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## College Board Should Utilize Opportunity To Review Trends

We think it well that the board which governs our state universities and colleges has been called into extraordinary session next Saturday to consider the acceptance by Mississippi State University of the invitation to participate in the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament elimination series.

We hope the members of the board will utilize the time between now and the meeting date to review the trends that have developed and threaten to develop along the path that leads toward changes in the traditional way of life in our Magnolia State.

The decision of Dr. Dean Colvard, president of Miss. State U., announced last Saturday night, if made some years ago, would have brought forth storms of protest from every section of the state,—and rightly so.

An excellent analysis of the present situation is carried in a letter to the editor printed elsewhere in this edition. Brigadier-General Sam H. Long of Tupelo has this to say:

"State has a fine team this year and has had for several years. Next year she may not have, therefore, the situation is transitory. The question of integration or segregation is eternal and the solution determinative of our Southern way of life.

"The proponents of integration take advantage of every turn of events to edge in just a little closer and to get just one more small concession. Each concession leads to another, until all guards are down."

General Long goes on to point out that the final determination is not equality but domination and control.

Yesterday's column of William F. Buckley, Jr., printed in the Jackson Daily News points up this alarming fact:

"It has been interesting, and depressing, to observe the acquiescent reaction to James Baldwin's explosive indictment of white society. People,—I am talking about fashionable people mostly, book reviewers, intellectuals, cafe society,—sit there loving it."

This is the group that has found the door to the White House always open since the Kennedy family has taken over.

Some of these who have ready entrance, offer no more than an acid tongue, allegiance to no one, and a crass indifference that has

Baldwin a negro wit, sees the white people as "racked by hatred, empty of generosity, mad with sexual envy, besotted by Christian superstition. He scorns the conventional manifestations of interracial progress."

"The only thing the whites have that the negroes want, says Baldwin, is power. Having achieved power, having taken it if necessary by force, the negroes will know what to do with it, for then they will fashion a society free of the white man's venalities."

He shows special contempt for our religions—founded by Christ, who he says is a "sunbaked, disreputable fanatic," but actually developed by Paul, a crabbed, misanthropic neurotic. This is the Baldwin acid.

And Mr. Buckley replies that our intelligentsia, "many of whom hate this country, only just a little less than Baldwin, lap it up, taking exquisite pleasure out of every stroke he lays on our back."

Daisy Bates, president of the Arkansas State wing of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, a central figure in the campaign to place nine negro children in the Little Rock all-white Central High School, in her book "The Long Shadow of Little Rock," recalls that her girlhood was embittered by hate of the white, and at the age of eight, she slapped a white girl playmate only because her little friend was white.

These then are the impressions of the Negro leadership which has changed the image of integration and made it fashionable. They will gain control of the race program if our misguided human impulses permit.

Even the Christian missionary in Africa, who is motivated by love and compassion must take practical steps necessary to protect himself, so he can continue to spread the gospel of Christ.

There are those who would have us bare our unprotected breast to the darts and arrows of a people who are preaching hatred of the whites and overthrow of the white people and their government.

The college board needs to take a long look before it lowers a barrier or opens a door that cannot but mean deterioration in our present preferred position.

If Miss. State U., plays against a Negro outside the state, what would be greatly different in bringing the integrated teams into the state? And then why not recruit