

Twelve arrested after occupying N. Mexico university office

PORTALES, N. M. (AP) — Twelve persons were arrested Tuesday afternoon after occupying the office of Eastern New Mexico University President Dr. Charles Meister for more than two hours.

The 12 were charged with a little-used law passed by the 1970 New Mexico Legislature making it a misdemeanor to willfully refuse to leave a state university building upon request.

The 12 persons, 10 of them ENMU students and two Roswell chicano leaders, offered no resistance to the estimated 30 police officers.

The group began occupying Dr. Meister's office after he had adjourned a meeting of the school's Administrative Council late Tuesday morning. The students had been seeking a commitment from the council to in-

crease the budget for an ethnic studies program.

Meister reportedly adjourned the meeting after one of the student spokesmen called Administrative Vice President Gail Shannon a liar.

Police identified those arrested Tuesday as Israel Dominguez, Carlos Anaya, Pete Schuler, Juan Soliz, Ramon Soliz, Louis Cordova, Miguel Garcia and Charles McCurdy, all ENMU students;

Frank Sanchez and Larry Silva, both identified as chicano leaders from Roswell and former ENMU students.

Also arrested were two unidentified females.

The Administrative Council voted 4-3 before the meeting adjourned to ask the university's board of regents for an increase in money for the ethnic studies program.

Schuler, graduate assistant in charge of the black studies program, said he walked out of the meeting before Dr. Meister made the decision for adjournment.

"They're continuing to cover themselves," he said, "refusing to make any statement as far as the program is concerned."

Anaya, a student assistant in charge of the chicano studies, and Juan Soliz said in a telephone

interview that they had been

to. Soliz said that the administrative council meeting was adjourned before the students had the opportunity to present their points they felt were important.

"We wanted to discuss on matters like when they're going to talk to the regents. We have a feeling maybe they're trying to delay us... we won't be in session much longer."

Platforms

(Continued from page 3) improvements. I ask for your vote and support.

External Affairs Jerry Arterburn (Sr-E D)

In my travels this year, representing the students of A&M both at the state and national level, I have become more aware of what potential we as students have for new and varied programs here at A&M. I strongly believe in, and will work for, a student owned shuttle bus system, a workable student co-op, the election of student advisers to the College Station City Council, a merchant-student association, an enlarged student discount program, a free campus for political candidates, a much improved parking system, student involvement in the state legislature, improvement of off-campus representation, the establishment of a day career center, and a job opportunities program to aid students in securing jobs in the community while attending A&M.

Barb Sears (Soph-Zool)

Qualifications: 2 years on Student Senate, Senate Recording Secretary, President Williams' Advisory Council, Debate team, Former Students Advisory Board, Distinguished Student.

The External Affairs Committee is a very important one. Through it, students will finally have an established means of communication with the community. As chairman of the committee, I would work to promote and protect student interests in these ways:

The student as a consumer: expand student discount program, provide channel for business complaint.

The student as a resident: provide assistance to students concerning deposit returns, publish apartment review.

The student as a voter: publish voting records of elected officials, provide transportation to the polls.

The student as an employee: help students obtain fair wage levels in their community jobs, establish summer job opportunities program.

Rules and Regulations Fred Campbell (Jr-PMed)

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