

But The Contrast Is Sharp

Bitterly, Student Left Ole Miss, Came To Clemson... So Did Gantt

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CLEMSON—Three floors above the Dormitory B room of Harvey Gantt here at Clemson College, another new student has been assigned identical quarters in Room 807.

Tall, poised Claud L. (Bud) Keirn III is Gantt's age, 20, and also is a transfer student — from the University of Mississippi.

He left Army-held Ole Miss last fall in the wake of bloody rioting that came with gunpoint enrollment of Negro James Meredith, hauling off in a damaged automobile everything he had taken with him to the school except a shirt and a St. Christopher medal that were ripped from his body by a U. S. Marshal.

He arrived on the Clemson campus Sunday night and, in a vastly different atmosphere, delayed part of his own matriculation Monday while Harvey Gantt was enrolled. His comparison of the two occasions: "This (Gantt's admission at Clemson) is really nothing."

Young Keirn is a Southerner to conviction's core, opposed in principle to integration, concerned over its trend. Yet, "I know it is coming and if you want an education you are going to have to put up with it."

Concerning Gantt's presence at Clemson, he said, "As long as I don't have to associate with him, sit at the same table or have any social contact with him, I'll be fine."

He expects the general Clemson

student body to ignore Gantt, adds quickly that "he asked for it . . . He knows he is in an all-White school."

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But what has and is happening at Clemson is in sharp contrast



CLAUD (BUD) KEIRN III

with what first-semester sophomore Bud Keirn (who transferred to Clemson as a second-semester freshman) saw at Ole Miss.

Gantt was greeted at Clemson with laughter and needling jibes. Meredith was met at Mississippi with pure resentment and hatred. Here was how Keirn described the difference:

At Clemson Monday, students were wisecracking with such remarks as "Man, that cat's sharp!" They were laughing.

At the University of Mississippi, Meredith drew curses and such comments as "I'd like to kill the black . . .!" There was no laughter.

The new Clemson student (he's Sigma Alpha Epsilon) believes Clemson's attitudes have been in- (See BITTERLY, P. 2, Col. 1)

Pause To Pray

The Greenville Christian Ministers Association has provided the prayer below, as a continuation of its "Pause for Prayer at Noon" program.

For spiritual discernment to know and to do Thy will do we pray, O God. Teach us to walk in paths of righteousness that we may be transformed into Thy likeness. For we ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.