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TO: THE MERIDIAN STAR, MERIDIAN, MISS.

FROM: STANLEY DEARMAN

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OXFORD, MISS. -

The University of Mississippi campus is a study in contrasts between the old and the new.

It is an institution anchored in tradition and etched in tradition and etched

The old Confederate statue at the foot of University avenue symbolizes the old days. The solitary figure perched on his marble pedestal stands as a tribute to the courageous dead of Lafayette county whose valor and courage glorified many a battlefield.

During the last few days the old Rebel has been casting his stony gaze on events that might not seem very different from the drama he symbolizes.

Just across from the statue a new science center is going up, where atom-splitting and research will hail the future.

Through the tree-shaded grove stands the majestic white-columned lyceum, built by slaves and once occupied by federal troops. Those were the last military forces to set foot on the Ole Miss campus.

Since coming back to the campus after a three-year as absence, I have been looking around for a thing changes.

There are more students now, and the coeds consistently beautiful than kxxxxxx when I was a student here.

And a first All the temporary buildings constructed after World War II to a during the overflow of veterans have all been demolished. New concrete and steel structures have taken their place.

There is a new xix cafeteria, and new commerce building, and

New buildings include a cafeteria, music and home economics has hall, and a several new dormitories, it day including one seven stories high.

Most of the administration and teaching staff are the same, with several new additions to take care of the student increase.

Anthors Altogether, there are more than 170 buildings on the Oxford campus. Next to the lyceum, the building now used as the YMCA is the oldest. Both it and the lyceum were used as hospitals by both sides during the Civil War.

Of the 170 buildings on the campus, 99 were built at no cost to the state for the construction. Red Gifts, grants, and loans financed them.

The original campus provided for by the 1841 legislature consisted of 640 acres has now expanded to 1,174 acres.

Besides the Oxford campus there is the University Medical Center in Jackson which houses the School of Medicine, and the School of Nursing. In the southern part of Mississippi, the university owns over 23,000 acres of forest land.

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The present crisis posed by the Moredith case, is the third inthe

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In its 144-year history the university the has had only two major

crises approaching the Meredith case. The first was the Civil War, when the university was closed for five years. The other was when Gov.

Theodore G. Bilbo fired the chancellor and 24 faculty members in ** 1930.

Although Ole Miss survived these crises, the school and the state suffered. University and officials, and students don't want that to happen again.

