

1968 Unrest

News Clippings of Delaware State College unrest

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Hopeful Signs at Delaware State

STUDENTS and administrators at Delaware State College in Dover provided a textbook example this week of the most effective way to survive a demonstration, and in so doing offered a sharp contrast to the protests that are tearing apart two other predominantly Negro institutions, Howard University in Washington and Cheyney State College in nearby Pennsylvania.

At Delaware State, the students' causes were reasonable—relaxed parietal rules and stepped-up rat control programs in dormitories. Their methods were moderate—a one-day boycott of classes. Black power extremists among the unusually orderly

demonstrators were few and were quickly disavowed by the student leaders. No attempts were made to threaten the administration.

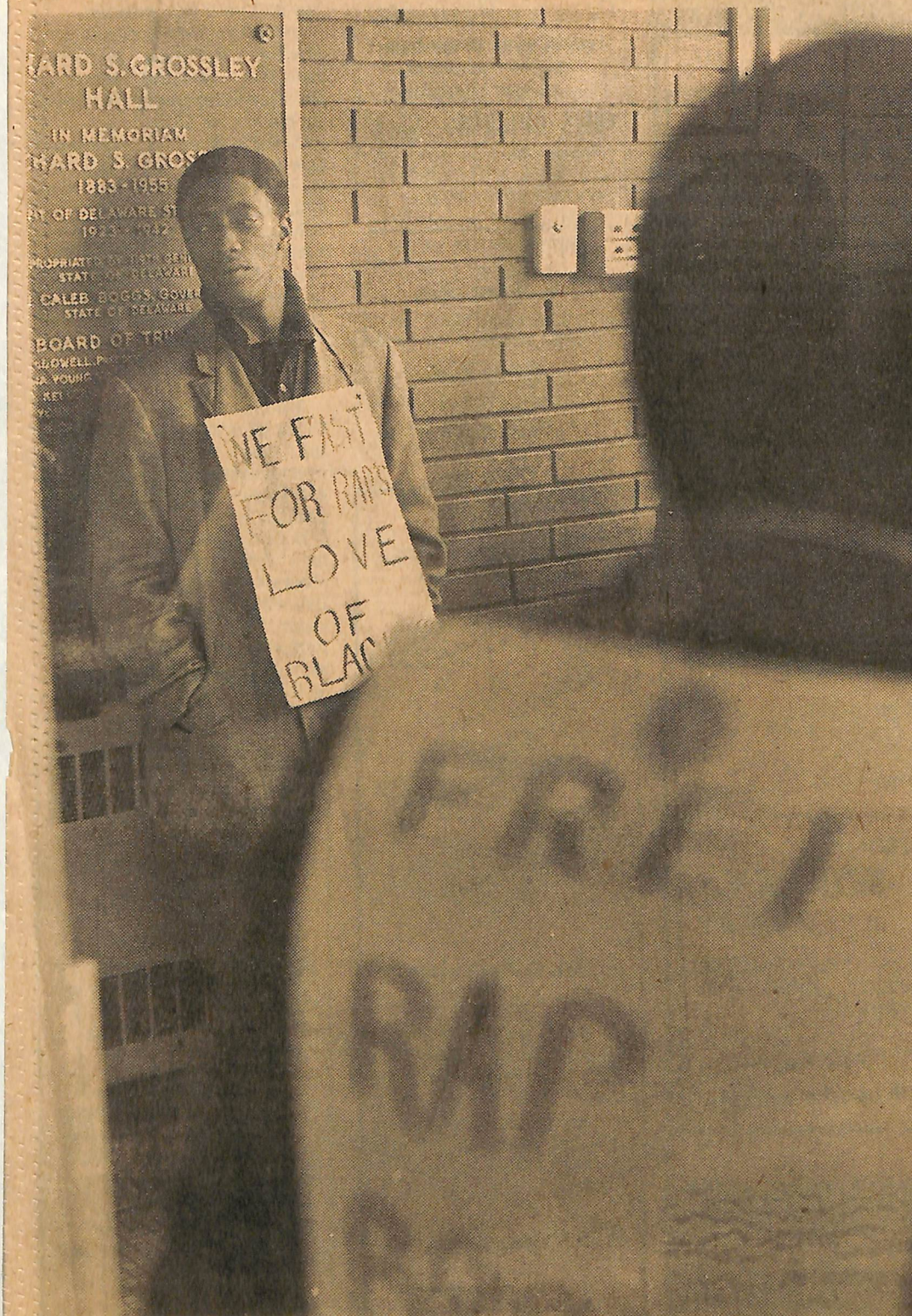
For its part, the administration quickly conceded the merit of the students' complaints and promised that none of the demonstrators would meet with reprisals.

Delaware State emerged from the incident with no scars and the demonstrators with an awareness that the college's leadership is responsive to legitimate student protests. Both the administration and the student body can now look forward to future cooperation, rather than estrangement.

Delmarva Editors Speak

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Delstaters Go Back To Class, Howard Students Remain Out



Two Delaware State College students stand outside Grossley Hall before the administration acceded to their demands yesterday. (State News Photo by Gary Emeigh)

Delaware State College students returned to classes today but another predominantly Negro institution - Howard University - remained closed after a nonviolent student coup.

Some 900 students at the Dover college ended a one-day boycott after college officials agreed to 10 proposals, including extermination of rats.

One calls for a modest extension of hours at such places as the library and student center, and another would give junior and senior women permission to visit boys' dormitory rooms.

At Howard, the students jammed all four floors of the administration building overnight while others milled outside.

Meanwhile, H. Rap Brown, chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) won dismissal of a charge saying he shoved and harassed a patrolman outside the Cuban Mission to the United Nations last Jan. 11.

Brown, who is in a New Orleans jail, was arrested last August 19 on a federal indictment that he carried a .30-caliber carbine on a flight between New York and New Orleans.

Brown was under indictment in Maryland for inciting to riot and complicity to commit arson during a riot in Cambridge last July at the time he allegedly transported the rifle.

Students at Delaware State began their boycott as classes were to convene yesterday at 8.

Leroy Tate, 21, a senior from Wilmington and president of the student body, said the purpose of the boycott was to "demonstrate the students' unity," and not to pressure the administration.

Some 50 of the predominantly Negro college's nearly 900 students gathered at Delaware Hall, then marched to the administration building and conducted an orderly sit-in.

Academic Dean Nathaniel Tillman, in charge in the absence of the president, Dr.

Luna I. Mishoe, who is in Europe, said "no disciplinary action will be taken."

Tillman said the student's proposals were "adopted substantially as they were proposed." He said meetings with the students were arranged as the result of a request from Tate last week, although the boycott came as a surprise.

Tillman said some details of the proposals had not been worked out.

In proposing that girls be allowed to visit boys' rooms in a dormitory under construction, the students asked that such privileges be granted between 3 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, and that "doors must be kept open all the way."

The administration closed Howard university indefinitely Wednesday and ordered all campus buildings except the student-filled administration building locked.

The demonstration began Tuesday as a sit-in demanding exoneration of 37 students charged with disrupting March 1 Charter Day ceremonies on the campus.

Brown said the protest might end if the charges are dropped.

But the emphasis at a student news conference Wednesday was a lack of Negro history and culture courses at the university. Protestors in past months have accused the administration of "Uncle Tom" attitudes.

An administration spokesman said there were no plans to call in police but said "appropriate legal action to restore operations" was being sought. It was understood charges including disorderly conduct and unlawful entry against the protesters were being considered.

The student statement said 800 students were inside the building overnight, including a few whites. It said the demonstrators had been joined by students from George Washington and American universities and Morgan State College, all in the Washington area.

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Dover Bureau Photo by Chuck McGowen

BOYCOTTING—Delaware State College students boycotted classes yesterday and jammed corridors of the Administration Building while officials con-

sidered a list of demands they presented. The college agreed to the proposals later and students returned to classes today.

Del. State Students Back After Boycott Wins Points

From the Dover Bureau

DOVER—Delaware State College students returned to their classes today after staging a one-day boycott to back up their proposals for rat control and extended dormitory hours.

Administration officials agreed yesterday to accept the proposals after students cut classes and staged a demonstration.

Nathaniel P. Tillman, acting academic dean, said the administration had felt all along the proposals were reasonable.

Student leaders met most of the day with administration officials and at 4 p.m. K. LeRoy Tate, Student Government Association president, announced, "the outcome was somewhat favorable. All our proposals were approved by the administration."

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senior men in their rooms at the new dormitory on Sundays from 3 to 7 p.m., provided the room doors are open.

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Del. State Classes Boycotted

By KATHIE DIBELL
Dover Bureau

DOVER — Delaware State College students jammed the corridors of the Administration Building today after boycotting classes in demands for extended dormitory hours and elimination of rats.

About 800 students at the predominantly Negro college cut 8 a.m. classes as student leaders barred passage to any classroom building.

Students met briefly in Dela-

ware Hall and then marched to the Administration Building where they said they were prepared to remain until the administration met their demands.

A meeting between student leaders and the administration officials was scheduled for 10 a.m.

DR. Luna I. Mishoe, college president, is in Europe.

The students called for an extension of dormitory hours from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays and from midnight to 1 a.m. on the weekends. They also asked that library hours be extended to midnight on weekdays instead of the present 10 p.m. closing hour and to be open until 5 p.m. on Saturday instead of noon.

The students also called for the "buildings to be periodically checked for rodents and other pests."

"The rats have been here since I've been here and I've been here three years," said Cleveland White, a junior. White carried a sign saying "Are the rats paying tuition too?"

LEROY Tate, student body president, said the boycott would continue "until we hear from the administration."

Dean Nathaniel E. Tillman, acting academic dean, said administration officials had met with the students Monday and talked over some of the proposals. He declined to elaborate. He had not been informed of the boycott plans, he said. "I just found out about the boycott myself." He said other student proposals would be gone over today.

The student demonstration was orderly and well-controlled. Bill Moseley, a senior and student leader, told the students as they marched into the Administration Building. "We want to prove we can demonstrate orderly. If somebody beside you gets a little rowdy, tell him to cool it."

RONALD Voughs, another student leader, said all the proposals must be met. "We've gotten promises before. We are not going to be satisfied with appeasement."

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Several teachers said that

Later Hours, Fight on Rats Demanded

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they had showed up for their 8 o'clock classes only to find no one else there. The students decided on the boycott action at a meeting last night.

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Other proposals included visiting hours for females in junior and senior men's rooms on Sundays between 3 and 7 p.m. in the new dormitory.

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College agrees to proposals

By KATHIE DIBELL
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Editorials

Time For Self Discipline

By JACK SMYTH
Editor and Publisher

Already there is a big public stir over the announcement some students at Delaware State College in Dover are going to invite Stokely Carmichael, racist rabble-rouser, to speak on campus.

Everyone should calm down and carefully analyze what could be the result of such a visit.

First let's realize, if Carmichael accepts, he will have only one purpose in mind. And this will be to drive a vicious wedge into the pattern of our community racial relations.

This man hates this nation and all it stands for — and purposely makes his contribution to tearing it apart by appealing to emotions already aroused by war and racial unrest.

Carmichael has nothing positive to offer. His success is measured by his communist allies on the basis of the publicity he gets which helps divide Americans.

Now I believe this black revolutionary should be permitted on the campus of this state supported college. Dr. Luna Mishoe, president, was right when he said the

right of free expression is important enough to tolerate Carmichael — as long as the students did this on their own and no public funds are involved.

What this community should do, if this man does accept the invitation, is make sure his visit is a flop. This can be done by indifference. Just use the old brush-off.

Now, as a newspaper, we are obligated to report what is said at this meeting — if it does come off. Self imposed censorship is as dangerous as that imposed by government.

What is important is how we react, as individuals, to provocation. People interested in what he has to say — and I'm sure it is nothing new — should listen and shrug their shoulders.

There will be a temptation to shout, rant and condemn. This is what Carmichael wants — we'd just be playing into his hands. Let's all steel ourselves and make certain he has no victory in Delaware.

This is the time for self discipline — starting right now.

Shades Of Dissent—Shadow Of Doubt

By JACK COSTELLO

DSN Staff Writer

In an apparent effort to allow all shades of political dissent to be brought forth for the edification of its students, Delaware State College seems, by its silence, to have given tacit approval of a move by student leaders to bring Stokely Carmichael to town.

While the school will not extend an official invitation, it takes the position that "he can come if he wants to."

In the absence of any more concrete action on the part of the Justice Department than head-shaking and hand-wringing over Stokely's antiamerican globe-trotting heroics in the communist world, it is presumed that he is free to continue to spew his own brand of racism wherever he's invited, including Delaware State.

Last year, at the time James Farmer, former CORE boss, spoke at Delaware State and told of the

glories of Adam Clayton Powell and exhorted the legions to rise and fight, it was suggested to the school's front office by this writer that such men as Roy Wilkins, Quincy Young and others might make worthy speakers who could present the civil rights issue in a more pertinent prospective. Added to the list might be Robert Weaver, Thurgood Marshall, and Jackie Robinson, all within short distance of Dover.

If invitations to these men were ever extended, the secret has been well guarded.

But instead we may now have the dubious honor once again of entertaining a racist rabble-rouser who will raise his own red banner of black power.

Such objectivity is like calling the public relations office of the communist party to write a story on capitalism.

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The following information is for release to the Press:

At approximately 10:00 p.m. last night (Monday, March 25, 1968) a large number of the women students in Tubman Hall left the dormitory after closing hours and went to the Student Center and held a meeting. At approximately 11:00 the women students now accompanied by a number of male students left the Student Center and went directly to the housing which the Dean of Students, Mrs. Dorothy Harris, occupies in the apartment. From then until approximately 11:45 they sang songs (College songs and songs of civil rights movement). Afterwards they dispersed and the women and men returned to their respective dormitories. It has been reported that the students threw stones onto the first floor porch on the side of the house occupied by Dean Harris.

The Acting Dean, Nathaniel P. Tillman, Jr., was notified at home by Dean Harris at approximately 10:05 that the women of Tubman Hall had left the dormitory after closing hours and indicated they would return at midnight. It was reported that they destroyed the signout sheets on which they normally indicate where they are during the evening hours prior to the closing of the dormitory. Upon reaching the campus, Dean Tillman located the students at Dean Harris's house and spoke briefly with the President of the Student Body, Mr. LeRoy Tate. Dean Tillman indicated to Mr. Tate that he viewed the demonstration as inappropriate and unjustified in view of the fact that the absence of the President, Dr. Luna I. Mishoe, who is abroad, it was his responsibility to accomplish the implementation of the plans for satisfying student grievances. The grievances and plans referred to are those discussed in the meetings of Monday, March 18 and Wednesday, March 20, during which administrative officers met with Mr. Tate and four other student representatives. Mr. Tate's response was negative and the Dean insisted on the responsibility. Shortly afterwards, when the women students had returned to the dormitory, the Dean again spoke with Mr. Tate and stated that he was relieving all other administrative officers and staff personnel of any

individual responsibility to the students in the matters yet to be resolved and that he was assuming all such responsibilities himself. He indicated that he would be available to Mr. Tate and other student representatives with respect to these matters.

Just prior to the Dean's leaving the campus, he became aware of a fire in the Maintenance Warehouse and Shop area and accompanied by the Reverend Clayton Hammond, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Coordinator of Religious Activities, went immediately to the scene. Almost simultaneously Dover and area firemen reached the scene having been called by Dean Harris who was notified of the fire by three students (Mr. LeRoy Tate, Mr. Willie Moore and Mr. Robert Hawthorne). At noon on the following day there was no official estimate of the damage. However, the Fire Marshal's Office had investigated and the State Insurance Commission had sent two men to the scene. Further details will be supplied when available.

Cheyney Pledges Effort to Satisfy Students

CHEYNEY, Pa. (AP) — While administrators of trouble-torn Cheyney State College set up a framework to listen to student demands, a Negro legislator said part of the blame rests with the legislature.

After two days of closed-door meetings Cheyney President Dr. Leroy B. Allen yesterday said

his administration would work to satisfy demands of the Black Students League, which launched the rebellion that closed the school.

Late yesterday a college spokesman said officials had formulated a compromise with students, which would allow

them to participate on major school committees.

IN Harrisburg, Rep. Earl Vann, D-Philadelphia, an eyewitness to the student disorders Friday, said "lack of awareness" on the part of the legislature is partly to blame.

Vann told the House he plans to introduce a resolution calling for creation of a special committee to go to Cheyney to listen to student grievances.

Vann also said he hoped the legislature would appropriate more money to Cheyney than the \$2,252,364 recommended in Gov. Raymond P. Shafer's budget. He said the school needs an additional \$500,000.

AT Cheyney the dormitories were empty and there were no turmoil on the lawns. The 1,800 students were told after Friday's demonstration that the school would be closed temporarily while the administration assesses the situation.

Allen said his staff was "concerned" about the student unrest and would make "every effort" to evaluate student demands.

The student demonstration

broke out over they suspension of a male student staying without authorization in the men's dorms.

Allen said a new committee of administrators, faculty, students, trustees and alumni will "engage in necessary dialogue" with the students.

HE said no decision has been made on when classes will resume.

The demands listed yesterday by the students include:

- Student takeover and control of all committees, with faculty as nonvoting advisors.

- Student members on the judicial review board, with joint student-faculty voting on discipline cases involving students.

- A detailed treasury report to the students.

- Complete student control of the campus newspaper, the Cheyney Record, with no censorship or faculty adviser.

Howard U. students vote to accept 4 compromises

By CYNTHIA MARSHALL
Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON—Some classes at Howard University will resume this morning after student demonstrators voted Saturday afternoon to accept four compromises proposed by a group of the school's trustees.

Classes in the schools of law, medicine, nursing and dentistry will resume today. Classes in the school of liberal arts will resume Wednesday. All classes officially closed at 5 p.m. last Wednesday.

The demonstrators voted to accept the compromises, proposed late Friday night at a mass meeting in the lobby of the school's administration building. The administration building, which the students occupied at 5 p.m. last Tuesday, was returned to school officials at 10 p.m. Saturday.

ONE of the proposals states that no charges will be brought against the demonstrators.

Another proposal is that the Student Assembly will be allowed to control the machinery of the judiciary body which will try the 39 Howard students charged with disrupting Charter Day ceremonies March 1. The university's disclosure of plans to proceed against the 39 stu-

dents triggered the demonstrations.

The other two proposals are that the board of trustees will try to see that Howard becomes more attuned to the time and the needs of the American Negro and that a board composed of students and faculty members be appointed to work on student problems.

The compromise proposals were reached after five of the university's board of trustees, at a New York meeting, said they would resign if the board asked for a federal injunction to have the students leave or be removed forcibly.

THE five, headed by Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, a psychology professor at City University in

New York, obtained permission to make one last attempt to persuade the demonstrators to leave of their own accord. They arrived late Friday night with the proposals.

The student leaders voiced initial dissatisfaction at what they termed the somewhat vague wording of the proposals. They questioned the trustees closely on the proposals for several hours, at the same time conferring frequently with the lawyer they had retained.

In the meantime, unknown to either the students or the trustees, Howard's president, Dr. James M. Norbrit Jr., made a public announcement that he would not deal with the demands. He also said that he was

asking for an injunction against the students. The trustees, when informed of this, said they were still standing behind the proposals. Finally, the student leaders agreed to present the proposals to the rest of the students, who would have the final vote on them.

SATURDAY afternoon, Timothy Jenkins, a graduate of Howard and a law school student, answered student contentions that the proposals were not specific. He said most student demands were incorporated into the proposals.

In response to the biggest student complaint, that Nobrit's dismissal was not included, he said, "Your demand that certain administrators be fired might have just cause behind it, but this cannot be done summarily. If we are to maintain a democratic university, something like this requires that legal steps be taken. Formal charges need to be drawn and the administrators should have the right to a fair and honest trial."

Q. T. Jackson, a student leader, said that the members of the steering committee, the group of students in charge of the demonstration, agreed unanimously to accept the proposals, and recommended that the rest of the students vote approval.

The students then approved the proposals.

Cheyney College stays closed

Cheyney (Pa.) State College will remain closed "until further notice," according to a statement released by the college's board of trustees yesterday.

The college was closed Friday after a student demonstration over the expulsion of a Philadelphia freshman allegedly staying in a men's dormitory without authorization. The demonstration ended when the college administration agreed to reinstate the freshman.

Also involved were demands for more student control of campus life.

The statement says the trustees will conduct "a full assessment . . . of the situation . . . resulting from the student demonstration."



Staff photo by Chuck McGowen

DELAWARE STATE FIRE—As flames roar last night, a fireman gestures to others. A 250 by 100-foot metal and wood maintenance shed and two smaller buildings were heavily damaged by a

fire early today on the Delaware State College campus. Firemen were there from midnight to 3:30 a.m. and were recalled when it rekindled at 5:30 a.m.

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Fire Hits 3 Buildings At Delaware State

From the Dover Bureau

DOVER — A smoky fire caused extensive damage to a large maintenance building at Delaware State College early today after students returned from a protest against curfew hours.

About 65 firemen from the Robbins Hose Company here and the Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company fought for about an hour before bringing the blaze under control.

They stayed 3½-hours until 3:30 a.m. and then returned at 5:30 a.m. when a section of the charred roof flared again.

KENT Amos, president of the Men's Council, said two students returning from the demonstration spotted the blaze and moved two buses parked near the burning building to safety. Leroy Tate, Student Body president, called in the alarm about midnight, he said.

Dean Nathaniel P. Tillman,

acting academic dean, said the fire caused extensive damage to the maintenance shop and to sections of two adjacent smaller buildings.

The buildings were used to store furniture and housed tools for repairs, he said.

WILLIAM James, Robbins chief, said there was no immediate indication as to how the fire started. The state Fire Marshall's office is investigating.

About 200 students staged a demonstration about 11 last night after doors to a girls' dormitory, Tubman Hall, were closed at 10.

The students last Wednesday boycotted classes in support of several proposals including the extension of women's hours to 11 p.m.

THE students returned to classes the next day after administration officials agreed to their suggestions.

Deal Tillman said today no deadline was set on the extension of curfew, but Amos said the students had thought it was supposed to become effective yesterday.

Personnel and staffing problems have to be worked out, Tillman said.

THE girls marched out of Tubman Hall, Amos said, and were joined by the boys.

"Anytime you find a mob of girls, you find a mob of boys," he said.

The students walked to the Student Union and then headed to the home of Dorothy Harris, dean of women. Mrs. Harris wasn't home and the girls returned to the dorm shortly before midnight.

SEVERAL students, including Amos, expressed fear that they might be blamed for the fire, but James said there was no indication of that.

Tillman said he would meet later today with students and housing personnel to work out the curfew problem.

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Sing-In, Fire Enliven Delaware State's Night

BY ANTHONY DUKE

Delaware State College students held a 'sing-in' protest last night in front of the home of Dorothy B. Harris, the college's Dean of Students.

Shortly after, a two-alarm fire broke out in a maintenance building on the campus.

About 150 students gathered at the school's student center and marched the two blocks to Dean Harris' home. They sang school and protest songs for 45 minutes and dispersed in an orderly manner.

The march and demonstration, following a boycott of classes by the entire student body last week, was intended to emphasize the students desire for more lenient hours at women's dormitories.

All demands made have been met, with the exception of an extension of co-eds' hours. Presently, girls must be in their dormitories by 10:00 p.m. on weekdays.

Dean Nathaniel Tillman, acting president of the college in the absence of Dr. Luna I. Mis-hoe, who is expected to return from Europe early next week, said the hours will be extended as soon as the proper personnel can be found to staff the girls' dorms. Dr. Tillman said, "We can't just go out and hire bodies. I don't think the students want us to go out and hire just anybody."

The fire in the maintenance building broke out shortly after midnight, about a half hour after the 'sing-in' ended. After the alarm sounded and security officials called, students helped move two buses located nearby out of danger. The damage to the building is unknown, as is

the cause of the fire. Concerning both the demonstration at her home and the fire, Dean Harris said, "I have no comment to make."

Dean Tillman, asked what caused the fire, said, "I don't know right now." He indicated that the fire would be investigated by the State Fire Marshal's

office.

Commenting about the school's action on student demands, Tillman said, "We've done everything they have asked us to do except extension of hours." He added that Dr. Mis-hoe's presence was not necessary for the school to take action on student requests.

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Keep College Black, Dover Group Told

By KATHIE DIBELL
Dover Bureau

DOVER — A Black Power advocate urged Delaware State College students to make whites unwelcome and keep the school black.

"You have to make sure this remains a black college," said Walter Palmer, executive secretary of the Philadelphia Black House School for Afro-American Thought.

About 25 per cent of the 900 students are white.

Palmer said Negroes should 'make it uncomfortable for them (whites) to be in a black neighborhood."

HE told about 150 students in the audience that blacks should take over such programs as Head Start because white teachers "perpetuate their kind of sickness on our children."

Black people don't need "beatniks teaching our children the ABC's," he said. Palmer was one of a group of speakers scheduled at the campus this

week during a series on "The Evolution of the Black Student."

Chuck McGowen, a News-Journal photographer, was attacked by Palmer while he was taking a picture. Palmer left the podium, tried to rip a camera from McGowen's neck, breaking the camera strap, and started pushing and shoving the photographer.

McGOWEN eluded Palmer's grasp and retreated to the back of the student center auditorium while the students watched silently.

Palmer resumed his talk, commenting about the incident, "He'll do anything. Kick him and he'll still try to take your picture." The students laughed.

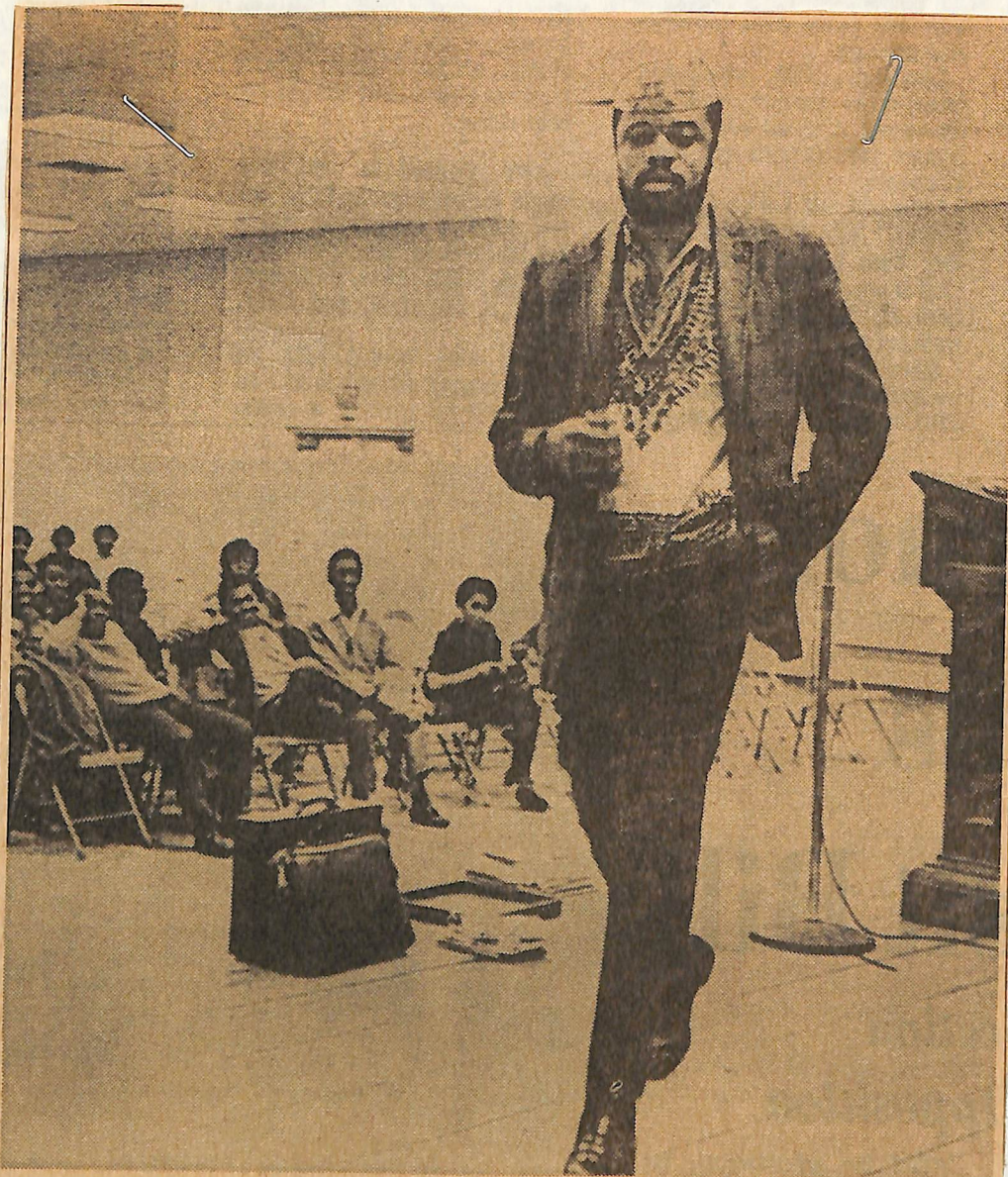
Later Palmer allowed a black girl photographer to shoot as many pictures as she wished, saying, "Go ahead, sister. Help yourself."

Palmer also urged Negroes not to try to get out of the big city ghettos.

"WE'VE got to realize we are on valuable land," he said. "We

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Dover Bureau Photo by Chuck McGowen

ANTIPHOTOGRAPHER — Walter Palmer, a Black Power advocate from Philadelphia, starts toward News-Journal Photographer Chuck McGowen whom he attacked last

night at Delaware State College. Palmer was speaking and McGowen was taking his picture when Palmer left the speaker's platform and tried to rip the camera away.

Black Speaker Roughs Lensman

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have to stay there and fight for that land. We have to consolidate our forces and live. Separation is already here."

He said Negroes should refuse to fight in Vietnam.

Vietnam is not our war," he said. "The little brown people of Vietnam are just as much a part of the struggle as we are.

We're being prepared to fight our black brothers in Africa."

Curfew for women was extended to 11 p.m. last night. Dean Nathaniel P. Tillman, acting academic dean, said the extension was customary when special events were held on campus.

ABOUT 200 students demonstrated Monday night when the doors to Tubman Hall, a women's dormitory, closed at 10 p.m. The administration has agreed

to extending women's hours after a one-day boycott of classes at the campus last week.

Tillman said the regular extension of hours would go into effect as soon as staffing and personnel problems were worked out. Monday's demonstration ended and the women returned to their dorm shortly before midnight.

A fire broke out at a maintenance building after the protest, extensively damaging a wood shop and several pieces of equipment. Several students expressed fear that they might be blamed for the blaze, but John N. Hurd, deputy state fire marshal, said the fire "was definitely not set."

He said he hadn't determined the exact cause, but the fire apparently started in a janitorial supply area where waxes and insecticides are stored.

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Black Power Speakers Appear At Del. State

By ANTHONY DUKE

A second Black Power speaker will talk to Delaware State College Students tomorrow night on the school campus.

Doug Jones, of New York, who is associated with the New School of Afro-American Thought, is scheduled to appear at the college in the second of a series of guest speakers.

Last night, William Palmer, executive secretary of the Philadelphia Black House School for Afro-American Thought, spoke before an all-Negro student audience on the desirability of separating Negro and white communities. His speech met approval (in the form of clapping and encouragement) from the students who last week boycotted classes at the college and succeeded in gaining administration approval for demands they made.

After the speaker finished, small groups of students gathered in the Student Center and dormitories to discuss the speaker's topic.

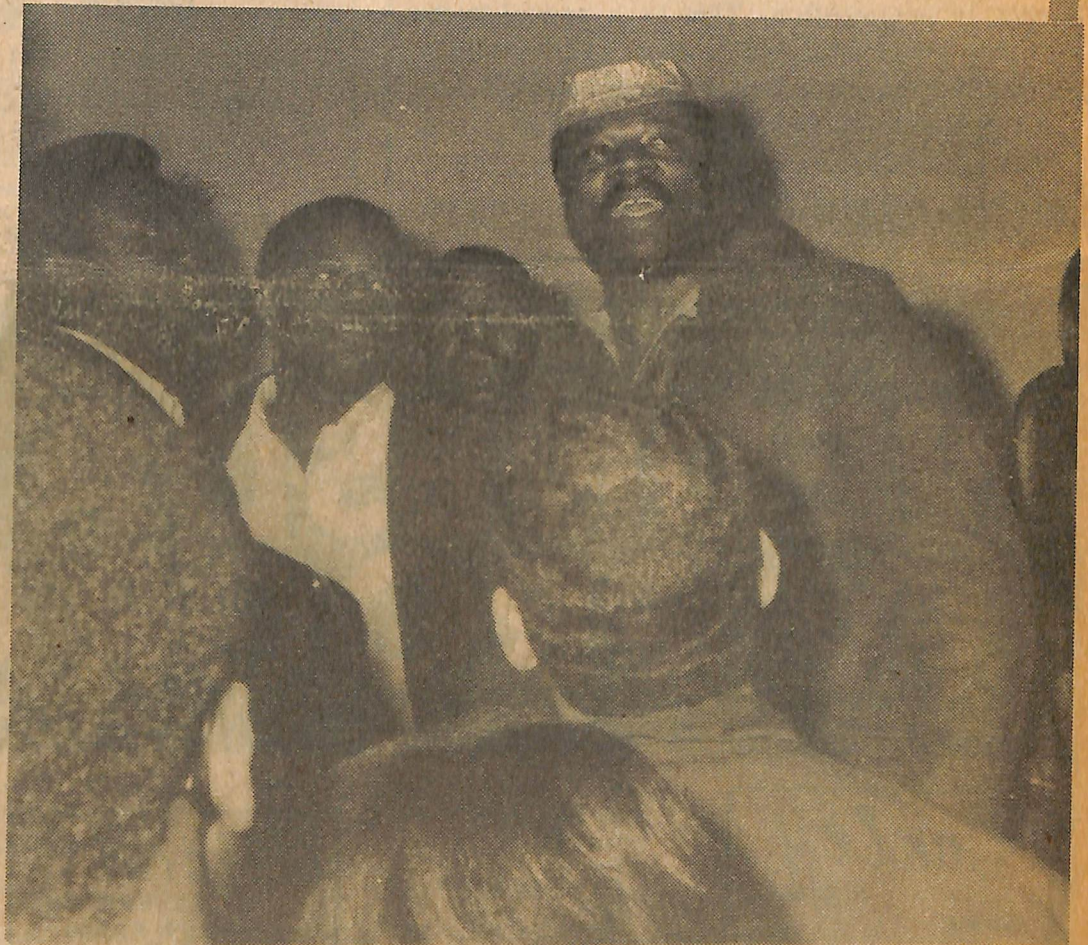
Student restlessness began last Monday night with a mass meeting of students, followed by the boycott of classes Thursday. Dr. Luna I. Mishoe, president of the college has been away since then, and is scheduled to return early next week. In his absence, Dr. Nathaniel Tillman is serving as acting president.

Tillman indicated to Leroy Tate, student body president, that he felt the demonstrations were "inappropriate and unjustified at this time."

Students marched on the campus Monday night and held a 'sing-in' at the home of Dorothy B. Harris, Dean of Students. A fire which broke out afterward

in a maintenance building on the campus was investigated by the State Fire Marshal's office. He listed chemicals stored too close to a heat source as the probable cause, ruling

out the possibility of arson. Student body president Tate said that no demonstrations are planned in the near future since student proposals have been granted.



William Palmer (with cap and beard) speaks to students on 'Black Power' in Delaware State College's Student Center in part of a week-long series of speeches.

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Letters To The Editor

Calls For Death Of Black Campus

Dear Sir:

"Today I mark the death of the Black Campus. The Black Campus has stood for too many years.

"Not so long ago, the official name of Delaware State College was the Delaware State College for Colored Students. May the name rest in peace.

"The Black Campus is dead. Delaware State is now a college for all students, irregardless of race, creed or color. Time has healed the scars of hatred and distrust. Whether we accept the fact that we are not a Black Campus anymore does not change the facts.

"Are we ready as students to pick up the torches of change and progress, or are we going to let the flame die in a hatred

for others and kill the spirit on Delaware's campuses.

"Let us carry the torch of understanding for we have much to learn from each other. We have paid a heavy price to carry the torch of change. We have paid in blood in the South and in the North, we have paid in sweat in the cotton fields of Alabama and Mississippi and in the factories of New York to make this country great.

"We have paid on the battlefields of the world. Let us be proud of our heritage yet be eager to understand one another.

"We have paid a heavy price and we bear the scars of intolerance and hate. Let us not be guilty of the same."

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LETTERS to the editor

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"If Black Power means having a fair share in running our country then I am for Black Power.

"If Black Power means changing laws for the betterment of all people in an orderly intelligent way, then I am a Black Power advocate.

"If Black Power means blind hatred and violence for no intelligent reason, then let it die with the Black Campus.

"If Black Power means sticking together in a common goal to raise our standard of living, to educate, to help each other without hurting those who are innocent, then I believe in Black Power.

"I hear the words of hatred on Delaware Campuses. Perhaps I have seen too many riots, too many blood stained streets, too many bodies in the rice paddies of Korea. There must be a better way.

"To the white students who enter our doors-we have scars to heal and little time to heal them. Drink from the cup of understanding with us. Let us together build a better Delaware State College.

"I shed no tears at the death of the Black Campus. Bury it deep in the soil of America, let it be a page of history. The Black Campus is dead in Delaware.

Phillip Merritt
Student, Delaware State College

De/State Classes Boycotted

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White Backlash

By JIM MILLER

Executive Editor

There may well be merit in this week's Black Power seminar at Delaware State College, and a point may have been underscored by yesterday's abortive live-in by the idle poor in living black color in Legislative Hall.

But a man who publicly endorsed civil rights in this newspaper in 1954, when it wasn't so easy, and was called a "nigger-lover" for his pains, must be saddened by this unhappy turn of events.

Regardless of the cause, yesterday's exhibition at Legislative Hall can be called an absolute disgrace, at best.

At Delaware State College, the students may well be hearing what they want to hear when they invite the likes of Stokely Carmichael or Walter Palmer of the Philadelphia Black House School for Afro-American Thought as guest speakers.

Palmer preached hate, as expected, and a white photographer got roughed up because he was white. To his credit, he got the picture.

But it seems to me the citizens of Delaware are due an explanation from the Board of Trustees of the college, or perhaps the Governor

of Delaware, on the subject of "Whither Delaware State."

A goodly number of the 900 or so students, like this week's rabble-rousers, aren't residents of Delaware, although those of us who live here happen to pick up most of the educational tab, tuition being what it is.

If it's a black college the students want, it ill behooves the State of Delaware, which took such pride in desegregating its public schools, to subsidize it.

No less so should the state subsidize hate, which seems to be the pattern, if Palmer is any criterion.

Free speech, as such, is not the issue. More pertinent is the question of how long the state is going to provide a free sounding board for every hate monger who comes down the dual?

Unhappily, it appears more and more unlikely by the trend of events that Delaware State College will ever be anything more than a predominantly Negro college.

Maybe the time has come to shut it down, and start all over again with a community college, such as that in Georgetown and the one that will open this year in Wilmington.

Official cites students' protest right

From the Dover Bureau

DOVER — An administration official yesterday told Delaware State College students they had a right to participate in such things as yesterday's welfare demonstration.

However, Dean Nathaniel P. Tillman, in charge while Dr. Luna Mishoe, president, is in Europe, said that such participation was solely the responsibility of the students themselves.

"The administration recognizes your right to express yourselves peacefully," Tillman said, in issues at every level — college, state and local.

"At the same time," Tillman said, the administration "wishes to remind you that you are individually responsible for your actions."

About 400 students — half the enrollment — attended the administration-called meeting at the Student Center.

Tillman made this reference to the demonstration at the hour-long meeting that was primarily devoted to women's dormitory hours.

Tillman also said that a shortage of personnel was preventing implementation of agreements with the students to extend women's dormitory hours. He appealed to the students to stop walkouts until more house mothers and other staff could be recruited.

Students walked out of the dorms Monday night protesting the 10 p.m. closing.

"I don't intend to take any drastic, extraordinary action out of fear," Tillman told the students, "because I have no fear."

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Morning News

Delaware Staters told: Avoid whites

By KATHIE DIBELL
Dover Bureau

DOVER—A Philadelphia Black Power advocate told a Delaware State College audience yesterday that black people should consolidate valuable inner city land and stay there.

"We've got to realize we are on valuable land," said Walter Palmer. "We have to stay there and fight for that land. We have to consolidate our forces and live. A separation is already here."

Palmer, executive secretary of the Philadelphia Black House School for Afro - American Thought, urged that blacks take over such programs as Head Start and keep the whites out of their communities.

"Make it uncomfortable for them to be in a black neighborhood," he said. "They perpetuate their kind of sickness on our children."

A white photographer approached the podium to take pictures of the speaker, and Palmer chased him away, tearing the camera from his neck. Some 150 students in the audi-

ence did nothing as the photographer eluded Palmer's grasp and retreated to the back of the room.

"He'll do anything," Palmer said, referring to the photographer. "Kick him, and he'll still try to take your picture."

The students laughed.

A Negro girl photographer later snapped pictures of the speaker without difficulty.

The speech was part of a weeklong series on "The Evolution of the Black Student."

LeRoy Tate, student body president, said the students had planned no demonstration last night since an agreement had been reached with the administration to extend curfew to 11 p.m. Students demonstrated about an hour Monday night after the doors were closed at a women's dormitory at 10 p.m.

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"I plan to name a successor as soon as possible," the bishop said. He said he is already working on the problem. "This is a very important position and we need someone to fill it."

Bishop Mosley has been outspoken in his support of civil rights and in opposition to the conduct of the war in Vietnam. He also has been a leader in ecumenical relations with other denominations and religious groups in the state.

Orderly Demonstration; Demands Presented

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Profs Fight Age Gap at Del. State

From the Dover Bureau

DOVER — The Delaware State College faculty yesterday recommended that attempts be made to overcome "the generation gap" at the school "by encouraging free expression, but always retaining status as a teacher."

The recommendation was one of 43 in a wide-ranging report issued less than two weeks after student demonstrations prompted the governor to send in state police and national guardsmen and the college trustees to call off exams and close the school for the semester.

Most of the recommendations point to a need for greater student participation in campus affairs and closer student-faculty relations.

THE report recommends that the "faculty work at maintaining a friendly, cordial campus atmosphere" and calls for a student judiciary system, a permanent faculty-student grievance committee, and a student-run orientation program.

The grievance committee, comprised of six students, four members of the board of trustees and four faculty members, would also be used as an appeals committee or a committee which would meet regularly to air "problems of mutual concern," the report says.

The student judiciary committee would have the authority to judge and administer discipline in certain types of rules infractions. The report also calls for a student committee for each dormitory, which would set up rules and the means of enforcing them.

THE report recommends a

grading method "truly reflecting the student's achievement. Many (teachers) grade too easily, some too hard." It also says a teacher should state clearly the requirements of a course at the beginning. He should be prepared to justify his grading on an objective basis.

The faculty also proposed that each student organization be free to select its own adviser from the faculty, and that freshmen be given faculty advisers.

Dr. Luna I. Mishoe, college president, said the faculty met Monday to discuss "next year's student life problems so we know how we are going to proceed."

Mishoe declined specific comment on the recommendations, saying he hadn't had a chance to study them.

Some of the faculty recommendations parallel student grievances announced after about 200 students seized control of the administration building May 16.

ABOUT 150 national guardsmen and 100 state police were called to the campus, and the students left the building peacefully. The school was then closed while guardsmen maintained patrol. It will reopen June 17 for summer school, although no dormitory facilities will be provided.

The report also calls for:

- Investigation of procedures of other colleges and universities for handling student problems.

- Evaluation of faculty performance in the classroom.

- Class sizes "should be reduced to manageable proportions to allow better student-faculty contact."

- Immediate recruitment of teachers "as soon as an opening appears, not at the last minute. Departmental representatives should attend professional conferences to recruit."

- Improvements of freshman English, grammar and composition, reading and mathematics. "This is more important than the social and cultural aspects."

- Student election of seniors who could provide good examples for freshmen by living in freshmen dorms "acting as friends and counselors."

- All-campus meetings conducted monthly for all interested faculty, students and administration members.

The report also urged that an attitude be developed at Delaware State which would consider "student-faculty relations and problems as serious and should be dealt with in a most thoughtful, enlightened manner."

In addition, the faculty recommended that the elected student representatives make sure "that they truly represent the majority of the student body when presenting statements and requests to faculty and administration."

Discipline decision in protest is mulled

From the Dover Bureau

DOVER — A decision on what disciplinary action, if any, will be taken against Delaware State College students who forced postponement of dedication ceremonies of the new student center is expected this week.

James C. Hardcastle, a member of the college board of trustees, said yesterday the board would discuss the incident at a meeting Wednesday.

Hardcastle said the board's decision would depend on what school officials did to the students involved.

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"We won't dedicate the building until the trustees decide what to name it."

Hardcastle said of the demonstration, "Education is a privilege. This sort of thing cannot be tolerated."

John N. McDowell, president of the board of trustees, issued this statement Saturday:

"I am immensely distressed and disappointed. I have been proud of Delaware State College students and the manner in which they have conducted themselves when consideration is given to the broad unrest here and elsewhere among students and others of all ages.

"But yesterday (Friday) a group of Delaware State College students showed disrespect for their own college, for the highest office in this state, and for the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. They also displayed a lack of sincerity, for it was the students themselves who requested that the student center be dedicated in the memory of Dr. King."

request granted quickly and with full accord by the college trustees.

"EQUALLY saddening is the fact that this disruptive demonstration served no useful purpose. Absolutely nothing constructive was gained. The extent of the harm to the college and its future is yet to be ascertained. It is my hope that it will be minimal.

"It remains important for everyone to remember that only a very small portion of the student body participated in the disruptive proceedings.

"If those who did participate will now think of the possible ill effects of their actions upon their college, their fellow students and those hoping for the opportunity to enroll at Delaware State College in the future to obtain higher education, perhaps it will seem less important for them to do their thing to the detriment of others as well as themselves."

Protest Leader Suspended at Delaware State

By JOE DISTELHEIM
Capital Correspondent

DOVER — Leroy Tate, the student body president who led a noisy demonstration on campus Friday, has been suspended from Delaware State College.

Tate was suspended "indefinitely" yesterday. This morning, college officials had not immediately determined whether he had left the campus.

It was reported that Tate's parents met with school officials last night. Neither the student nor his parents could be reached on campus or at their Wilmington home this morning.

CAMPUS reaction to the suspension was mild. Petitions offering blanket support of Tate were being circulated, but a col-

lege spokesman said there were "classes as usual" this morning.

College president Luna I. Mishoe said the designation of the suspension as "indefinite" means that Tate may be reinstated anytime by the school's board of trustees, which next meets tomorrow.

Tate and about 75 other students beat drums and chanted "Student Power" to break up the scheduled dedication Friday of the student center and a new dormitory. The students refused to let Gov. Charles L. Terry Jr. deliver a speech at the ceremonies.

THE students were protesting because the college did not accept immediately their plan to name the dormitory in honor of Medgar Evers, a civil rights leader killed in Mississippi in 1963.

Mishoe said "the next step is to identify the others" who participated in the demonstration. He declined to say what action might be taken against other students.

Tate's suspension was decided college faculty held shortly after Friday at a meeting of the the disrupted ceremony. Mishoe said the faculty recommendation was presented to the Committee on Student Problems of the Board of Trustees yesterday morning.

That committee, chaired by James C. Hardcastle, approved the recommendation. Mishoe notified Tate of his suspension by personally handing him a letter early yesterday afternoon.

The college president said Tate's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tate of 204 E. 29th St., Wilmington, were being notified of the suspension by letter and by telegram.

The letter said Tate could appeal in writing to Mishoe, but

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Leroy Tate
Suspended

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Del. State to Mull Protest Discipline

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Police, Guard called in

From the Dover Bureau

DOVER — Delaware State College was closed indefinitely by its board of trustees yesterday after students took over the administration building.

State police and National Guardsmen stood by as about 200 students, chanting and clapping, left the building at 5:30 yesterday afternoon. The students — almost all negroes — had entered the building and chained and barricaded its doors at about 2:30.

The group inside was led by the student government president, Leroy Tate, who was suspended from school this week for leading a demonstration which broke up a planned dedication ceremony last Friday.

THE students met with the trustees in the Student Center immediately after leaving the building they had held, and presented a lengthy list of grievances. Chief among the demands were the reinstatement of Tate and the resignation of the college president, Dr. Luna I. Mishoe.

Authorities, led by Atty. Gen. David P. Buckson and State Police Superintendent Charles G. Lamb, closed all buildings on campus last night with the exceptions of the dormitories, the dining hall and the Student Center.

Buckson said the National Guard would remain on campus "indefinitely — until such time we are sure state property will be secure."

State police would also have roving patrols, he said.

The state police and Guard presence, he said, are the way "we can make sure students are safe."

STUDENTS agreed last night to several administration proposals, including a joint committee to work on student grievances. Meanwhile, Edward W. Hagemeyer, a spokesman for the board, said he would consult with other members today on the possibility of keeping the college open.

The board proposed that a committee of four board members, four representatives of the faculty, and six students be set up to consider the grievances. A meeting Wednesday afternoon at 3 was proposed.

The board also proposed that all students be given the grades they currently have in their courses. Diplomas and grade would be sent to the students by mail. There would be no commencement exercises.

The board said the students

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Dover Bureau Photo by Chuck McGowan

Y—Helmeted state policemen with dogs wait out-
the barricaded Delaware State College administra-
building yesterday afternoon after being ordered

onto the Dover campus by Gov. Charles L. Terry Jr.
National guardsmen were posted at campus entrances.
Barricades were behind glass doors at center.

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Protest closes State College

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should vacate the campus by 3 this afternoon, but the board agreed to consider "logistics problems."

The first outside authority at the scene was a state police captain. He was joined at about 4 p.m. by Buckson and Lamb and shortly afterward by a half-dozen more policemen.

WHILE students inside Richmond Grossley Hall piled chairs in front of the doors and occasionally sang, the authorities' decisions were being made outside and at state police headquarters at a short distance away on U.S. 13. Mishoe and the board met at the police barracks.

The Guardsmen arrived at 4:20 and took positions at the two entrances to the college. Their purpose was "more to keep troublemakers out than for those in here," Buckson said.

Gov. Charles L. Terry Jr., in Wilmington yesterday afternoon, ordered "as many state policemen as are available and 100 Guardsmen to stop any interference." He said he did so in response to Mishoe's request for help.

Terry said, "My recommendation to the president and the board of trustees is to immediately close the school down and keep it closed until they reach the determination that it is in the best interests of the state and the students" to reopen it.

THE governor said the state spends millions of dollars at Delaware State "and we're not going to stand by and see the students operate the college."

Terry returned to Dover, met with Mishoe and the board, then drove to a spot outside the college gates to keep in touch with the situation.

Word filtered out of the building all afternoon that students wanted to talk with Mishoe, and negotiations began about 5 p.m. Student leaders told Buckson and Stanley Hicks, an assistant dormitory director, they wanted to meet with Mishoe, the board, "and no one else" in an auditorium in Grossley Hall.

Buckson and Lamb left the campus to confer with administration officials. They returned at 5:25 with the administrators, plus about 125 policemen, six police dogs, and the Guardsmen.

With them the police had bolt cutters, sledgehammers, submachine guns, and riot guns. National Guardsmen were armed with bayonets, ammunition, and tear gas canisters.

for an immediate decision. "We want a definite answer on whether I will be reinstated or not," he said.

"Mr. Tate is not being reinstated until a hearing before the full board," replied Hagemeyer. "That's as definite as I can get."

The board quickly exited through a side door with police protection, and state policemen kept two entrances open. The rest were closed by the students inside.

Dr. Albert Miller, chairman of the department of psychology, acted as intermediary in the negotiations later.

After Miller outlined the proposals, Tate announced "This is certainly a positive step."

TATE then huddled with Hagemeyer, Mishoe and Miller. The student leader said afterward he had asked the administration to at least make an effort to see if the school can be reopened." He said Hagemeyer made no promises and students would get word of the outcome at 3 today.

Police searched the administration building after the students left and found little damage. Sandwiches, blankets, sheets, and chairs sprinkled liberally around the building.

Mishoe's office appeared undisturbed. Yesterday's activity capped several days of protest since the dedication incident Friday when the students shouted Terry off a stage.

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Campus Closed After Guard Intervention

By ANTHONY DUKE

Delaware State College is closed for the rest of this semester. The students have packed up and gone home, and only the staff and administration went to the college this morning.

At both entrances to the campus, National Guardsmen remain on duty, checking persons entering the grounds for proper identification.

Students' grades will be mailed to them, as will diplomas of those who are scheduled to graduate. It has not been decided whether the school will open for the summer school session, due to begin June 16.

A recap of events that led to the closing of the college:

— Thursday, about 3 p.m., a group of students protesting the suspension of Student Body President Leroy Tate, barricaded entrances to the college with cars. Tate had been suspended for leading a demonstration that halted dedication ceremonies of the Student Center on May 10.

— About 3:30 p.m., National Guardsmen arrived at the campus to block the entrances, on orders from Gov. Charles L. Terry. A group of students had taken over the administration building, barricaded and chained the doors, and occupied school officials' offices. Meanwhile, the college's Board of Trustees voted to close the college.

— Shortly after 4, guardsmen and state police arrived in force, and guardsmen occupied all campus buildings except the student center, dining hall and dormitories.

— College President Dr. Luna I. Mishoe appealed to the students through a window in the administration building to meet with the Board of Trustees in the Student Center.

— The students then left the administration building, about

6 p.m., and marched to the student center, where they held a rally, prior to meeting with the trustees.

— The trustees listened to student grievances, presented by Martin Miller, vice-president of the student government. Included in student demands were the immediate re-instatement of Tate and the resignation of Mishoe. Miller also read a demand that police and guard troops leave the campus.

— Edward Hagemeyer, speaking for the trustees, told the students that no immediate action could be taken on their demands. The students then decided to take over the student center auditorium.

— Students left the student center — which was to have been named in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the May 10 ceremony — about 9 p.m. Thursday.

— By Friday morning, most students were gone, and at the 3 p.m. deadline, the campus was empty except for staff members and National Guardsmen.

A formal announcement of the board's decision to close the college was made during the student-trustee meeting, and students were given until 3 p.m. Friday to leave the campus.

A theft was reported in one of the campus buildings, Canwell Hall, by state police. The incident occurred Thursday night. A file cabinet was broken into and a small amount of cash was taken, and money and merchandise was stolen from seven vending machines. Damage was estimated at about \$1,000.

At the University of Delaware, students demonstrated last week in support of Delaware State College students. The demonstrations, centering around a sit-in in the student center at the University, had ended by Friday morning. Some 100 students were involved.

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Official cites students' protest right

From the Dover Bureau

DOVER — An administration official yesterday told Delaware State College students they had a right to participate in such things as yesterday's welfare demonstration.

However, Dean Nathaniel P. Tillman, in charge while Dr. Luna Mishoe, president, is in Europe, said that such participation was solely the responsibility of the students themselves.

"The administration recognizes your right to express yourselves peacefully," Tillman said, in issues at every level — college, state and local.

"At the same time," Tillman said, the administration "wishes to remind you that you are individually responsible for your actions."

About 400 students — half the enrollment — attended the administration-called meeting at the Student Center.

Tillman made this reference to the demonstration at the hour-long meeting that was primarily devoted to women's dormitory hours.

Tillman also said that a shortage of personnel was preventing implementation of agreements with the students to extend women's dormitory hours. He appealed to the students to stop walkouts until more house mothers and other staff could be recruited.

Students walked out of the dorms Monday night protesting the 10 p.m. closing.

"I don't intend to take any drastic, extraordinary action out of fear," Tillman told the students, "because I have no fear."

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Morning News

Student Chants Chase Terry From Rostrum

From the Dover Bureau

About 75 students, chanting "student power" to a drum beat, forced postponement yesterday of the official dedication of a Delaware State College student center.

Gov. Charles L. Terry Jr. left the ceremonies in his limousine after the students refused to allow him to speak at the height of the demonstration.

Later the students, led by the student government president, Leroy Tate, held their own dedication of the student center, which they named for the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as originally planned, and a new dormitory, which they named for Medgar Evers.

Evers, a civil rights leader,

was killed by a sniper in Mississippi in 1968.

THE focus of the protest was the failure of the school's board of trustees to accede to student demands that the dormitory be named after Evers. The building also was scheduled to be dedicated yesterday.

Following the incident, College President Dr. Luna I. Mistroe said, "We don't plan to concede. At least I don't."

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Mistroe said today that "this situation will be considered by the faculty of Delaware State College and others in authority." He indicated there might be some disciplinary action taken against some of the students involved in the demonstration.

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Dover Evening Journal

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"I'd appreciate it very much if you would not interrupt," he said.

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Terry returned to the stand. As he pointed his index finger at the group, Terry said, "I have no more interest in speaking to you few than you have in listening to me." He then sat down amid a new outburst.

Next to take the podium was Tate, who complained that the college administration had ignored its request to name the dormitory in memory of Evers.

"WE were just put off," Tate said.

"We feel as a student body, we have the right to name a dormitory in which we will live."

Tate demanded that Mishoe and the trustees meet with student leaders about naming the dormitory.

"I have not come to debate this question," Mishoe answered as he returned to the stand. He explained that the student request was made after the April trustees meeting.

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"Will you take your seats?" he asked.

"No," one of the demonstrators shouted as another student beat a drum roll.

"We're not going to take our seats, and we're not going to let this dedication go on," Tate added.

"We're going to have to have you removed if you don't let us go on," Mishoe warned from the podium.

Again, he was drowned out by drum rolls and chants.

MEANWHILE, several state police cars from nearby Troop 3 rolled through the college's entrance on U.S. 13. Ten troopers got out of their cars and clustered near the main drive through campus.

All order was lost. The governor left the campus in his limousine. Students sat around in a group near the platform, beating drums and chanting while the trustees hastily conferred.

Mishoe took the stand for the fourth time.

"We are going to postpone this dedication ceremony in the public interest and to avoid bloodshed," he told the gathering.

As the audience left, Tate mounted the speaker's platform.

"Let's dedicate it ourselves," he said amid student cheers.

"On behalf of the student body, faculty and staff, I hereby dedicate this the Martin Luther King student center."

HE jumped off the platform and led a singing group of students to the new dormitory. There, he stood on the steps and said, "I hereby dedicate this the Medgar Evers residence hall."

The group filed through the building's door to the recreation room, where they staged a dance to the beat of a blaring jukebox.

In the meantime, Mishoe and

the trustees had walked over to the administration building where they held an executive session.

Hardcastle said, "Education is a privilege. This sort of thing cannot be tolerated. We did the wise thing (in calling the ceremony off)."

JOHN N. McDowell, president of the board of trustees, today issued this statement:

"I am immensely distressed and disappointed. I have been proud of Delaware State College students and the manner in which they have conducted themselves when consideration is given to the broad unrest here and elsewhere among students and others of all ages.

"But yesterday a group of Delaware State College students showed disrespect for their own college, for the highest office in this state, and for the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. They also displayed a lack of sincerity, for it was the students themselves who requested that the student center be dedicated in the memory of Dr. King. — request granted quickly and with full accord by the college trustees.

"EQUALLY saddening is the fact that this disruptive demonstration served no useful purpose. Absolutely nothing constructive was gained. The extent of the harm to the college and its future is yet to be ascertained. It is my hope that it will be minimal.

"It remains important for everyone to remember that only a very small portion of the student body participated in the disruptive proceedings.

"If those who did participate will now think of the possible effects of their actions upon their college, their fellow students and those hoping for the opportunity to enroll at Delaware State College in the future to obtain higher education, perhaps it will seem less important for them to do their thing to the detriment of others as well as themselves."

State College suspends Tate

By JOE DISTELHEIM
Capital Correspondent

DOVER — Delaware State College yesterday suspended Leroy Tate, student organization president, for his part in leading a demonstration at the college Friday.

College President Luna I. Mishoe said the suspension is "indefinite," and said that means Tate may be reinstated at any time by the school's board of trustees, which next meets tomorrow.

Tate and about 75 other students beat drums and chanted "Student Power" to break up the scheduled dedication Friday of the student center and a new dormitory. The students refused to let Gov. Charles L. Terry Jr. deliver a speech at the ceremonies.

THE students were protesting because the college did not accept immediately their plan to name the dormitory in honor of Medgar Evers, a civil rights leader killed in Mississippi in 1963.

Mishoe said "the next step is to identify the others" who participated in the demonstration. He declined to say what action might be taken against other students.

Tate's suspension was decided Friday at a meeting of the college faculty held shortly after the disrupted ceremony. Mishoe said the faculty recommendation was presented to the Committee on Student Problems of the Board of Trustees yesterday morning.

That committee, chaired by James C. Hardcastle, approved the recommendation. Mishoe notified Tate of his suspension by personally handing him a letter early yesterday afternoon.

TATE could not be reached for comment after Mishoe made the action public.

The college president said Tate's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tate of 204 E. 29th St., Wilmington, were being notified of the suspension by letter and by telegram. The letter to Tate said that on Friday he "led a group of students in the complete disruption of an official activity of the college."

MISHOE said in the letter, "I have, therefore, approved the recommendation of the faculty that you be suspended from Delaware State College indefinitely."

The letter said Tate could appeal in writing to Mishoe, but that meanwhile the student leader is "required to leave the campus immediately."

Mishoe explained the latter requirement by saying, "We hope he doesn't stay around too long, but we're not going to put him out tonight."

The college president said he asked Tate to "solve the matter with the board rather than by



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further demonstrations," and that "it is my personal feeling that he will follow the channels presented to him and appeal to the board."

Tate, a senior, took part earlier this year in student demonstrations about grievances at the college, asking for later closing hours for women's dorms and better rodent control. The university granted the students' requests for a one-day boycott of classes.

Tate also participated in the

demonstration at Legislative Hall for passage of a supplemental welfare appropriation which officials said was necessary to prevent cuts in welfare payments.

THE student center was to have been dedicated Friday in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A student suggested this at a memorial service for Dr. King after the civil rights leader was slain last month, and it was approved by the board of trustees.

The suggestion to name the dormitory for Evers was made too late for the board to consider last month. Mishoe said, but was to have been discussed tomorrow.

Mishoe said the question of rescheduling the ceremony will probably be before the board tomorrow, with June 1—Alumni day at Delaware State — a likely date.

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By Jim HANCOCK
Dover Bureau

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