

103 Patterson Street  
Bennettville, S. C.  
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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,

*Willie A. Collins*

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P. S. No reply necessary