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"This whole thing is so ridiculous. They're voting today on whether we lose our accreditation. It's hard on the student body," Carol Bloch, junior, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"I think it's stupid for him (Meredith) to try to get in here. There are plenty of schools up North he could attend," Gary Platt, sophomore, Kent, Conn.

"Integration is inevitable, but I don't think they're ready for it here now." Earl Hansen, freshman, Crystal Lake, Ill.

"I don't think Meredith would last one semester if he's admitted. My father thinks I should leave Ole Miss if he (Meredith) is admitted, but I don't think it will be necessary."

Tommy Comer, freshman
Booneville, Miss.

WESTERN UNION PRESS MESSAGE

W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

"Ninety per cent of the people in Miss., white and colored, don't want it (integration), and neither do I. I stand 100% behind Barnett." junior man, North Miss.

"If Barnett is doing this to prove a point on the interpretation of the law, whether it rests with the Federal or the state government, then it's all right. If he's doing it to further himself politically, it's wrong."

Graduate student,
Mississippi

"I admire Barnett for his intestinal fortitude and the fact that he has done it all himself instead of leaving the job to his hivelings. Maybe Barnett's stand is hopeless, but he's doing what has to be done, showing where Miss. stands."

Sophomore male, Memphis, Tenn.