

starkvillecivilrights.msstate.edu

“A Shaky Truce”:

Civil Rights Struggles in Starkville, MS
1960-1980

Coming soon: A digital history site that examines national Civil Rights narratives through a local lens, using oral history interviews of community members with resources for educators and researchers.



The state

800 students protest in Starkville

STARKVILLE (UPI)—An estimated 800 Negro school children march through the downtown area today to protest the proposed closing of all-black elementary-high school complex under a desegregation plan submitted to U. S. district court.

There were no incidents reported as the students chanted and carried placards protesting the school board plan. They carried signs which proclaimed "Together we stand" and "Don't close Henderson."

U. S. District Judge Orma Smith last August ordered the Starkville school district to file a plan by Dec. 1 to eliminate a dual school system.

The plan submitted by the school board would gradually phase out the Henderson school complex and move all the students to predominantly white schools by the end of the 1971 school term.



INSTITUTE of
Museum and Library
SERVICES

MISSISSIPPI STATE
UNIVERSITY

MSU is an equal opportunity institution.

This project is funded in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Mississippi Library Commission. It is sponsored by the Mississippi State University Libraries and Mississippi State University Department of History.