

LANSING AREA FRIENDS OF S. N. C. C.
(Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee)

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East Lansing, Mich*

Dear Sir:

The Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) was born out of the sit-ins of the early 1960's. In April of that year, the students who had been leading these protest demonstrations came together for a conference in Raleigh, North Carolina. They saw a need for a centralized communications system and for some sort of coordination among the various campus groups.

Today, the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee is involved in a number of projects to change the patterns of racial segregation in the South. Among the most pressing are the voter registration drives being conducted in twenty-six counties in Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia. The work that these students are doing there is slow, it is dangerous, it is lonely. They are constantly being intimidated through threats, beatings, and jailings. They have jeopardized their lives, interrupted their educations, and separated themselves from their family and friends. All this they are doing in an attempt to make democracy more of a reality.

To carry out their work, SNCC employs a full time staff of students receiving from \$5 to \$10 a week for living expenses. There is no other money available to them. They are walking twelve to thirty miles a day in rural areas because there is no other transportation available to them.

These students are the only group which has dared any large program in rural voter registration. The rural vote is the key to political and thus, educational and economic change in the South. It is to carry on this work that we appeal to you for funds. Contributions should be made payable to the Lansing Area Friends of SNCC and mailed to the address on the letterhead.

These students are engaged in a real battle--the outcome of which affects every citizen of the United States. If they lose this battle, it will not be because their opponents are too strong, but because their supporters are too apathetic. We must not default our responsibility to support them.

Sincerely,

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Summer Chairman
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There are several ways in which you can support the work of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee:

- 1) REGULAR MEMBERSHIP is limited to university students since the Lansing organization grew up in the MSU community. Regular membership is \$1.00 a year. Regular members may attend all meetings, vote on all issues, and run for office.
- 2) The fee for ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP is also \$1.00. An associate member may attend all meetings and programs.
- 3) Any individual or group may buy a SPONSORSHIP ranging from \$5 to \$25. Sponsors may attend all meetings and are sent informative materials, including the STUDENT VOICE published by the national office in Atlanta, Georgia.
- 4) An individual or group may pledge a certain amount of money to be given throughout the year. PLEDGED SPONSORS may attend meetings and receive THE STUDENT VOICE.
- 5) Straight donations may be made in any amount.
- 6) The documentary record, "Freedom in the Air," the story of the Albany, Georgia movement may be purchased for a minimum donation of \$4.00.

Name (please print)

Phone

Address

Type of support:

Amount

(Print the number, as used
above to indicate the plan for
which your money is designated)

SNCC is trying to make the democratic ideals on which our society is based, more of a reality. It is only through many individual efforts that this work can be done. Every effort you make is part of the entire group's progress. It is only together that

WE SHALL OVERCOME.