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UA3/3/1 Correspondence re: Minorities

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March 14, 1961

Dr. Kelly Thompson,
President
Western Kentucky State College
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Thompson:

I hope you will be able to provide me with a little information on racial desegregation at Western Kentucky State College. I am collecting this information primarily for inclusion in a statistical summary being prepared for SOUTHERN SCHOOL NEWS. We also would like to have answers for our files at The Courier-Journal. I would appreciate it very much if these questions could be answered:

What was the date of desegregation at your school?

Was it by court order or voluntarily?

What is total enrollment?

How many white students now? How many Negroes? (Please make an estimate if exact figures aren't available.)

Thanks very much for your help on this.

Sincerely yours,

James S. Pope, Jr.
The Courier-Journal
March 17, 1961

Mr. James S. Pope, Jr.
The Courier-Journal
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Pope:

The following information is submitted in answer to your letter of March 14:

The date of desegregation at Western Kentucky State College was June 7, 1956, the opening date of summer school.

The action was voluntarily.

Our total enrollment is 3,513.

We now have 3,491 white students and 22 Negroes.

Cordially yours,

Kelly Thompson
President

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Dr. Kelly Thompson,
President,
Western Kentucky State College
Bowling Green, Ky.

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Another year has rolled around and the Southern Education Reporting Service, for which I am Kentucky correspondent, is again requesting racial statistics or estimates on enrollment and faculties.

Could you again provide me as you so kindly have done in the past, with the figures indicates by the blank spaces below?

Thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

James S. Pope, Jr.

Western Kentucky State College:

Total enrollment 5932
White Enrollment 5836
Negro enrollment 96

Total faculty 228
White faculty 228
Negro faculty 0

* Please indicate where estimates are used.
October 22, 1963

Mr. James S. Pope, Jr.
The Courier-Journal
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Jim:

I am pleased to respond to your letter of October 19 and to provide you with the information which you have requested.

Please do not hesitate to call upon me or others at Western when we can be of service to you in the future.

With every good and kind wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Kelly Thompson
President

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