery:

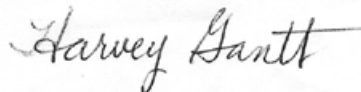
I have received your letter of January 19, 1961 in which you returned my application for entrance as a student to Clemson in September, 1961.

It is true that I have been receiving assistance from the South Carolina Regional Education Board representing the difference in cost between in-State and out-of-State enrollment. However, I especially wish to attend Clemson College. Since I am a citizen of South Carolina, and since Clemson is a State supported institution, I believe I have a right to attend Clemson College.

In view of the foregoing, I am herewith returning my application and am requesting that it be processed for entry as a student in September, 1961.

I shall appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,



Harvey B. Gantt

4433 Lincoln House
Friley Hall
Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa
November 13, 1961

Mr. K. N. Vickery
Registrar
Clemson College
Clemson, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Vickery:

I have received your letter of October 13, 1961. When I received your form letter dated August 31, 1961 I got the impression that my application was still being considered. However, your letter of October 13, 1961 seems to indicate that my application has been cancelled.

I do wish to enter Clemson as soon as possible. Since I have already applied for admission, it seems that my original application would be enough and I am asking that you consider it an application for the next ensuing and subsequent semesters and school terms. However, if this is not possible, please send me an appropriate application form in order that I may file it without any further delay.

I shall appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Harvey B. Gantt

Harvey B. Gantt

*Application card
mailed
11-22-61*

4433 Lincoln House
Friley Hall
Iowa State Univeristy
Ames, Iowa
December 6, 1961

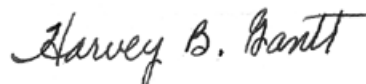
Mr. K. N. Vickery, Registrar
Clemson College
Clemson, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Vickery:

In accordance with your instructions, I have completed the application form which you recently forwarded to me and am herewith returning it to your office. I will cause a copy of my transcript of work to be completed during the present period at Iowa State University as soon as it is ended. I will also obtain a statement from the appropriate officials of Iowa State University concerning my eligibility to return to that institution.

In the event this application is not processed in time for the beginning of the next semester at Clemson, please consider it an application for the next ensuing and subsequent semester or school term and that it be considered a continuing application. As I have stated to you in several previous letters, I am very desirous of attending Clemson College. I therefore urge that this application be given prompt attention.

Very truly yours,



Harvey B. Gantt

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<p>June 28, 1962</p>		
<p>Mr. Harvey B. Gantt 111 Cannon Street Charleston, S. C.</p> <p>Retel June 26. Transcript received. Your application along with all others pending completion is being processed in manner we advised during your visit to this office on June 13. You will be advised date for interview as soon as other details relative to your application have been completed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">K. N. Vickery Director of Admissions and Registration</p>		
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WM. JENNINGS BRYAN DORN
THIRD DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

HOME ADDRESS:
R.F.D. NO. 1, GREENWOOD, S.C.

COMMITTEE:
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

January 25, 1963

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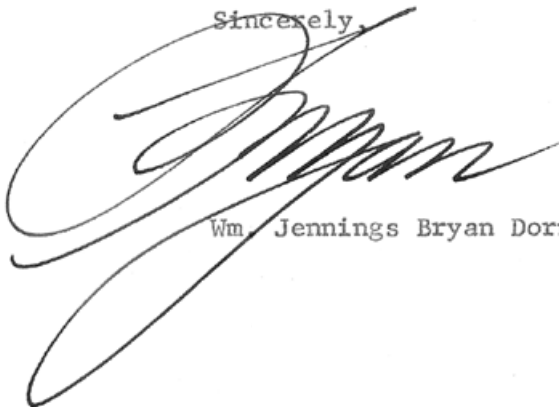
Dr. Robert C. Edwards
President, Clemson College
Clemson, South Carolina

Dear Bob:

Nice talking with you. Here is a copy of
the letter I delivered to the President a moment
ago. I wish you much luck next week.

Millie joins me in much pride in your adminis-
tration and in your many accomplishments.

Sincerely,



Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn, M.C.

D/o

WM. JENNINGS BRYAN DORN
THIRD DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mr. President,

The Clemson situation will be handled in such a way as to reflect honor upon local officials and the State of S.C. I assured you last Oct. this would be ^{the} case. I have the utmost confidence in Dr. Bob Edwards, Clemson's Board of Trustees, the Student Body and in my people.

In the spirit of my telephone conversation with you I have refrained from any public comment whatsoever. I am grateful for like restraint on the part of the Federal Government. I hope you can visit Clemson someday. Millie joins me in highest esteem.
Respectfully - Bryan Dorn

CIVIL SUBPOENA

ISSUED IN BLANK

D. C. Form No. 1 (Rev. 1-51)

United States District Court FOR THE

WESTERN DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.

HARVEY B. GANTT, a minor, by his father and
next friend, CHRISTOPHER GANTT,
Plaintiffs

vs.

THE CLEMSON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
a public body corporate; R.M. COOPER, etc.,
et al,
Defendants
To ROBERT C. EDWARDS

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear in the United States District Court for the
Western District of South Carolina,
at United States Courthouse in the city of Anderson, S. C.,
on the 19th day of November, 1962, at 3:00 o'clock P. M. to testify on
behalf of the Defendants
in the above entitled action.

November 16, 1962

W. L. ...
Attorney for the Defendants
Anderson, South Carolina
Address

MILLER C. FOSTER JR.

Clerk.
By *Edith H. Thomas*
Deputy Clerk.

RETURN ON SERVICE

Received this subpoena at _____ on _____
and on _____ at _____

I served it on the within named _____
by delivering a copy to h _____ and tendering to h _____ the fee for one day's attendance and the
mileage allowed by law.¹

Dated _____, 19____, By _____

Service Fees
Travel _____ \$
Services _____
Total _____ \$

Due and legal service of the within Subpoena hereby accepted
~~Subscribed and sworn to before me, on~~ this

day of November, 1962.

NOTE:—Affidavit required only if service is made by a person other than a United States Marshal or his Deputy.
¹ Fees and mileage need not be tendered to the witness upon service of a subpoena issued in behalf of the United States or an officer or agency thereof. 28 USC 1825.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

ANDERSON DIVISION

HARVEY B. GANTT, a minor, by his father
and next friend, CHRISTOPHER GANTT,

Plaintiffs,

-vs-

THE CLEMSON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, a public body corporate; R. M.
COOPER, President of the Board of Trustees
of The Clemson Agricultural College of
South Carolina; EDGAR A. BROWN, JAMES F.
BYRNES, CHARLES E. DANIEL, WINCHESTER SMITH,
ROBERT R. COKER, JAMES C. SELF, ROBERT L.
STODDARD, PAUL QUATTLEBAUM, JR., W. GORDON
McCABE, JR., W. A. BARNETTE, A. M. QUATTLE-
BAUM and L. D. HOLMES, Members of the Board
of Trustees of The Clemson Agricultural Col-
lege; KENNETH N. VICKERY, Registrar of The
Clemson Agricultural College of South Caro-
lina; and J. T. ANDERSON, Superintendent of
Education of the State of South Carolina,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION
No. 4101

A N S W E R

The Defendants, answering the Complaint, allege:

1. The jurisdiction of this Court is acknowledged.

2. It is admitted that The Clemson Agricultural College of South Carolina is a body corporate under South Carolina law and that the individual Defendants hold the respective offices as alleged except that Robert L. Stoddard resigned as a Member of the Board of Trustees of Clemson College upon his election as Mayor of the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and that W. A. Barnette is deceased; that no successors to them have been elected and that the eleven (11) others named in the Complaint compose the Board of Trustees of Clemson College as now constituted.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

ANDERSON DIVISION

Harvey B. Gantt, a minor, by his father)
and next friend, Christopher Gantt,)

Plaintiff,)

FILED
JAN 22 1963
MILLER C. FOSTER, JR., CLERK

The Clemson Agricultural College of South)
Carolina, a public body corporate; R. M.)
Cooper, President of the Board of Trustees)
of The Clemson Agricultural College of)
South Carolina; Edgar A. Brown, James F.)
Byrnes, Charles E. Daniel, Winchester Smith,)
Robert R. Coker, James C. Self, Paul)
Quattlebaum, Jr., W. Gordon McCabe, Jr.,)
A. M. Quattlebaum and L. D. Holmes, Members)
of the Board of Trustees of The Clemson)
Agricultural College; Kenneth N. Vickery,)
Registrar of The Clemson Agricultural College)
of South Carolina,)

Defendants.)

ORDER IN COMPLIANCE
WITH THE OPINION, ORDER
AND MANDATE OF THE
UNITED STATES COURT OF
APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH
CIRCUIT

CA/4101

The above case is now before me on the Opinion, Mandate and Order of the Court of Appeals of the Fourth Circuit wherein the Court of Appeals declared in its Opinion that "Gantt's admission to Clemson College commencing with the opening of the next semester, will be ordered, * * *. The injunctive order will require only that he be treated as any other transfer student.

"* * * The action was brought by the plaintiff not only for his own benefit but on behalf of other negro citizens of South Carolina similarly situated.

* * * * *

"Accordingly, the issuance of an injunction will be ordered.

"Reversed and remanded."

The Order and Mandate of the Court of Appeals is as follows:

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"CAUSE No. 8871 came on to be heard on the motion of the appellees to dismiss the appeal and on the record from the United States District Court for the Western District of South Carolina, and was argued by counsel.

"ON CONSIDERATION WHEREOF, It is now here ordered, adjudged and decreed by this Court that the order of the said District Court entered December 21, 1962, and appealed from December 26, 1962, in cause No. 8871, be, and the same is hereby, reversed; that this cause be, and the same is hereby, remanded to the United States District Court for the Western District of South Carolina, at Anderson, for proceedings consistent with the opinion of the Court filed herein; that the appeal from the order of September 6, 1962, be, and the same is hereby, dismissed; and that the costs on the appeals be paid by the appellees.

"FURTHER ORDERED that a certified copy of this decree and a copy of the opinion be forthwith transmitted to the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Western District of South Carolina.

January 16, 1963."

Therefore, in compliance with the Opinion, the Order and the Mandate of the Court of Appeals of the Fourth Circuit,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That the defendants admit the plaintiff Harvey B. Gantt to Clemson College "commencing with the opening of the next semester" and that "he be treated as any other transfer student".

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the defendants be enjoined and restrained from discriminating against the plaintiff or any other qualified negro applicant similarly situated seeking admission to The Clemson Agricultural College of South Carolina, solely because of his race.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the plaintiff recover from the defendants his costs of this action.

/s/
C. C. WYGHE
United States District Judge

Dated:
Spartanburg, South Carolina,

January 22, 1963

October 1, 1962

Dr. R. C. Edwards, President
Clemson College
Clemson, S. C.

Dear Dr. Edwards:

As an alumnus of Clemson College, I would like to support the opinion that I have heard expressed by other Clemson alumni and loyal South Carolinians, in regards to school integration.

I sincerely hope that South Carolina will not get involved in any such affair as Mississippi has just experienced. It has been proved that you can not win. I hate to see integration in Clemson and other schools of South Carolina, but resisting is playing into the hands of the NAACP by giving world-wide publicity. If Clemson must be integrated, as it appears it will be, please do so quietly and without any publicity if possible - even to omitting any mention of it in the local school paper. Just notify the Clemson alumni through the letters of the Alumni Association.

I believe that you, Clemson Trustees, the Governor of South Carolina, and South Carolinians in general prefer not to experience what Mississippi has experienced and still lose.

Sincerely yours,

P. S. No reply necessary

10-5-62

Dean of Clemson College
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Dear Sir,

We here in Calif. think the South is putting up such beautiful resistance to Fed. Gov. We do not regard this issue as racial but as a states rights issue. But — you're bound to lose. Physical power you can not resist.

So I have a suggestion (I've just read where a negro is going to enter Clemson.) Why don't you accept him. Then let the students treat him so coldly, make it so rough on him he would prefer not to go or stay in college and maybe he would just disappear.

We do not regard the Supreme Court as "the law of the land." Our Constitution is the law of the land. Education does not come under Federal jurisdiction according to our Constitution. Though the way they denied Barnett a hearing, legality means nothing to "them". This is all merely pretense & the negro the tool, to put across to the rest of the States there there is no such thing as a sovereign State left in these United States — Sincerely

CONCERNED CLEMSON ALUMNI
P. O. BOX 266
Greenville, South Carolina
November 30, 1962

Dear Clemson Man:

We have been informed that you are being "conditioned" to accept racial integration at Clemson. Integration is COMMUNISM IN ACTION and is one of the most potent weapons being used in the Red "cold war" to take over America. The Commies know that forced integration will stir up discord and violence to weaken our country's resistance.

Contrary to the Supreme Court's ruling, racial integration in schools and colleges is not the "law of the land". Article Six of our U. S. Constitution, Section 2, states: "This Constitution, and the laws of the United States ... and all treaties made ... shall be the supreme law of the land; ..." Only the Congress can make laws.

For forty years the Communists, their allies, and their dupes have been conducting propaganda campaigns to promote racial integration in the U. S. A. Political leaders seeking negro votes are aiding pro-integration organizations. Great civilizations like Egypt, Rome and Portugal have collapsed from the mongrelization that followed integration. Much of this false propaganda has infiltrated schools, colleges and religious seminaries. J. Edgar Hoover, F. B. I. director, says that youth is "a prime target of Communist attack."

Our State leaders must stand up and exhaust every legal avenue before submitting to brute force and federal tyranny.

Should unconstitutional federal force finally thrust a negro student in your midst, we urge you to leave him alone; don't notice him; ostracize him and all those who associate with him. Do not resort to violence, for that is what the Commies want. Help Clemson remain true to her tradition.

Yours for a Better Clemson,
CONCERNED CLEMSON ALUMNI

New York City,
December 8, 1962

Mr. R. C. Edwards,

Sir:

You are now about to get the soft soap treatment by the northern press. You know a typical "Time" headline. The ugly southern mob versus the proud, erect Negro. If you fall for this and admit a Negro; then you will be guilty of bringing about a future way of life in the South which is now prevalent in N.Y.C.

Rape, murder, mugging, dope. Deserted streets. All aristocratic values fall by the wayside. Don't be a naive, intellectual do-gooder. You'll rue the day.
Experienced.

January 16, 1963

President of Clemson College
Clemson, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

May I please express to you the feelings of pride and respect that I felt for your students as they answered the press on a very controversial matter.

They spoke with intelligence, quiet dignity and a sense of democratic fair play.

I am a teacher, a southerner, fully aware of the complex problems, but I feel that young people like those at Clemson can show us the way.

My heartiest good wishes for
Clemson College.

Sincerely,

January 29, 1963

Friends,

If the American people, both Negro and white, wanted integration, they would have readily adopted and accepted it many years ago.

Keep faith with -

MAJORITY RULE.

[Jan 24?]

Rev. C. F. Candler, Minister
Hopewell Baptist Church
Route 3
Seneca

Called to express for himself and his members their appreciation of your leadership as President of the College in this difficult time. They sincerely admire you and offer their support

CLEMSON COLLEGE
CLEMSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

January 28, 1963

To All Clemson Students:

This is a continuation of our policy to keep you fully informed of events that affect the college and you as members of our student body.

The Federal Courts have ruled that Harvey Gantt is to be admitted to Clemson College and the Board of Trustees has directed the Clemson administration to comply and to employ all of the means at the disposal of the college to preserve the orderly operation of the total educational program of the college and to preserve law and order upon the campus and the peace and dignity of the institution. The faculty and administration of Clemson College have confidence in the intelligence and integrity of our students and expect them to exercise good judgment.

The sole purpose justifying the existence of Clemson College is a program of education. Your only reason for being at Clemson is for the purpose of obtaining an education. You are expected to continue to carry out the duties of a mature student as you pursue this objective. Calmness and good judgment on the part of all concerned are necessary. Counseling, advising and frank discussion will solve most problems. Lawlessness and disorder will no more be tolerated on the Clemson campus in the future than it has been in the past. Please do not let idle curiosity allow you to become involved in a situation in which you have no connection or responsibility.

We would like to call the following two points to your attention:

1. You will carry your identification card at all times. Student government officers, student hall supervisors and members of the college faculty and staff have the authority to ask you to exhibit it.
2. If in the event of any disorder you are in the library, or in the classroom, or in your residence hall you should remain there. Otherwise you should go to your residence hall and remain. When it appears that the situation has returned to normal, resume your routine activities.

Reporters and photographers from many agencies will undoubtedly be here. Of course the college has no intention and no desire to impose censorship. However, to hold the disruption of college activities to a minimum, newsmen have been instructed to report and to register at a press headquarters at the Clemson House. They will not be permitted to go into dormitories, classrooms or other campus areas except upon arrangements made with the Director of Public Relations. Student interviews will be arranged and conducted only at news headquarters. The college will permit no "press



conferences" or posed photographs on the college campus except by arrangements made by the Director of Public Relations.

Clemson College enjoys an enviable reputation as an educational institution, and none of us want anything to occur which could reflect unfavorably on the college, the Clemson Student Body and the Citizens of South Carolina. Your understanding of the importance of this fact and your fullest cooperation during this period is anticipated. I know from experience we can count on your help.

Sincerely yours,


Walter Cox
Dean



Harvey Gantt and Walter Cox, 1988



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This issue strikes the first roll of drums proclaiming organized resistance to the forces of racial integration on the Clemson College Campus. It will introduce the voice of the REBEL UNDERGROUND.

The REBEL UNDERGROUND is composed of students on the Clemson Campus who are unwilling to accept integration as "inevitable." We believe with the CONCERNED ALUMNI that integration is Communism in action. There is ample documentary evidence to prove this. RU opposes Communism in its entirety--this naturally includes integration.

We deeply resent the attempts by Clemson officials to depict us as indifferent and too preoccupied with "grades" to be concerned over such important matters as States Rights, Racial Integrity or the menace of the Communist conspiracy.

We must necessarily work underground due to the police state methods of the race-mixers, but we want the people of South Carolina and throughout the United States to know that every Clemson student is not a "lizard sleeping in the sun." If our elders are too cowardly to stand up to this evil, then young and old must part company.

College ministers have attempted to make integration synonymous with Christianity, but this does not make it so. They claim to know God's will in this matter, but why should we believe that God reveals His will to integrationists more so than to others. We might change our course of study from ceramics to Bible in order to make better grades, but this would not make us holy, nor endow us with divine wisdom.

By making a public statement to the effect that he would go along with integration, Dan has betrayed a trust. We challenge Dan to answer this question fairly: Have you made your living from Clemson students, or Clemson officials? Of course, the students have patronized your business, not the liberal, integrationist administration. When Dan was asked to shoot off his mouth he should have answered, "I will not, for any reason, conspire against my friends." By speaking out he aided the integrationists--and we shall act accordingly, even if we must walk a little farther.

Clemson Men, is there anything you will fight for? Is there any principle worth defending? Do you truly believe that apathy is the same as "law and order?"

RU members are fighting for the Southern way of life. RU is defending the principle of Racial Integrity. We appeal to fellow students not only at Clemson, but throughout South Carolina to join this movement against integration.

WE URGE THE ORGANIZATION OF REBEL UNDERGROUND TEAMS AND UNITS ON EVERY FLOOR OF EVERY DORMITORY. When you have to be allowed to protest, you have lost your right to protest.

BEWARE OF STUDENT INFORMERS! Be sure you know who you are talking to. There are those who are acting as segregationists only to gather information for the rabid race-mixers in high places.

FORCED INTEGRATION IS NOT INTEGRATION AT ALL. Refuse to accept it in your heart, and it will never be a fact.

LOOK FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF REBEL UNDERGROUND.

READ AND PASS ON

Editorial

Two Points Of View

It would be silly for the Alumni News to imply, by omission, that no mail has been received in relation to the admission of Harvey Gantt, a Negro, to Clemson. There has been mail—and a great deal of it. A lot came from alumni, a lot came from friends of Clemson, a lot came from total strangers.

Presented below are two letters that are completely typical of all received. In the interest of accurate evaluation, it should be noted that letters of the type written by Bill McDonald, Jr., outweigh the second type by something approximating 75 to 1.

Joe Sherman

Johnson City, Tenn.
February 6, 1963

Dear Joe:

I should like to take this means of extending congratulations for the outstanding job Clemson did in regard to the enrollment of Harvey Gantt at Clemson.

It is regrettable that this integration was forced upon the College, but the conduct of the administration and staff in a difficult and trying situation has reflected great credit upon all of you and has raised the prestige of Clemson to new heights. That this enrollment was unwelcome and unpopular makes all the more impressive the excellent handling of a ticklish and explosive situation.

Many people in this area, some of whom seem to derive their greatest pleasure in life from razing me whenever the Tigers suffer a reversal in sports, have gone out of their way to express their great admiration for the honor and dignity with which Clemson took care of a situation which it did not at all like. Clemson's untiring efforts have presented to the nation a true picture of the great stature of Clemson, and today it is more than ever a source of pride to be known as a Clemson Man.

Again congratulations on a job well done, and best wishes for the future.

Cordially,

William A. McDonald, Jr., '51

Sumter, S. C.
February 6, 1963

Dear Joe:

I enclose nothing as an alumni gift as long as you have a nigger at Clemson.

Unsigned

Clemson Integrates

The governor of South Carolina is entitled to that drink from the governor of North Carolina — or anybody else. His calm, deliberate pledge that his state would accept the court order for Clemson College to integrate, and would attempt to do so without violence, was in sharp contrast to the strutting, rabble-rousing speeches made by Mississippi's governor.

There could be little doubt, in listening to his words, but that the South Carolina governor is as deeply and sincerely opposed to integration as his Southern neighbor. But he chose to meet his responsibilities maturely and with dignity. The students of Clemson responded in kind.

We cannot expect that there will be no incidents at all at the South Carolina state land grant institution. This is asking too much of human nature. But the South can learn a good deal from the dignity and maturity with which Clemson student leaders, their college officials and the governor himself responded. This will, at least, not be another Mississippi — and the two institutions will wind up with the same number of Negro students enrolled.

Clemson Bows To The Law

Negro student Harvey Gantt, a transfer student from Iowa State University in Ames, was quietly enrolled at Clemson College in Columbia, S. C. Monday.

Uniformed highway patrolmen were on hand but Clemson students accepted enrollment of their first Negro with laughs and jokes rather than insults. Gantt was the first Negro to enter a segregated South Carolina school on any level.

President Robert C. Edwards of Clemson said, "It is an historic day for South Carolina—whether it's a

great day we will let the historians say later."

South Carolina authorities and most white people of the state do not like the move. They have accepted it. They are bowing to the law.

In doing so they are furnishing a good example to officials, people and students of Mississippi who defied laws so disgracefully when James Meredith was admitted to the University of Mississippi a few months ago and to those of Alabama where a new governor has been trying to act like Jefferson Davis.

Davenport, Iowa Democrat newspaper article, January 29, 1963

Good Show, South Carolina and Clemson College!

Though segregationist by sentiment, South Carolina has bowed to the rulings of the courts and the demands of common sense in admitting to Clemson College the first Negro ever to attend that state institution.

The dignified manner in which officials and students of Clemson accepted Harvey Gantt was an admirable contrast to the sorry scenes at the University of Mississippi last fall.

Are the young men of South Carolina any different than the youth of Mississippi? Of course not. The dif-

ference was in example. The governor and legislative leaders of the Palmetto State found it "distasteful" to desegregate the college, but bowed to the rulings of the courts and called for the citizens to do likewise. There were no incidents. The shame of Ole Miss also could have been avoided if Governor Ross Barnett and his colleagues had adopted a similar approach.

Some in the South may feel that Monday was a sad day in South Carolina. For our part, we are proud to welcome that state to the Union.

Bellingham newspaper article, January 29, 1963

The Contrasts At Clemson

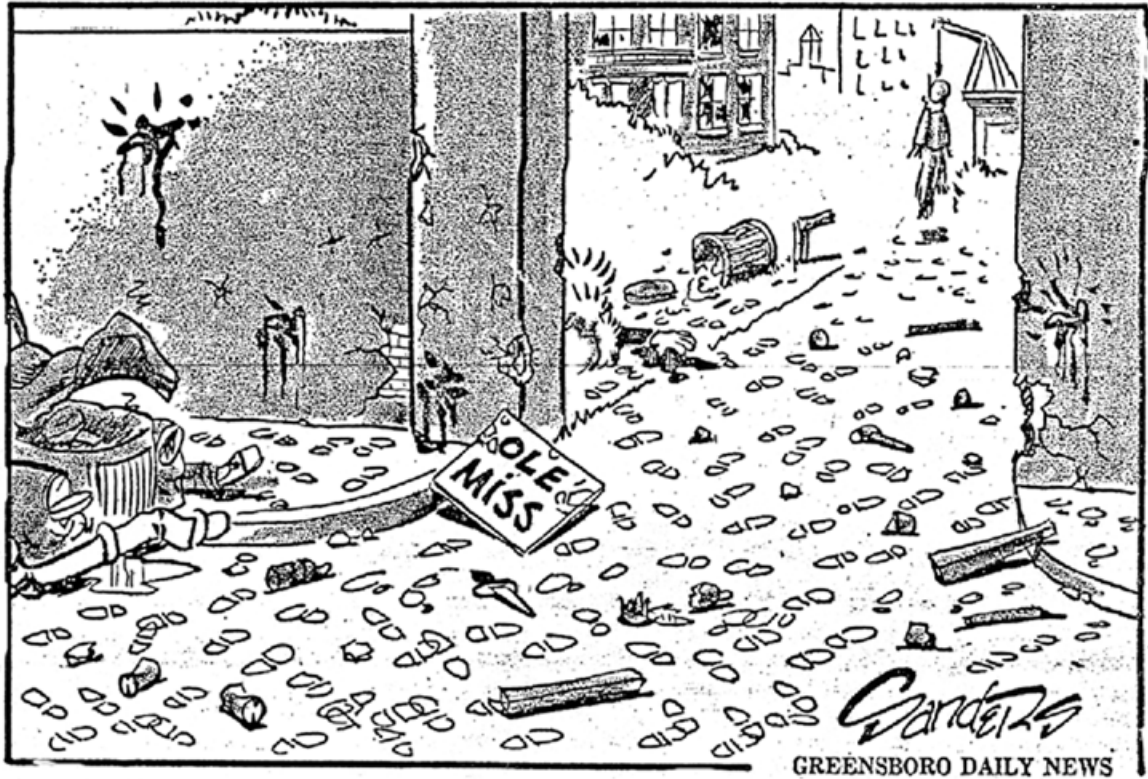
The contrast is heartening between the way South Carolina authorities met their obvious responsibilities and the way the Mississippi authorities avoided theirs in their historic integration tests.

The legal barriers against Negroes in America are down. The traditional barriers are giving in to the justice involved; custom is waging a rear-guard fight. But when South Carolina's Clemson College admitted a young Negro who wants to become an architect, the most disturbance on campus was that caused by the 150-man press corps there to report the story.

At Clemson, law and order prevailed. There were no defiant cries from elected officials; there were no mobs summoned to the scene; there were no costly moves of Federal troops onto the campus; and, so far, the Negro student has been allowed essentially the same privileges that any other citizen gets. That is all he is entitled to, of course, but he is entitled to that.

San Antonio (TX) Express article, January 30, 1963

Footnotes To History





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'South Carolina Done Seceded From The South, Boy'



—Dear Ol' Golden Rule Days—
From The Courier-Journal