

# Black students, SIE deliver demands to administration

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Black Students Organization presented a list of demands to president Corbett Wednesday. That evening, the Students for the Improvement of Education, disclosed an additional set of demands which were scheduled for presentation to the administration Thursday.

A meeting between black students on campus and the administration was held yesterday to discuss the demands put forth by BSO. Because of ROUND UP deadline, the results of that meeting will not be published until Tuesday's issue.

When asked what provoked the presentation of the demands, Craig Webb, BSO chairman, said, "If for no other reason, the issue at the demonstration Tuesday. This is one of the main issues brought to bear here."

The demands presented by BSO are as follows:

1. Immediate apprehension and expulsion of the assailant of a group of blacks on the 29th of April, 1969, during the demonstration protesting ROTC.

2. A public apology from the administration.

3. Police: A. Hiring of at least one black police officer. B. Take guns away from campus police. C. Sensitivity training program for officers.

4. A black studies program with black teachers and have it fully accredited.

5. Sensitivity training for all head residents, R.A.'s, and housing staff members, with compulsory black/white encounters.

6. Funds for the Black Students Organization on campus.

7. Money from the University for black art festivals.

8. Black administrators and more black staff (counselors, heads of residents, food service, student personnel, and athletic staff) to be hired.

9. Representatives of the Black Students Organization to be on interviewing board for any black curriculum.

10. Rooms in Corbett Center for black heroes (to be named after).

11. Any person on the NMSU staff who acts in an offensive manner toward any black student to be brought before a reviewing board. If found guilty we want that person fired. This board will have representation of black students.

12. Any black student participating in this Demonstration

who misses a test or class shall not be penalized.

We require that action be taken on the preceding demands by Thursday, May 1 at 1 p.m.

Concerning the organization,



CRAIG WEBB — Receiving a head injury from a flying cross, Webb was one of the SIE demonstrators at Tuesday's ROTC demonstration. (Photo by Robert Thompson)

Webb said that the organization has been on this campus for two years but was known last year as Civil Rights Action Committee. He also added that some people who were members of the previous organizations at NMSU are now members of BSO.

According to SIE spokesman Dave Apodoca, the demands of SIE are basically in four categories. The first, "individual freedoms", includes the abolishment of the philosophy of in loco parentis and of double jeopardy; codification of University regulations; no faculty member, student or employee can be fired as a result of his political activities or beliefs.

Under their second category of "academic freedoms", SIE demands the abolishment of the speaker policy, 50 per cent voting rights for students on all faculty senate committees, curriculum revision to include greater individual freedom in the planning of their curriculum toward any specific major of their own choosing.

Demanded in the "university freedoms" category were abolishment of mandatory ROTC, recognition of all student organizations will be approved by the ASNMSU senate only, more students on the stu-

dent disciplinary committee, students on all department committees which hire and fire faculty, protection of employees, and protection against improper exposure of academic and disciplinary records.

To these demands the following statement was added: "If an emergency meeting of the Board of Regents is not called before Friday, May 2, 1969 for May 10, 1969 with student representation from the BSO and SIE, to realize these demands, we have no alternative but to form a coalition with the BSO supporting any means to realize our demands."

When asked what sparked SIE's list of demands to the administration, Doug Des-Georges, SIE party spokesman, said, "Right now it's the demonstration incident that sparked it but there are, of course, certain underlying causes that have always been here against the somewhat autocratic University practices."

Speaking on behalf of the administration, Vice President Philip Ambrose said that the administration agreed to meet with the students. He also said, "We requested that all of the black students attend the meeting for the clarification of items listed so that we would

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