

“How do you feel about the admission of Harvey Gantt?”

Editor's Note: The following poll ran on the eve of Harvey Gantt's acceptance into the University, appearing in the Oct. 19, 1962 issue of The Tiger.

“We cannot see why Harvey Gantt wants to come to Clemson. It certainly will not be a happy situation for anyone. Also, we cannot see why the Federal government is so worried about the civil rights of several individuals in this country when millions of people are literally starving because of the lack of civil rights only 90 miles from our own country. We think that national attention should be focused on more important issues than this issue of where certain people go to school.”

Andy W., John P.

“I see no reason why Harvey Gantt should not be accepted into Clemson if, as an individual, he is qualified for admission. Tact will have to be used by the administration in handling this situation. I think he should live off campus for the good of all students.”

A. C.

“In the event that the courts rule to admit Harvey Gantt, I will go along with its decision. I think nothing good can come from resistance — a lot stands to be lost by actions such as those that occurred in Mississippi. Think of South Carolina and its rapid industrial growth. As one looks at the 1960 census, we see South Carolina near the bottom on the economic and educational scale. We can neither afford to close our schools nor create an atmosphere that would be unattractive to industry.”

Jim P.

“Being from the Deep South, I have associated with ‘n*****’ all my life. I can not say that I hate them but the situation with Harvey Gantt coming to Clemson could be compared to candy that you liked until someone forced you to eat too much.”

Ed S.

“The true worth of a man can only be seen where he is faced with adversity. If and when a crisis should develop here, let us, as Clemson men, show the nation and the world that we are equal to the challenge.”

Johnny N.

“I do not approve of Gantt coming to Clemson; however, I don't wish to see any trouble like that which happened in Mississippi. Why should we endanger our own lives because of him? I do not believe violence is the key answer. I believe he should be fought in every legal way possible.”

John R.

“I really do not care whether Harvey Gantt comes to Clemson or not. In either case I imagine it is none of my business what another fellow does so long as it doesn't interfere with what I am doing. I would go about my own activities as usual.”

Donald P. C.