

"It's All In How You Look At It"

No More Innocent People Black

Or White

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The second shot has been fired. This one, fired by what was perhaps an enraged bigot, felled an innocent man. The UofA black student, who is presently recuperating in the hospital from a gunshot wound, isn't likely to forget that he was shot by a person yelling "Nigger, get off the street."

The Dixie issue revealed the widespread polarization between blacks and whites, which clog progress on this campus. The shooting, which occurred Friday night, merely sharpened this polarization to crystal clarity. There's no doubt . . . the struggle is now on the basis of black versus white, or more popularly niggers versus

honkies. There will be no hiding place for the moderates, the sympathizers or the innocent.

There are no more innocent people. Darrell Brown was an "innocent" man as he jogged up Buchanan Street on his way to visit a friend. The car full of whites who yelled at Darrell and later shot him certainly aren't innocent.

Last year, a black student was going up the steps on to campus at the corner of Arkansas and Dickson Streets, when someone from the Kappa Sigma fraternity shot him in the head with a pellet rifle. Supposedly, this man was innocent, but the Kappa Sig didn't think so. Thus, the members of Kappa Sigma were no longer

thought of as innocent. Now, most of the blacks will no longer regard any whites as innocent. It's really a shame, but that's the way the human mind functions.

Violence, once regarded as a rarity on the Arkansas campus, is slowly creeping into the University community. However, it simply amplifies the fact that "Dixie" had an abundance of symbolism to more than a few university students. The events leading up to the weekend were highlighted by a multitude of large confederate flags, cars bearing "I'm for Dixie" signs, and a flood of complaints from black students about being taunted by carloads of whites, who were supposedly exhibiting school spirit.

Acts such as those mentioned will greatly hamper efforts by the University to recruit more black faculty, staff and students. If there's going to be any moves by the University to maintain the progressive pace set by other major colleges and universities, then the administration and faculty will have to awaken from their apathetic slumber and go to work.

Confrontation on the Arkansas campus is becoming more and more eminent with each event like what happened Friday. It's purely disgusting for black students to require a police escort to a football game, which is supposed to include "all" of the University community.