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47 High Road,
Gardens,
Johannesburg,
South Africa,

Wednesday: 3rd October, 1962.

Answered
11/28/62

Student

Dear James Meredith,

I write to you to say how much I admire your firm stand taken in the name of freedom for all peoples. I want you to know that there are many of us who support you in your braveness, a braveness which provides a sharp contrast for the hysterical and disgusting reactions of the white students at your university.

I am a student at the University of the Witwatersrand where the flame of academic freedom has been extinguished by the Nationalist government of South Africa. Non-white students are no longer allowed to attend the same universities nor lectures, nor play sport alongside their fellow white students. Segregation - or apartheid as it is known here - is legally enforced throughout the country, and many of us eagerly await the day when all may enjoy their natural, and equal rights throughout the whole world.

I wish you success in your fine struggle,

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Harmel.

Miss Barbara Harmel.

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