SSOC

The Southern Student Organizing Committee is a group of Southern students who have united to work for a democratic South.

SSOC believes that there are many white students on campuses across the South who have begun to realize that there are things wrong with the South in which we live. However, all too often these students feel isolated on their campuses and do not see what they can do to work for a New South.

SSOC was begun by students who realized this and felt that something must be done to encourage students to act on their convictions. When these students work together instead of in isolation, effective change can be brought about in the South.

SSOC believes in the New South. We believe that the South has an unique opportunity to prove that men can live together free from hate, want, and fear.

OFFICERS

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The Southern Student Organizing Committee needs your help and participation in working for a New South. Please write us for further information.

SOUTHERN STUDENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
P. O. Box 6403
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"We as young Southerners, hereby pledge to take our stand now to work for a new order, a new South, a place which embodies our ideals for all the world to emulate, not ridicule. We find our destiny as individuals in the South in our hopes and our work together as brothers."

Nashville, Tennessee
April, 1964

SSOC’S PROGRAM

Education and self-education aimed at the Southern campus to expose the most vital issues of the nation and the world to Southern students. Education which encompasses the facts about the South today, the opportunities available to work for the building of a New South, and a vision of a democratic and integrated South.

Dialogue and democratic participation for Southern students in working for the building of the New South. Dialogue through conferences in accord with the vision and purpose of SSOC to strengthen interest and participation. Participation through community and campus projects enabling students to work for the New South.

SSOC’S GOALS

§ Not only an end to segregation and racism but the rise of full and equal opportunity for all;
§ An end to personal poverty and deprivation;
§ An end to public poverty which leaves us without decent schools, housing, parks, medical care, and communities;
§ A democratic society where politics poses meaningful dialogue and choices which affect men’s lives;
§ An end to man’s inhumanity to man;
§ A world working towards the easing of tensions of the Cold War with positive emphasis on peace, disarmament, and world-wide understanding.