

'I've had it' ribbons, posters distributed

By JOHN FAIRMAN

Student leaders at Ferris State College were called to a special meeting yesterday afternoon in the President's Room of the Student Center by Jerry Nielsen, president of the All College Student Government and Ron Snead, president of the Campus Chapter of the NAACP. The object of the meeting was to collectively propose measures to ease the tensions on the FSC campus.

All parties in attendance at the meeting showed a definite concern about recent developments at Ferris, and a willingness to work together with their organ-

izations to attempt to solve the problems now facing the student body, according to Nielsen. A program to carry this out was reached by the assembly of leaders, going under the title of "I'VE HAD IT, LET'S START LIVING AND WORKING TOGETHER, NOW."

The assembled leaders represented every major organization on the Ferris campus plus several smaller independent groups.

The guidelines for the program to be followed in attempting to bring order and unity back to the student body were set at this meeting. Still, the final draft of these plans was not completed until the early hours of this morning, as students worked through the night at the Student Center, setting plans for carrying out the program, including putting together newsletters, posters and lapel ribbons to pass out to the student body today.

At the opening meeting, Nielsen repeatedly stated that the problems the students have faced in recent months are "the students problems, to be solved by the students with each and everyone of us saying we can do it together." To do this, Nielsen said that students have to go out of their way and must understand the other persons viewpoint even if it means "bending over backwards or biting one's tongue."

The assembly stressed that "now is the time for the individual student to stand up and become involved in the problems of this campus. Nothing can be accomplished by dwelling on what has happened in the past. Forget about the past and concentrate on solving the problems we now face."

Concerned student spokesmen suggested five measures to obtain the goal of returning harmony to the student body. The first was to publish a newsletter to communicate with the students at large and stimulate immediate involvement. Second was to establish in the dorms, functional Inter-Racial Committees to deal with incidents which involve racial differences before they

THEY'VE HAD IT--A movement entitled "I've had it! Let's Start Living and Working Together. . . NOW!" was started Wednesday as a college-community project to promote unity on all fronts. Top Photo--heading the movement for understanding shown above looking over a table full of posters with the "I've Had It" motto following a long night of work are (l-r) Norman Christensen, manager Chamber of Commerce; Ron Snead, president of NAACP chapter; Big Rapids Mayor Robert Horan; Jerry Nielsen, president of the All-College Student Government; Russ Rhyndard, vice president ACSG; and Dr. Laurence Jensen, president of the Chamber of Commerce. Making posters was only the first step of the evening. Long after midnight the ACSG members worked on press releases and project sheets outlining their purposes. Shown here going over the rough draft of a release are (l-r) Dennis Lerner, Paul Dittmer, Hugh Muellenhagen, Jerry Nielsen, and Bob Schultz.

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A Ribbon of Harmony at Ferris

Ron Snead, 25, of Grand Rapids, affixes a campaign ribbon to the sweater worn by coed Alice Sovern, 19, of Battle Creek, to demonstrate joint efforts by Ferris State College students and Big Rapids residents toward ending racial tensions. The student-prompted drive follows recent outbreaks of violence on campus.