

# Committee Makes Decision To Suspend Demonstrators Who Participated 'Overtly'

*Student protests 5/12/67*

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The Faculty Committee on Administration announced yesterday that students who participated "overtly" in the demonstrations at ex-Governor Wallace's speech May 3 will be conditionally suspended from the College.

Dean Thaddeus Seymour, a member of the committee, said no action will be taken against any student unwilling to admit his responsibility in the demonstrations," he said, "beyond actually implementing the steps elaborated in our statement."

"I sincerely hope," continued Seymour, "that all who participated overtly, whether objecting overtly to what Wallace said or objecting overtly to those who objected to what he said, will recognize their responsibilities."

## 'All Points of View'

Seymour emphasized that the statement is "directed to all points of view." He said the committee's "intention is to create an opportunity for a diverse campus to unify" in its admission of responsibility in this issue.

The statement, issued jointly with the UGC-JC, specified that each student's conditional suspension will begin at the end of the Spring Term and end upon acceptance of that student's application for readmission. Acceptance of the application, said Seymour, will occur immediately.

## 'No Effect on Draft Status'

Both Seymour and Dean Albert I. Dickerson, chairman of the committee, said conditional suspension does not affect a student's draft status.

Seymour said notifications to a student's draft board concerning his enrollment here are based on whether or not he's registered for the fall term.

"The administration," said Dickerson, "makes no communications to any draft board regarding conditional suspension. We're clear," he continued, "that this will have no effect on a student's draft status."

Dickerson noted that conditional suspension is taken off a student's permanent record as soon as he is readmitted.

## 'Good Solution'

"I believe," said Dickerson, "that this is a good solution to a very complicated question. I believe the committees involved here have examined all the issues, with care. Every student," he continued, "should read the statement care-

The Judiciary Committee of the Undergraduate Council and the Faculty Committee on Administration, while recognizing the deep emotional and moral responses which an unpopular individual or idea can arouse, nevertheless jointly affirm and support the principles of free speech, public order and individual safety in the Dartmouth Community.

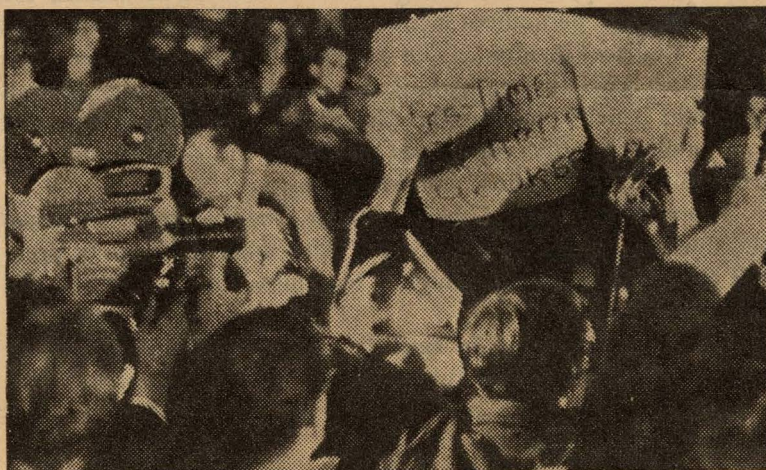
Applying these principles to the Wallace incident of May 3:

1. The Committees have agreed that students who participated overtly in that disturbance will be declared "not in good standing" and will be suspended conditionally at the end of the term. The student students so suspended will be readmitted and returned to good standing upon application. The College will interpret application for readmission as an affirmation of the standards of conduct appropriate to an academic community.

With confidence that individuals will acknowledge their overt participation in this incident, we call on them to identify themselves by letter to the UGC-JC.

2. The Committees recognize, however, that responsibility for the conditions which contributed to this disturbance is shared by the entire community. Accordingly, we invite all who feel a shared responsibility to direct letters to the Office of Student Government making known their views about the incident and expressing their willingness to help correct these conditions.

3. The events of May 3 have demonstrated that the College community as a whole—students, faculty, and administration—must become more concerned with the social problems of our times and the constructive means by which men of conscience can participate in their solution. To help promote this awareness, the Committees will ask the faculty and Student Government to develop programs which will direct community attention to such issues and recognize these programs as a part of the educational responsibility of this institution.



College students peer and heckle former Governor of Alabama George Wallace, as national television cameras record the scene.

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