

Old Westbury Talking Calmly

Upper Brookville—The student takeover at the State University's experimental college at Old Westbury continued quietly last night and today as small groups of students sat in campus buildings and talked.

"We are having a meaningful dialogue, that's all," said one girl as she opened a door covered with signs reading "School Is Closed," "Teachers Wanted to Establish a Community of Learning" and "Students of the World, Ignite."

"We are concerned with very important questions here and we are working them out," she said. Neither she, nor any of the other students would say more.

Harris Wofford, president of the university, said that about 25 or 30 students took over two of the buildings last Wednesday while students, faculty and other employes were in the midst of a 10-day "no-holds-barred" appraisal of the university's first year of operation. Regular classes ended May 17. "The college never has been more open," he said, adding

that the takeover of the two buildings has not disrupted the appraisal sessions. Other students continued to participate in them, he said. He said that he would have more to say "in a day or two." It was unclear if there were one or two sets of meetings going on to discuss the past year and the student "revolt."

Although students and faculty members refused to discuss the issues behind the takeover of the two buildings, a notice on a bulletin board dated May 20, and signed by a group called the Non-White Caucus listed four student demands. They were (1) that a provost for the school's urban studies college be named by the Non-White Caucus; (2) that the provost be named by Thursday; (3) that a former faculty member apparently dismissed by the school be rehired and paid \$1,000 in damages for "defamation of character" and (4) that "machinery" for future student protests be established by Thursday.