Forman Urges Student Dialogues

By FRANK COLEMAN

White students should begin conducting a dialogue with others in the white community, according to James Forman, Executive Secretary of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

Speaking Monday night in the Will Rice Commons on the Civil Rights Movement in America, Forman explained that the civil rights movement was now entering its second stage. SNCC was formed in 1961 as a result of student protest movements in the South.

Forman reminded those present that Americans ought not to devote themselves solely to making money. He urged the audience to make a moral commitment to the civil rights issue. To encourage this, he suggested "freedom schools" in which student volunteers could explain the truth of the Negro movement to anyone willing to attend on afternoons or weekends.

The Rev. Don Goodwin of the Wesley Foundation at Rice said that many churches would volunteer space to conduct such schools.

When asked by members of the audience what he thought of white violence in the South, Forman stated that he was finding it harder and harder to maintain his nonviolent position. He warned that there would be more riots like the ones in Watts unless drastic changes are made.

Forman admitted that whites have difficulty understanding the hardships of living in a Negro ghetto, but said that "if any one of you would come and live with me for a couple of months, you too would feel my passions."