

# Student Says Brooklyn Protest Transcends War

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"This now involves thousands of students. This goes far beyond Vietnam. The issue is the whole way they are running this school."

The triumphant words were spoken yesterday by a 24-year-old senior in a philosophy and a self-described "Red," Jeffrey Gordon, whose arrest the day before had touched off disorders at Brooklyn College.

Many of the students who picketed the campus in Brooklyn's Flatbush section yesterday insisted that they were not protesting the draft or the war in Vietnam, whatever their personal feelings, but were supporting student freedom.

The same was said, often with the same words, by students in other colleges and universities throughout the city where support sprang up yesterday for the strike at Brooklyn College.

## DuBois Clubs Active

Chapters of the Students for a Democratic Society and the DuBois clubs, jointly and at times allied with other student groups, promoted most of yesterday's campus demonstrations.

Their rallies appeared to attract many unaffiliated students.

At City College, more than 100 students attended a meeting in which DuBois activists were prominent. At Columbia University, 600 students silently watched a demonstration by 350 colleagues rallied by members of the Students for a Democratic Society and other organizers. DuBois influence was visible at the Hunter College meeting, attended by more than 150 students.

"Support the Brooklyn College students and others throughout the country in their fight to keep America free," said leaflets that issued were by the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs and distributed at Columbia University, Hunter College, Cooper Union and other institutes of higher learning here. The clubs are a campus-based, nationwide Marxist organization.

At Brooklyn College, a member of the student government, Melanie Herman, said she was politically an independent, but strongly supported the student

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strike "because we can't trust an administration that brings police onto the campus."

She added: "Above all, don't write that this is an antiwar demonstration. It isn't."

The disturbance on the Brooklyn campus started Thursday as a protest by a comparatively small group of assertedly leftwing activists against the presence of Navy recruiters.

No more than 50 students were demonstrating at first. The arrival of police on campus suddenly led to ferment of a much larger portion of the student body.

There were some charges of a plan by some leftist students to precipitate the incidents on the normally staid Brooklyn campus.

"Those guys wanted to get arrested, they knew they were going to be," a clean-shaven student in a fraternity sweater said to a bearded one early yesterday afternoon while other students clustered around them.

"How come the cops were here so quickly?" the bearded student countered. "They must have been waiting to be called in."

The police intervened Thursday after Mr. Gordon had refused to show a professor his campus identification card. The philosophy student was the main organizer of the protest against Navy recruitment. Leaflets linking the Navy with the Peace Corps and United States "imperialism" had been distributed earlier in the day.

"Sink the Navy," the leaflets said in part. "In different ways, both the Navy and the Peace Corps serve to reinforce U. S. economic domination and political control, i.e. imperialism."

The leaflets were issued by the campus chapter of Students for a Democratic Society, a radical organization. Mr. Gordon, who described himself as a member of the steering committee of the 50-student chapter, said he also was a member of the Progressive Labor Party.

Although this group is known

to support the Chinese Communists, the bespectacled, chubby Mr. Gordon would say only: "It's Red."

Michael Jarvis, another student who was arrested in the protest on Thursday, said the Progressive Labor party on the Brooklyn campus "consists of exactly two members, Gordon and another guy."

Mr. Jarvis, who is 19 years old, takes a night course in calculus at the college after pushing a cart in Manhattan's garment district during the day for \$67 a week. He is also a member of the campus DuBois club, and he credited its membership of about 50 with providing the muscle for the demonstrations Thursday and yesterday.

Mr. Jarvis described himself as a "scientific Socialist" and conceded that more members of the Communist party of the United States were in the DuBois clubs than in Students for a Democratic Society, but denied that the Brooklyn campus club was controlled by the Communist party.

"The S.D.S. chapter has a lot of hippies," the part-time student said. "But Gordon is a good speaker, he's popular. The Thursday protest was an ad-hoc affair of the DuBois Club and S.D.S., and we got tremendous support."

Brijen Gupta, a professor from India who teaches Asian history at Brooklyn College and acted as a mediator between the student protesters and the college administration, explained: "I basically see what has happened as a problem of intracollege discipline."

Mr. Gupta said, however, that it had been a mistake for Navy recruiters to come to the campus "in this tragic week" of antiwar demonstrations.

A staff member of the city-wide leadership of Students for a Democratic Society, Bob Gottlieb, said yesterday that his group had sent activists to the Brooklyn campus Thursday night when it heard of the trouble there.

He said the Brooklyn College demonstrations would continue next week and there would be other protests, at Columbia University against recruitment by the Central Intelligence Agency, possibly at Fordham University against Navy recruiters, and at other campuses.