

[Unidentified Speaker] - At that time the student committee met and decided that we should, if there was going to be a complication, that not just Dr. Knight should speak. And so we pressed to request that both the Afros speak and that speakers from the concerned people who had met at Page also be given permission to speak. And we went on, planning a program where we would speak with Dr. Knight, and we made our plans in that regard. Sometime last night we were informed by Dr. Knight that he couldn't make it. It was unsafe to have a meeting on this campus. So we couldn't meet with him. However we asked if it was alright for us to have a meeting and he said, "Oh, that's O.K.", so I guess it's only unsafe for him to come out and talk. (audience applause) I guess he's afraid there might be some gas left. This morning we extended an invitation to Dr. Knight to come and speak here. He has repeatedly refused our invitations. We have people where he is at now to ask him again to come here. We've assembled peacefully, it's pretty safe in here, I think, - I don't see things flying around. And we have asked him again to- (audience laughter) (applause) I think Dr. Knight is more afraid of words than paper airplanes. (applause) [New Speaker] - Like, all this applause, it's nice you know, when the black students came in you applauded. Well that was all good but, like it would be better if you took some inspiration from the black students, and like fight for young humanity, and assert young humanity like we're trying to do here. That's what we entertain to do. So all the students got to assert your humanity. Now the main thing here is our demands. These things are vital to the survival of blackness on this campus. We intend for blackness to survive on this campus. Now the press, which was under the wrong impression, is under wrong impression that we just presented these demands the other night when we visited Dr. Knight at his house. Well, the fact of the matter is, that we have been negotiating about these specific demands ever since September. These specific demands we have been negotiating for the past two and a half years on general things that affect black students on this campus. We have been working in the interest of black students ever since the Afro-American Society has been formed. [New Speaker] - All these, the things that people go through (inaudible) running a plantation around here. They got slaves out here, that's all they got, and they don't want to band together. (applause) So like, this is just as important to us as these other demands, because a lot of these people working here, they're like in the low income bracket too, you know, and they fighting the same thing we fighting. All those fighting the system, this racist American system, and like, we are all under it. All of us got to fight it, their fight is our fight. We fight with the non academic employees. All this is our fight, it's everyone's fight. You've got to realize that. I'm not just up here talking for me. [New Speaker] - It's just, the thing is, they trying to find people they can control. They can't control black people, so they don't want to bring black people on campus. (applause) But we gonna force them to bring black people on campus. That's part of the change we fighting for. They gonna bring black people on this campus. Black professors, black administrators, and all the students they bring here, I don't care how they come here, they're gonna end up black! (cheers of approval) (applause) [New Speaker] Black people aren't willing to compromise, because all this belongs to us, we don't compromise. All this belongs to us, aint no such thing as watered down demands. We water this stuff down we aint got nothin'. All this belongs to us, we shouldn't even have to ask for this. When they first brought black students on this campus they were supposed to make this atmosphere here so black students could relate, they were supposed make this thing here, so black students could get an education.

All we get is indoctrination. (applause) [New Speaker] - So we want complete amnesty for all the black students on this campus, because we had a right to do what we did, because we were fighting for our humanity, we were asserting our humanity. You better get together and fight for yours! (applause) Don't come in here (inaudible) at me, cuz I'm telling you what's true, babe. I'm telling you what's true, whether you like it or not. You getting messed over baby, and you better realize it man. (applause) Cuz the longer you sit back and don't do nothin', you aint gonna get nothin'. Oh yeah, you trying to play it safe, see? No, don't nobody wanna die, I don't wanna be no martyr. I want to be here to enjoy what I'm fighting for. But aint nobody ever get it if you don't start bucking baby. No one will tell you how to defeat them. The administration isn't gonna ever tell you the right way to get what you want from them, cuz they don't want to give it to you. The administration isn't gonna ever tell you the right way to get what you want from them. You gonna have to find it yourself. You can bet when they start calling you irresponsible, and irrational, you're doing the right thing. (thunderous applause) So you get yourself together, and you get this thing right, what you want, and you realize you've got to do some kicking baby, to get what you want. Student power, black power, power to the people. Power to the students, fight for your right. You better get down and buck it! (applause) [New Speaker]- I know you aint gonna agree with everything but you better agree with that part saying you getting messed over too. If you agree with that, you can't help but agree with the rest of it. But you get yourselves together. (applause) [New Speaker] - Now what I think needs to be done here is first of all, one's got to try to identify what it is these people are asking. They're asking for the right to make decisions that are going to affect their lives. I think that's what students, white students, black students, have all been asking all across this country for several years now. (applause) [New Speaker] - In the past majorities of student bodies haven't realized this on the whole, and therefore things like the vigil last year weren't, you couldn't bring that off, you couldn't get that large of a group to withdraw, and therefore affectively build power. So what happens is you have to actively disrupt that decision making process. You have to walk into a central records office and grab some files and say that if you want to get power, now I'm sure you're sitting out there saying, "well is this legitimate, or is this illegitimate". That's an individual bag, I guess, but the thing is that's the only other viable alternative, I believe, if you really want to get power and make rapid changes which I think the black student's concerns certainly come into that category. (applause) [New Speaker] Quite frankly, I still believe the (inaudible) have to be just, but I don't think in all cases those (inaudible) can be achieved in this present process without the application of pressure. (applause) [New Speaker] - I (inaudible) in the university the sort of violence that we had on campus yesterday and that other universities have already had. I've spent about the last 3 days trying as hard as I could to prevent that very sort of thing from coming about. I hope the student body in this university will do everything that it can to turn away from violence in any of the events that follow in the university's future. I very strongly believe that we should try as hard as we can to avoid that. I also hope, on the other hand, that the people who are now in power in the university system will act with a little bit more patience, with a little bit more humanity before they set up a situation where that violence can occur again. (applause) [New Speaker] I ask you which is worse. A group of students going into an office because they felt they had no other channels for the input of their concerns, and taking it over for a day, doing very little damage in the office, and writing on the walls. The place was left with food laying around and that sort of thing, however cash, which was laying out on tables, was not touched. As far as they can now tell, none of the records in there were damaged in any way. I don't think the students went in there to uselessly wreak havoc on the records of the university or anything else, and the fact of the matter is, that's the situation.

That building was occupied for about 9 or 10 hours and that's what happened there. Now I ask you if that is worse than someone, somewhere, who is responsible for decisions allowing the situation to exist (inaudible) for about twenty minutes where there was a standoff between a mass of students and people inside of the university and policemen, which anyone with any level of intelligence and experience would know it's going to erupt sooner or later into a violent conflict. And someone was either too incompetent, or too intransigent to stop that. Now, when you think about the idea of amnesty, I think you ought to think about which one of those two is worse. (applause) [News Broadcast 1]

- For WDBS News at the entrance to the Duke Hospital this is Tom Fine reporting. At approximately 1:05 this morning, approximately twenty five Durham City police arrived at the main entrance of the Duke Hospital and immediately proceeded inside and a very short time later exited the building taking with them the group of people who were inhabiting one of the offices in the Duke Hospital in protest for an alleged incident this morning. There was no violence whatsoever. The group of people were arrested for trespass included both workers and non workers. People sympathizing with the worker's cause here. The van has just left for the Durham City jail, there'll be further reports later on. This has been Tom Fine for WDBS News. [News Broadcast 2] (interviewee) - That is not true, I did not strike anybody. I have never struck a female before, nor do I intend to do so in the future. (interviewer) - What was the situation between you and the hospital employee that caused such a ruckus at this current time?

- Well I have no idea what the ruckus is all about because I haven't heard anything and other when people have called me on the phone, such as you. [News Broadcast 3]

- A number of workers are still occupying the office of, the Nursing Office on the first floor of the Duke Hospital in protest of their grievances and also an incident this afternoon in which Miss Caroline (inaudible), a worker, was struck by a doctor. Members of Local 77 have also joined in. Most of the workers here are black. The union leaders said they should have called for student's support. A number of white and black Duke students have arrived. The university has locked the doors to the hospital on the campus side. All those students are still entering the building from the main entrance side, and the emergency room side. Right now a period of hushed anticipation among the people occupying the office as they await what must be the inevitable arrival of police to evict them forcibly. They've all already been warned that they will be charged with criminal trespass, and they have been told that they are interfering with patient care by occupying the nursing office. We will provide you with updates as soon as they happen. Bob Chapman for WDBS.