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TRASK RESIGNS AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS; OCT. 22, 23, 24 WILL BE THREE-DAY MORATORIUM ON CLASSES



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Vice President for Student Affairs

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President John S. Toll
State University of New York at Stony Brook
Stony Brook, N.Y.

Dear President Toll:

I hereby submit to you my resignation as Acting Vice President for Student Affairs, effective immediately. If you so desire, I will dispose of important matters now pending in the Office of Student Affairs during the next few days before reaching my responsibilities in the Department of History.

I have come to this decision only after the most careful thought. I had hoped to serve the University effectively this year as an interim member of your Administration, but it has become clear that I can make my most useful contribution as a teacher and scholar.

I am saddened by the necessity of taking leave of my associates in the Office of Student Affairs. Although we have worked together for only a short period, I have developed great respect for them as well as great confidence in their abilities. I feel certain that they will continue their difficult assignments even more efficiently than in the past under new leadership.

Respectfully yours,

David F. Trask
Professor of History



By STUART EBER *Managing Editor*

David Trask resigned this morning as Acting Vice-President for Student Affairs. One of the first repercussions of this surprise move is the announced suspension of classes on October 22, 23, and 24 in order to reassess the condition of this University.

Trask, a Professor of History, spoke to Polity President Don Rubin and Executive Vice-President T.A. Pond late last night. According to Rubin, Trask told him and Pond that he intended to submit his letter of resignation to President John Toll this morning.

Rubin informed STATESMAN Editor-in-Chief Wayne Blodgett of that conversation at about 3 a.m. today. Five hours later, Blodgett met with a pajama-clad Trask in the professor's apartment in Roth IV. Dr. Trask said, "I feel I can contribute more to the University as a teacher and scholar than as an administrator. . ."

Around 9 a.m., Blodgett and Managing Editor Stu Eber met with Dr. Toll and Dr. Pond to discuss the reactions of the administrators. Both the President and his Executive Vice-President denied any knowledge of the resignation.

Toll and Pond then went in to meet with the other University Vice-Presidents to discuss the state of the University. It was decided to suspend classes in order to re-evaluate the entire University. The Vice-President for Liberal Studies, Sidney Gelber, and Don Rubin were named co-chairmen of the committee that will organize the Three Days. The other members of the committee are Dr. David Smith, Engineering Professor and Master of Langmuir College; Herbert Weisinger, Vice-President of The Graduate School; Bentley Glass, Academic Vice-President; and John Meisner, President of the Graduate Student Council.

While this was being decided, Trask was holding meetings in his offices in the Gym. He first informed his Student Affairs Cabinet, and then as many mem-

bers of the Student Affairs administrative staff as could be gathered on short notice. NO students, including Head R.A.'s or members of the student Press, were admitted. Most of the members of Trask's staff seemed visibly shaken at his announcement. Immediately after meeting, H Quad Counselor David Sundberg said, "He's being pretty honest with himself about the University. I'm sorry

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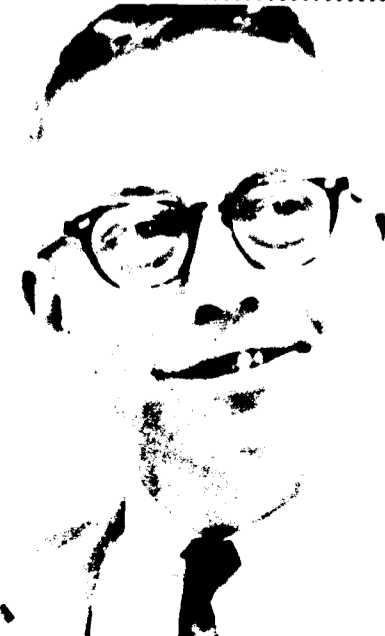
At 3 a.m. today, STATESMAN learned of Dr. Trask's decision to resign. We decided then to put out a second edition—a "wall poster" extra. We felt the resignation was of such significance to warrant not only immediate news coverage, but also extensive comment and news analysis. STATESMAN editors Wayne C. Blodgett, Sharon Cooke, Stuart Eber, and Jeanne Behrman worked along with staffers Robert Cohen, Libby Hopkins, and Marc Dizenhoff throughout the day to bring you this special edition. The name "wall poster" was originated by RAMPARTS magazine for their splendid daily coverage of the action in the streets of Chicago during the convention. We are indebted to them for the idea.



Toll



Trask



Pond