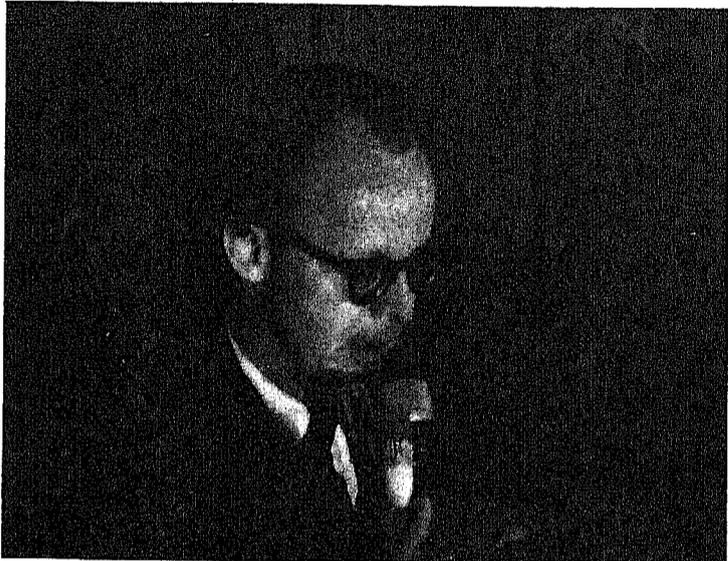


Trustees Agree To Scholarship Plan; Demonstrators End Williams Occupation

by John Osler



CHAPLAIN ALAN TULL reads statement of accord reached between representatives of the Trustees and the student negotiators for the sit-in. photo by Rose

Pledging to provide adequate financial aid for "as many qualified Negro students as are available" with a minimum guarantee of 15 full scholarships each year, representatives of the Board of Trustees reached an agreement with student negotiators shortly after midnight Tuesday that brought an end to the 31-hour student seizure of the Williams Memorial Administration Building.

The representatives of the Executive Council of the Trustees, Dean of the College Harold L. Dorwart, Chaplain Alan C. Tull, and College Counselor George Higgins met with the student negotiating committee for the sit-in during two two-and-one-half-hour sessions Tuesday afternoon and evening.

The College's guarantee of a minimum 15 scholarships represents a yearly expenditure of approximately \$200,000. The College is presently devoting over \$75,000 a year to scholarships for disadvantaged students. The Trustees also made a direct financial commitment to match the Senate's pledge of \$15,000 to the project.

Members of the student negotiating committee reported to their constituents in the administration building that the Trustees preferred an "open ended" commitment to provide scholarships for however many Negroes gained admittance over the Senate-requested financial commitment of \$60,000 from the general fee. The negotiators reported that the Trustees planned to raise the money by appealing for donations. If the income from donations in a given year were to fall short of the amount needed for the number of disadvantaged students admitted, the Trustees would make up the difference from the College budget, the students reported.

The final settlement was an amended version of a proposal submitted to the students by the Trustee representatives at a meeting in Chaplain Tull's office at 2:30 p.m. That meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m. until 9:30 the same evening. During the interim the Trustee's proposal was discussed by the students in Williams Memorial and amended to include the guaranteed 15 full scholarships per year.

Michael A. Williams '68, one of the student negotiators, explained that the guarantee to provide at least 15 scholarships in no way compromises the integrity of College admissions policy. The 15 scholarships are conditional upon the acceptance of that number of qualified students by the admissions office, according to Williams.

In the statement announcing the student-Trustee accord, which was read to the press by Tull shortly after midnight, it was revealed that the College had begun "significant steps to meet the problems of race and poverty... before the receipt of the Senate requests." The report continued to say that "the negotiations taken to complete these processes, unfortunately, at this time, may not be carried out publicly."

When asked if he was satisfied with the agreement, student nego-

tiator Steven Keeney '71 replied: "Yes, the College has met our demands." Keeney went on to say that he believed the requests of the original Senate proposal to be reflected in the 15 scholarship guarantee. Keeney suggested that the "open end" clause of the Trustee offer, pledging to aid however many disadvantaged students may be admitted, offered an opportunity to carry the program beyond the original Senate goals.

Both Dorwart and Tull denied that the College had "lost face" in its confrontation with the students. Tull said that to talk in terms of "concession" was to carry the struggle beyond what "happily has ended." He added that neither students nor administrators had any way of knowing what kind of consideration the Trustees would have given the proposal were it not for the sit-in.

President to Charge Six With 'False Imprisonment'

by Alexander J. Belida

Following the conclusion of student-faculty negotiations regarding the funding of Negro scholarships at the College, it was revealed that punitive action would be initiated against six of the alleged organizers of the student seizure of Williams Memorial. The six students singled out by the administration, James Kaplan '68, Robert A. Washington '69, William M. Unger '69, Terry L. Jones '68, Steven H. Keeney '71, and Michael A. Williams '68, will be charged with "false imprisonment."

According to Dean of Students Roy Heath, the decision to charge the six was made plain to the student negotiating team prior to the final resolution of the scholarship matter. Heath stated that "for obvious reasons" these six students had been singled out, and that he conveyed the personal guarantee of President Jacobs that no charges would be lodged against the rank and file of the sit-in.

The specific charge, "false imprisonment of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees and two administrators for a four hour period Monday evening," was scheduled to be filed Wednesday morning by President Jacobs.

As is the standard procedure for all disciplinary matters handled within the College community, an eight-man indictment board consisting of the Medusa and Dean Heath will initiate hearings once charges have been filed. Heath, after the announcement of the decision to prosecute the six students, stated he was "fairly sure that the indictment panel would send the case to the 3-3 Student-Faculty Disciplinary Committee." Heath indicated the action taken by that body might range "from complete exoneration to expulsion."

The disclosure that punitive action would be taken against six of the sit-in's alleged organizers was met with concern by the approximately 180 student participants still remaining in Williams Memorial late Monday night. Jon

N. Lonberg '69, addressing the group gathered in the second floor lobby of the administration building, stated, "the need is clear, we'll all share in the blame." One of the six alleged organizers, Steven H. Keeney '71, reminded the students that the decision was theirs, as had been the decision to participate in the seizure and occupation of the building.

E. David Chanin '68, a Medusa member suggested that a petition be circulated indicating that the six did not stand alone in the actions of the last day and a half, and that those signing such a document desired to share the burden of any punishments levied by the judicial bodies of the College. A petition was circulated, and following the abandonment of Williams Memorial, it was learned that approximately 155 of the student demonstrators had signed.

It is not yet known what the College intends to do with the petition nor what action will be taken against students who indicated their participation in the "false imprisonment" by signing.



T.A.N. PRESIDENT Terry Jones announces the decision of his organization to accept the Trustee's Negro scholarship program.

The Trinity Tripod

EDITORIAL

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A Time for Thought

Fortunately, the events of Monday and Tuesday came to a satisfactory conclusion. The Executive Committee of the Trustees offered a proposal which binds the College irrevocably to the cause of civil rights and equal opportunities for the oppressed of this nation.

The sit-in has come to an end, but the College has not passed through the crisis. Before us lies the arduous path of reconciliation. We must emerge from the last two days as a united community - one dedicated to a spirit of progress that would make sit-ins and strikes unnecessary.

It is inevitable that when an issue is of great importance, emotions swell and attitudes tend to polarize. People are either strongly for or strongly against what is happening, and no one has the time or inclination to sympathize with opinions that conflict with his own.

Crisis did not bring out the best in Trinity gentlemen, nor did it enhance the stature of those who educate them. The pace of events caused confusion and has left a residue of bitterness which threatens to poison the atmosphere of the campus.

Though it may take some time until everyone can look each other in the eyes again, it is the duty of every member of the College to work for a reconciliation. It would be tragic for the Trustees, Administration, and Faculty to assume a "get tough" attitude in a vainglorious assertion of authority. Students are dedicated to further progress; and we hope that the Administration will prevent a breakdown in sympathetic communications.

The TRIPOD urges the student body to give careful thought to their policies, and to discard the use of "crisis-diplomacy" as a viable political method.

Finally, we request that the 3-3 committee, in a spirit of good will, take no punitive measures against the six students involved in the sit-in. Unnecessary reprisals would hardly herald a promising future for the College.

