



STUDENTS RALLY -- Ferris State College students were called to a rally this morning at Top Taggart Field by Jerry Nielsen, student government president and Ron Snead, president of the campus NAACP. A crowd of less than 400 students attended to hear Nielsen and Snead (1) explain how the "I've Had It, Let's Start Living and Working Together, Now" program got underway. Both leaders emphasized to the group that much work remains to be done if the students at Ferris are going to see their problems solved.

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that bad feelings are too deeply imbedded in the student body, would also say that it was too late to free slaves when we did." This feeling does not allow society the opportunity to advance and make itself better, which it can and must do as needs arise.

Ronald Snead, president of the campus NAACP then spoke, telling the gathering that "the whole country is looking at what is happening at FSC, wondering if this new movement will work." He noted that this is the first time that students have worked to solve their problems without blaming others, and that this is strictly a student problem between the blacks and the whites. "Someone has to start the work, if the problem is ever going to be worked out," Snead said, "and it might as well be us."

Snead also noted that the movement has the support of the campus, the community and the press, stressing the fact that for once, "the news media is not merely giving the college negative coverage, but that instead, it is attempting to show and explain the good that the students are trying to accomplish."

The rally lasted from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., with students then returning back to their normal class.

FSC students rally for better understanding

By JOHN FAIRMAN

Noting that "no one in the world has solved the racial problem yet," Jerry Nielsen, student body president of Ferris State College, told a crowd of under 400 students at a rally this morning at Top Taggart Field that "but by God and with God's help at Ferris, we can give it a hell of a go."

Nielsen expressed his disappointment at the small turnout on an overcast morning, though he added that hopefully those students not in attendance had already received the message of the student movement to end fighting at FSC and that they felt no need to attend.

He then went on to explain to the crowd the events which

have taken place since the outbreak of violence last Monday night, and the work that went in to getting the "I've Had It, Let's Start Living and Working Together, Now", campaign off the ground. He stressed the ribbons proclaiming the movement would not, in their own, end fighting between students on campus. But, he added that seeing this message carried by the students has, in his mind and the minds of other leaders, helped to keep tensions down and improve the attempts of students to understand each other.

Nielsen then stated that the students on campus must begin now to discuss the problems, with blacks asking whites what it

is that disturbs them, and whites asking the same of the blacks, so that a better understanding between the two groups can be established. He noted that students cannot continue to be worried about violence, as there are more important things that must be done and deserve the students attention.

"Students must, therefore, stand up against others, even buddies," Nielsen stated, "who look to violence as a means of solving their problems." Things will still happen to irk students, but we must work to find solutions to these things, rather than fight," he added. "Those who say that the movement is too late;

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