

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

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Hey!

When we talked with you you seemed interested in what we were doing so we wanted to write you and tell you the latest news. First of all, after much discussion on our part (among the 8 campus travellers, that is) it was decided that we would have to begin to concentrate mainly on the four states in which SNCC currently has projects (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas and Georgia). This decision was reached because: 1) we don't really have activity into which we can funnel students, outside the states in which we have projects operating. 2) we don't have the manpower or money to start a project in the other states at this time. Therefore any community involvement which the students decided upon would really have to be run by them with as much or little support as SNCC was able to give at the time. These were the facts we had to work around.

However, because of the desire you seemed to have in determining the part you could play in the Movement, we felt you would be interested in the program we have developed for the states outside the four project states. For although we will not be travelling in Tennessee any longer, we will be coming through next week to talk with you and others to determine what you feel you can do. The point is, we really need you and your support for the work we are doing. We therefore would like to keep in touch with you every week or so about the latest happenings and what you can do about them. For instance, on January 4, the Freedom Democratic Party from Mississippi will be challenging the right of the 'congressmen' from Mississippi to take their seats in Congress on the basis that Negroes from that state are and have been systematically excluded from any political processes there. We really need student support on this but we can talk more about this when we see you. There are many more things like this which can most effectively be done by students like yourself to protest the situation which we as 'Negroes' are constantly made aware of.

We've included some material which we thought you might be interested in. You'll continue to get such material regularly. So until we see you....

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Jean & Judy

"One Man, One Vote"