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SHAME

CITIZENS OF MONTGOMERY, WE HAVE UNDERGONE IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS A DYNAMIC STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM.

THE NATION HAS MARCHED IN PROTEST OF INHUMAN CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE CITIZENS OF ALABAMA ARE FORCED TO LIVE.

DON'T BE SHOCKED TO HEAR THAT ALL OF THE PROBLEMS THAT STEM FROM RACISM HAVE NOT BEEN SOLVED.

STUDENTS AT ALABAMA STATE COLLEGE HAVE BEEN SUFFERING AND IT IS SHAMEFUL TO SAY THAT THIS COMMUNITY OF RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO TOTALLY IGNORE THEIR STRUGGLE.

LAST NIGHT TWELVE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WERE ARRESTED AND CARRIED OF TO JAIL LIKE COMMON CRIMINALS.

THIS TIME THE HERO OF SEGREGATION IS NOT "GEORGE WALLACE", BUT OUR OWN "DR. LEVI WATKINS".

THE QUESTION IS HOW LONG WILL WE CLOSE OUR EYES TO THE DISGRACEFUL AND WANTON IGNORANCE OF THE FACT THAT ANY AND ALL CITIZENS HAVE CERTAIN INALIENABLE RIGHTS, AND NO TYRANT SHOULD BE IMMUNE REGARDLESS OF HIS RACE FROM THE EXPRESSION OF THE COLLECTIVE CONSCIENCE OF HUMAN BEINGS SEEKING JUSTICE.

SHAME! SHAME! SHAME!

WE SHALL OVERCOME!

A.S.C.F.C.

Alabama State College Freedom Campaign (A.S.C.F.C.)

Montgomery, Alabama

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We, the students of the Alabama State College would like to express the following greivances to the president of the Alabama State College, Dr. Levi Watkins, The Board of Eduaestion, and Governor George C. Wallace:

1. The immediate dismissal of Dr. Levi Watkins as president of this College because of his stand on the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and his denial of civil rights activities to the students without reprisal.

2. Adequate facilities in each department and greater improvement in the physical plant.

3. A Student Medical Center with twenty-four (24) hour service to students.

4. Newer and more up-to-date books in the library on all fields of education.

5. Full and adequate curriculum in all departments.

6. Adequately trained and experienced faculty.

7. Permanent academic departmental officials.

8. Responsible, qualified and experienced administrative officials.

OK 9. An immediate accreditation effort.

10. A Democratic Student Government.

11. Integrated student body and faculty.

OK 12. An attractive campus including:

a. proper landscaping

b. paved sidewalks

c. adequate lighting

13. Properly trained security personnel.
14. Proper maintenance:
 - a. replacement of outdated furniture
 - b. elimination of having to move chairs from one classroom to another.
15. The improvement of student-teacher relationship.
16. Student and faculty participation in long and short-range academic planning.
17. Tenure faculty.
18. A faculty that writes professional articles and publishes books.
19. Academic freedom for both students and faculty.
20. A cultural exchange program.
21. Adequate equipment and study apparatus for dormitory students, such as desks, lamps, and chairs (presently non-existent.)
22. Immediate reinstatement of athletic scholarships taken away from students participating in Civil Rights Movements.
23. Recognition of legitimate student organizations without administrative control.
24. Greater concern by the Board of Education as to what is going on at the college.
25. Freedom of the press.
26. The establishment of a chapter of American Association of University Professors on campus.
27. Better salaries for student workers, (present 25 cents

hourly rate has not been changed for thirty years, although tuition has been increased 100%.)

28. The right to invite speakers on the national platform to our campus. (Dr. Martin L. King, Ralph Bunche, Governor George C. Wallace, Member of the State and National Government.
29. Recognition of faculty's scholarship and accomplishments.
30. Re-establishment of Art as a major.
31. An agreement not to destroy or reduce available courses in a department because the administration does not get along with the department head.
32. Establishment of communications with students and leaders at other state supported colleges in Alabama.
33. Appearance on campus at regular intervals by members of the Alabama State Board of Education, as an indication of interest and concern for the students welfare.
34. Use of ante-bellum tactics and procedures by the administration in the operation of the college after 100 years of progress.
35. More sanitary dining hall facilities with better prepared food--that is, a well balanced diet.
36. Establishment of administrative board composed of notable educators and individuals, established in areas of progress with an unrepachable stand of Civil Rights to whom the President of Alabama State College would be responsible.
37. Rededication and organizing of Alabama State Laboratory High School to establish it as a full segment in a congruent capacity with regards to its function as a part of Alabama State College.

38. Positive stand by Alabama State College in protest to recent action concerning conditions for the ten percent (10%) teacher's salary increase.
39. Immediate action with regards to loyalty oath that is mandatory for students to sign before receiving federal loans at Alabama State College.
40. Explanation of the fact that male dormitories are locked at a designated administrative hour.
41. Immediate report with regards to present state on stand taken by the accreditation committee.
42. Dismissal of work students stimulating from their participation in Civil Rights Activities.
43. We also ask that A.S.C.F.C. (Alabama State College Freedom Campaign) become a chartered organization on campus.
44. Face lifting of social and recreational programs.
45. Explanation to discontinuance of normal faculty meetings and the substitution of (loyal ones) type meetings that are presently in effect.
46. Dr. Levi Watkins, why was Sam Cooke dismissed from his position at Alabama State College?
47. Dr. Levi Watkins, why you did not offer Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Undersecretary of United Nation a seat during a short visit to your office with Sam Cooke?

NOW I-HEAR THIS !!!

THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES,
BUT THERE WILL BE;
DEMONSTRATIONS, SLEEP-INS, PROTEST-
ING, AND PICKETING UNTIL THE STUDENTS
WHO WERE SUSPENDED ARE REINSTATED,
AND DR. WATKINS AGREES TO SEE THE
STUDENTS AND HEAR THEIR DEMANDS!!

ALABAMA STATE COLLEGE
FREEDOM CAMPAIGN
(ASC FC)

WHAT ARE OUR RIGHTS?

Alabama State Students
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Student:

Several years ago students were arbitrarily expelled from school for civil rights activities. The Court of Appeals of the Fifth Circuit held that the expulsions from Alabama State College were illegal in that they violated the due process of law of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

The court held that prior to any expulsion a student should receive:

1. a copy of whatever charges the school has against him, and
2. The student should be given an opportunity to defend himself against these charges.

AND OUR GRIEVANCES.....

1. Why are people put out of school for demanding their freedom?
2. Why can't students employed by the school be paid more?
3. Are participating workmen being laid off?
4. Are participating teachers checks being cut?
5. WHEN will we have freedom of speech and freedom of the press?

ALABAMA STATE FREEDOM CAMPAIGN