

May Spark Controversy

ECU Medical School Measure Is Expected

RALEIGH (AP) — Legislation providing funds for development of curriculum for a two-year medical school at East Carolina University is being readied for introduction in the General Assembly today.

Reps. David Reid, D-Pitt, and Horton Rountree, D-Pitt, are expected to sponsor the bill, which is likely to touch off a major legislative controversy.

However, chances for the bill's approval improved when Reid reported that the measure has the backing of Gov. Robert W. Scott.

THE GOVERNOR, he said, "is supporting this measure. However, it is not part of his program. The governor feels this is the most reasonable approach at this stage of the General Assembly."

The Reid-Horton measure would appropriate \$375,000 for "planning and developing a two-year curriculum in the basic medical sciences" at ECU.

When asked if the proposed measure would authorize a two-year medical school at ECU, Reid said, "We feel it has been authorized since 1965. This

is just a fund to implement that authorization."

DR. LEO JENKINS, the president of ECU, also said the 1965 act authorizes a two-year medical school at his institution.

"This is still the intent of the General Assembly as we see it," Jenkins stated.

"The problem of medical care is very severe in Eastern North Carolina," Jenkins said, "and we feel we have an obligation as a state-supported institution

to help meet this need."

Jenkins, who said ECU wants a four-year medical school ultimately, told newsmen that Eastern North Carolina "is not going to get the type of sophisticated industry we need" until it gets "good medicine, good education and good recreation."

"We're interested in getting more rural doctors," he added. "We're interested in getting the most sophisticated medicine possible delivered to the rural crossroads."



Mayor Jack Elam
Calls Curfew

Commencement Still June 1

A&T President Closes University After Strife

Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, president of A&T State University, announced at 4 p.m. Thursday the immediate closing of the university and an indefinite suspension of all classes.

Within a short time after the announcement, students began leaving the campus. All of them are expected to be gone by 6 p.m. today when dormitories

and dining halls will be locked.

A university spokesman said many students had left the strife-torn campus prior to the president's announcement, apparently intent on going home for a long weekend to escape further turmoil.

DOWDY SAID he took the action "in the interest of the safety of our students and members of the university community."

He urged all students to make immediate preparations to leave the campus, and to abide by the curfew announced Thursday by Mayor Jack Elam.

With exception of the baccalaureate-commencement convocation scheduled for June 1, all activities on the campus were suspended.

Graduating seniors, who completed their final examinations Wednesday, will be given particulars about graduation exercises at a later time, said Dowdy.

TODAY WAS to have been the final day of classes for undergraduates. Monday was scheduled as a "reading day," with final examinations to begin Tuesday and continue through Saturday.

Undergraduates will be informed later about when they can take final exams.

Earlier in the day, Dowdy expressed regret at the violence which claimed the life of a 20-year-old sophomore, Willie Grimes of 1304 Bluford St. Grimes' home was in Winterville in Pitt County.

DOWDY SAID, "A thorough investigation is now being conducted by the university, aimed

at discovering the causes which sparked developments.

"The university family joins in grief with the Grimes family, and proper condolences have been forwarded to the family. The campus community has been requested to act with restraint so that our community may be returned to normal as early as possible."

Another official of the university denied emphatically that administrators had been ordered by police not to move around the campus during Wednesday night's exchange of gunfire without permission.

"NO ONE told us we had to get permission, but we did it

anyway," he said. "We were concerned about our own safety in the situation. We wanted to make sure officers were aware of where we were going to be."

He said university officials did not make any move to evacuate students from the three dormitories around which gunfire erupted.

"What would we have done with them? To evacuate would have been to bring them out in the open. We thought the safest place was right there in the dormitories," he said.

He reported as of late Thursday, officials had not undertaken a search of dormitories for weapons, but that this would undoubtedly be done.

Scott Asks Jobs For School Kids

RALEIGH (UPI)—Gov. Robert Scott Thursday called on the state's business leaders to provide jobs this summer to high school and college students.

The Senate passed and sent to the House Thursday a resolution urging summer employment for the school youths.



Staff Photo By Larry Tucker

Heart Of Emergency Operations For Disorder

Greensboro law enforcement personnel and National Guard troops involved in the present disorders receive their instructions from this Emergency Operations Center. It is here that information is received and instructions are for-

mulated to be passed on to personnel in the field. The man wearing glasses at the far end of the table is Douglas Albright, Guilford Superior Court solicitor.

Schools Are 'Almost Normal'; Board Plans Meeting Today

Greensboro schools operated Thursday almost without incident and with relatively few student absences in the racially tense city, with a school official stating all city schools will be open today.

The single incident that was reported during the day, and it was apparently unrelated to other disturbances reported to police, occurred at Page High School during the morning.

Upwards of 80 of the 243 black students at Page walked out of classes to protest the failure of the student body to elect a Negro girl as a cheerleader. The students returned to their classes after being warned.

School authorities said that one boy received a bloody nose in a short scuffle. They emphatically denied reports of a stabbing.

Sheriff's deputies told the students they were forbidden to demonstrate under a court order issued Wednesday. Principal Robert Newton conferred with the students and told them they should return to class or leave the campus.

Greensboro police and national guardsmen took up stations in the vicinity of the school, but took no direct action in connection with the brief demonstration.

The court order was issued

Wednesday in Guilford Superior Court as a result of earlier disturbances at Dudley High School. The order specifically forbids 40 persons and all others who become aware of the order from interfering with the operation of the schools.

AT DUDLEY, Principal Franklin J. Brown said the school opened Thursday morning, after two days of confrontations between police and students, without incident and with few absences. A school administration spokesman said attendance at Dudley was "almost normal."

At Page, Newton told the demonstrating students they would be allowed to hold a meeting at the school to discuss the situation. A time for the meeting had not been set when the school day ended.

The school administration spokesman said Dudley and Page and all other schools in the system "will open on schedule Friday" and "will remain open." He noted that the school board would meet in special session at 8:30 a.m. today to discuss the situation.

TODAY'S BOARD meeting is expected to include a discussion of the disturbances at Dudley, which apparently grew out of a student-faculty committee's disqualification of Claude Barnes Jr. as a candidate for president of the student body.

The latest turn in the events at Dudley came Thursday when Owen Lewis, public relations director for the city schools, said Barnes had been disqualified because he was not academically qualified to be a candidate.

Lewis said a student's grades never were disclosed publicly, but he confirmed that he had told a reporter, in reply to "a direct question," that Barnes was not academically qualified to seek the office.

MRS. CLAUDE BARNES, mother of the 17-year-old Dudley senior, Thursday said her son had received two failing grades on report cards during the current school year. One, she said, was in honors English and the other in algebra.

Dr. W. J. House, superintendent of the city schools, said he had no information other than the statement by Lewis, and that he could make no comment except to contact Brown because the matter of academic requirements for student body offices are set entirely within the individual schools.

The school principal has been accused by demonstrators of failing to meet with students to settle the dispute. Brown has denied accusations that he said Barnes was disqualified because he was a member of a subversive group.

Agitators Provoke Disorder—SBI Chief

RALEIGH (UPI) — Top North Carolina officials said Thursday agitators are at work deliberately provoking disruption and discord in some of the state's high schools.

The warning came as violence which began at a Greensboro high school resulted in the fatal shooting of a young Negro, the

second Negro youth to die in such violence within a week.

Commenting on the Greensboro violence while attending a meeting in Atlanta, Gov. Robert Scott said he views the opening of school this fall with "apprehension." He said he has been informed students in some high schools are "organizing" and planning upheavals for the next school year.

The governor's office in Raleigh said Scott had a report on such activities from Charles Dunn, director of the State Bureau of Investigation.

DUNN SAID his men have picked up "indications from statements and publications that the high school area is one where concentrated effort will be made at disruption and discord in the coming months."

Dunn said local police, school officials and SBI investigators have "noted activities by individuals, a few individuals, in groups working in some high school campus areas already."

Dunn said the issue was not confined to race, although race is one area of exploitation, he said.

"Sometimes it's just a case of finding an issue to create interest in," said Dunn.

"Recently, cheerleaders seem to be the issue."

ELECTION of cheerleaders at integrated schools have caused recent troubles at Burlington, where one youth was shot to death, and at Winston-Salem, Concord and Gastonia.

Dunn said in some places non-students have moved into the schools to "professionally promote issues that eventually

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It's Chow Time For Guardsmen

Feeding the National Guard troops on duty through the line. Spec. 4 Tysinger of Denton serves the spaghetti to Sgts. Jones and Johnson (L-R), both from Mocksville.

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Randolph Soldier Is Killed

'Doing What He Had To Do'

BY CHARLES HEATHERLY
Daily News Randolph Bureau

ASHEBORO — Sgt. James Thomas Coble, 21, told his parents he was in Vietnam "doing what he had to do."

That's about all he said about the war which last week claimed his life. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Coble of Lambert Drive in Asheboro.

Sgt. Coble, drafted in January of 1968, had been in Vietnam about five months at the time of his death on May 15. He was killed by a booby trap while on patrol duty.

He was a squad leader with

Company C, 1st Bn, 8th Cav., 1st Cavalry Division (Air Mobile).

A graduate of Asheboro High School in 1966, Coble worked for a year at Automatic Electric Company in North Lake, Ill., before he was drafted. After finishing his military career he had planned to enter college.

"He never complained about the war," his father said Wednesday. "About all he ever said was that it was something he felt he had to do."

The family was notified of the death at 6:30 p.m. Sunday by two uniformed officers.

"They didn't have to tell me

what they were here for," the elder Coble said. "I knew without asking but all the time I was hoping it would be different from what I expected."

Sgt. Coble will be buried in Randolph Memorial Park with full military rites. Funeral plans are incomplete pending arrival of the body.

Survivors are his parents; a sister, Mrs. Carol Davis of Asheboro; a brother, Edward Eugene Coble of the home; a stepmother, Mrs. Brenda Ann Smith of Norfolk, Va.

He is the ninth Randolph boy to die in Vietnam.



Sgt. James Coble

Police Stay Silent On Student's Death

BY ROBERT STEPHENS
Daily News Staff Writer

Greensboro police remained tight-lipped Thursday night about the killing of a 20-year-old A&T student in an area where police and National Guardsmen had fired at what they believed to be snipers about midnight Wednesday.

The silence, police said, was imposed by Mayor Jack Elam, who at a Thursday morning news conference said incomplete information would only aggravate the situation.

Police freely let it be known, however, that Guilford County medical examiner Allan B. Coggeshall said the bullet that killed Willie Ernest Grimes was smaller than those used by the police. Coggeshall's autopsy report said the wound, in the back of Grimes' head, was made by "a .32-caliber or smaller" bullet. The police are issued nothing smaller than .38-caliber, according to Col. Walter Burch of the police department. The National Guard is issued .30-caliber and .45-caliber weapons and ammunition.

A .38-CALIBER bullet is six hundredths of an inch larger in diameter than the .32, the maximum size Dr. Coggeshall indicated could have inflicted the fatal wound.

It appeared possible, although Burch said it was against police department rules, that some policemen carried their personal weapons during the Wednesday night firing. Several students on the A&T campus said flatly that Grimes was shot and killed by the police. None, however, would give specific reasons for that belief.

The police would not give details even on where the shooting occurred. It was learned, however, that Grimes was shot with a single bullet, and his body was found somewhere along Laurel Street, between E. Market and Bluford, some time after midnight.



Willie Ernest Grimes
Killed By Bullet

AT THE Thursday morning news conference, Mayor Elam said repeatedly, "I have nothing to add until we complete our investigation," after city manager John Turner had acknowledged Grimes was the person fatally injured.

According to persons who knew him, Grimes was neither an activist nor a black militant. Mrs. Loreno Marrow, who taught Grimes last year, said, "He was a very fine young man. He would never have been involved in anything like that (violence at A&T), he was here for an education. I think he was trying to get home when he was shot."

Willy Perry, who shared a room with Grimes at the Simmie Johnson home at 1304 Bluford St., said Grimes was "a normal, pretty studious guy . . . he was neither a militant nor an activist."

MISS DOROTHY PARKER, owner of the Variety Discount (See Police Stay: D-4, Col. 1)

Editor Says That He Was Wrongly Quoted

John Marshall Stevenson, editor and publisher of the Carolina Peacemaker, sent the following telegram to the Daily News Thursday:

"I categorically deny the statement attributed to me in this morning's Daily News under byline of Robert Stephens. Stephens tried phoning me

Wednesday but was unsuccessful. No interview was given to him. The statement which quotes me as saying that the black community is a separate community is all out of context. At the time of my informal conversation with Mr. Stephens no physical violence had taken place at Dudley.

"My remark was to the effect that in small matters such as a school election in the black community black citizens must not be stripped of the authority and responsibility for dealing with such matters as seems to have been the case with Dudley Principal F. J. Brown.

"In no way do I advocate or believe in separatism either physical or cultural. My entire career in public affairs has been devoted to breaking down barriers which cause conflicts and misunderstandings among Americans of any color. The Carolina Peacemaker, its publisher and staff stand foursquare behind its motto, 'Americans must learn to live together as brothers lest we all die together as fools.'"

(The quotes attributed to Stevenson were as taken by reporter Stephens. They did not represent the whole of what Stevenson said. However, the Daily News did not intend to misrepresent in any way the point Mr. Stevenson was trying to make, and is happy to present the above as his clarification.)