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Chandler: "Williams will be a stronger place." (Burghardt)

## College calls moratorium on classes for discussion of racism

by Rich Henderson

President Chandler suspended all Tuesday morning classes in response to threats and harassments directed at black students following last week's cross burning at Perry House.

Chandler called the moratorium to allow students and faculty to attend a forum in Chapin Hall where racial issues were addressed and discussed.

The crowd of 1300 afterwards broke up into 30 discussion groups led by student and faculty volunteers.

The decision to suspend classes, which Chandler announced at a Chapel service Sunday afternoon, was a reversal of a previous decision against a moratorium.

Chandler's Friday decision to not suspend classes was based on the recommendation of the Faculty Steering Committee. It was met by a call for a boycott from the Black Student Union (BSU); the boycott was supported by some faculty members.

Events of the past few days, however, convinced Chandler that "enough people were distracted and distressed that the College's purposes as an educational institution have been undercut," he said, so that a moratorium was in "the best educational interests of the College."

### Threatening incidents

On Wednesday night, the BSU library in Mears House was broken into and ransacked. Tables were overturned and books strewn about.

On Friday and Saturday many black students received anonymous phone calls, some threatening. "I know what you're doing, I don't like it. I know who all the nigger leaders are. I know where you live," one caller said. One student received seven phone calls. In addition, black students were taunted from windows of College buildings, Dean Roosenraad said at the forum.

Students and the President received threatening notes. College Council leader Darrell McWhorter '81 had a note saying, "let's call a spade a spade" pinned to his door; Muhammed Kenyatta '81 received a letter signed "KKK" that stated: "You God Damned Stinkin', Filthy, black skinned Monkeys do NOT belong among a White Human Society. You shit colored Animal's will eventually be phased out. In plain English—Eliminated."

President Chandler received a similar letter in the same handwriting; both were post-marked in Cleveland on November 5.

By Saturday afternoon, black students were frightened and

upset, according to Ray Headen '82, a BSU coordinator. "Anything might have erupted," he said. "It was a tinderbox for awhile. The threats were an intimidation, trying to get people to not raise the issues. We need to get people talking."

A growing number of students said they were having trouble coping with the emotional demands being made upon them, which interfered with their academic work. Many asked to be put up in the infirmary.

Roosenraad was receiving "large numbers" of phone calls from parents concerned about their children's safety and well being.

### Chandler's decision

On Saturday, Roosenraad, the Committee on Black Students' Chairman Kurt Tauber and BSU members brought these events to the President's attention. By Sunday afternoon he had changed his mind.

"All of us had hoped that by this time, the tensions stemming from the cross burning would have subsided," Chandler said at

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Ray Headen '82: "We don't just want coexisting." (Burghardt)

## Ephs capture Little Three title

by Steven H. Epstein

In what's getting to be a very pleasurable habit indeed, the Eph football squad won their 8th outright Little Three Title in 10 years with a 10-3 victory Saturday in front of a large homecoming crowd at Amherst's Pratt Field.

The Ephs used a stiff wind to their advantage, controlling play for most of the game with a combination of tenacious defense and a running game which had been strangely AWOL the previous few weeks. The win, which was only insured in the final minute with a Bear Benedict interception to stop an Amherst last ditch drive, gave Coach Robert Odell a perfect record in Little 3 competition, with at least a share of the title every year since his emergence on the Williams college football scene.

The defense, which saw their string of 11 consecutive quarters without being scored upon go by the boards when the Jeffs booted a field goal, held on to allow the

defectors only 147 yards total offense for the day.

The keys to the defensive show were senior linebackers Brian "Bear" Benedict and Mark Deuschle, junior lineman Joe Ross, and senior defensive back Chris Suits—who is being touted as a pro prospect.

The offense got going early and shifted into gear. Jay Wheatley did his annual Amherst reincarnation, rushing for 99 yards on 19 carries and one key second period touchdown. Kevin Hinchey, Kirt Gardner, and Dave Greaney all came alive in the third period to finish their Williams careers on a successful note and give the Ephs one of their few sustained drives of the season.

On two of their first three shots at the ball, the purple got within field goal range, only to have both partially blocked to stall Eph drives.

Finally on their fourth possession, the gridders found the end zone. After an Amherst 18 yard punt into the wind gave the Ephs a 1-10 on the Jeffs 42, a pass play from John Lawler to Scott Kapnick for 14 yards, and a Wheatley run for another 11 gave Bob Odell's boys a 1-10 on the Amherst 17. But here the drive

apparently stalled. Three plays later, faced with a 4-3 from the Amherst 10, Odell elected to go for a first down. The ensuing play was deja vu. Jay Wheatley, for the third time in as many years, ran around left end to find the endzone and a 6-0 advantage. Rich Coomber's kick made it 7-0 Ephs with just over a minute elapsed in the second stanza.

With just under 4 minutes to go in the half, it appeared the game had developed into a stand-off. Amherst, now with the wind, showed no signs of an offense and

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Not all of the large crowd fit into Chapin for Tuesday's panel. (Burghardt)

## Black chair funds remain low

by Mike Trietler

As the Capital Fund for the 70's drive comes to a close this December, progress on the endowment of a professorship in Afro-American studies has been conspicuously slow. John Prichard '57, director of Development, says, however, that more attention will be paid to specific areas such as the Afro-American chair as the drive winds down.

After an initial contribution by an anonymous contributor last year, the drive to raise the

necessary \$500,000 to fund the chair has been stalled with only an additional \$25,000 raised in a gift from the Abelard Foundation.

The purpose of the chair is to provide salary income and overhead for an office for a professor.

While the future of the chair remains uncertain, funds to bring distinguished blacks to Williams for the next three years have been provided by the Luce Foundation of New York City. Their grant consists of \$40,000 a year for three years.

Unlike the chair, though, President Chandler said, "the purpose of the Luce grant is not just to support Afro-American studies; it's to bring blacks here regardless of the field they teach." As of now, the people that have come here under the auspices of the Luce grant have been lecturers and concert artists.

Dennis Dickerson, Assistant Professor of History and Chairman of Afro-American

studies, is head of the advisory committee for spending the Luce Foundation funds. He said that the first two blacks to come as faculty will be here for Winter Study.

These two Luce Visiting Professors will be Rowland Wiggins of the Hampshire College Music department, and Alston Meade, an entomologist. Wiggins will be teaching a course on Afro-American music and Meade will be teaching a course on pesticides.

Dickerson's aim now is to attract black faculty here for a semester or a year as Luce Visiting Professors. He believes that this Luce grant has demonstrated that the College has a continued commitment to encouraging black faculty to come here.

Dickerson is also satisfied with the start that was made on endowing the Afro-American chair and is certain these efforts will continue. He maintains, though, that "we aren't where we ought

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## Third C.C. election challenged

by Sara Ferris

John McCammond '81 once again won the vice-president's seat on the College Council, defeating John Cannon '82 in last week's re-election. Council members expressed concern that the election was marred, however, by the Council's prohibiting freshmen from voting.

Before the Council approved

the results, Cannon pointed out that it was "inconsistent that freshmen didn't vote" in this election since they "were allowed to vote in the first two elections." He emphasized that he did not think the results should be invalidated, but he suggested that "the freshmen deserve some explanation." McCammond concurred, saying it was "really

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