

THE SIT-IN FOR JUSTICE CONTINUES...

TRENT MUST GO NOW!

10⁰⁰ AM College Council -- All should attend.
There will be a Summer Session !!

6⁰⁰ PM Brooklyn Politicos -- Will be on campus
to discuss Trent's removal !! (Cafeteria)

CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT

PASS OUT LEAFLETS -- Spread the word that
TRENT MUST GO!

PICKET TRENT'S HOUSE -- 62 Midwood, 5-8 PM
DAILY. TRENT MUST GO!

RENEW THE VISION OF THE COLLEGE -- Summer
Session will take place in spite of Trent's objection.

ATTEND MAY 15 SUPPORT RALLY AT 2⁰⁰ PM.

Quality Education Now!

TO BUILD A NEW MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE, Trent Must Go!

1. Do you want quality education, academic excellence and competent leadership?
TRENT MUST GO!
2. Do you want a four year college, a medical school and a graduate center?
TRENT MUST GO!
3. Do you want Black Studies, Pre-Law, Performing Arts, Oceanography?
TRENT MUST GO!
4. Do you want an honors program, study abroad, merit awards and dean's list notices?
TRENT MUST GO!
5. Do you want daycare, pre-natal counseling and the knowledge of midwifery?
TRENT MUST GO!
6. Do you want community interaction, services for the Central Brooklyn residents, and access by the local neighborhood?
7. Do you want clean bathrooms, intact plaster, walls with unpopped paint and less rodents?
8. Do you want and respected students?
TRENT MUST GO!

9. Do you want free speech, student rights and different viewpoints?

TRENT MUST GO!

10. Do you want one campus, in new buildings, with working elevators?

TRENT MUST GO!

11. Do you want the college to grow and develop?

TRENT MUST GO!

12. Do you want community control?

TRENT MUST GO!

13. Do you want the DREAM to live?

TRENT MUST GO!

FORWARD EVER!

THE STUDENT•FACULTY•COMMUNITY COALITION TO SAVE MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE

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TO SAVE A DREAM

SPRING 1982 CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

- March 11 Student Government Association holds regular bi-annual assembly. College president, Dr. Richard Trent, fails to appear in morning assembly and sends word that he will appear at the evening assembly. Students wait more than six hours for Dr. Trent to come and discuss areas of concern to students. Dr. Trent fails to attend and sends Deans in his stead. Students refuse to speak to Deans.
- March 12 Students issue 10 demands for Dr. Trent to address with college's student body. Dr. Trent meets with student representatives during a sit-in in the presidential corridor by nearly 200 students. He calls student issues "petty nonsense" and the request for him to meet with students non-negotiable.
- March 15 Over 300 students demonstrate in streets surrounding the main college building.
- March 15 After hearing Dr. Trent's views of student concern, Faculty Organization votes unanimously to recommend that Dr. Trent meet with students and for faculty involvement in resolution of student demands.
- March 16 Over 300 students continue to demonstrate in surrounding area of main college building.
- March 16 Dr. Trent continues to refuse to meet with student body after third request. Student Government Association officially calls for a strike with the number one demand that Dr. Trent meet with students in a student body assembly.
- March 18 Faculty Organization votes to establish a nine-person steering committee authorized to make recommendations to resolve the crisis after preliminary fact finding.
- March 19 Faculty Steering Committee meets with Student Government Association and Dr. Trent who calls the March 15 faculty recommendations unacceptable.
- March 22 Students demonstrate at University's central office during the monthly meeting of the City University Board of Trustees.

March 22 Faculty Organization's preliminary vote overwhelmingly calls for Trent to resign.

March 23 Faculty representatives present faculty motion and vote to the University Faculty Senate.

March 24 Student Government Association's poll of students calls for Dr. Trent's resignation by 69% of day students and 83% of evening students.

March 25 Student-Faculty Coalition formed to seek Dr. Trent's resignation; at college rally, coalition calls off student strike effective 4:30 p.m.

March 27 Meeting of Executive Committee of president's appointed Community Council bars invited members of coalition from meeting and votes to support Dr. Trent.

March 29 Final tally of Faculty vote that Richard D. Trent should resign for the good of the college is 88 yes, 26 no and 17 abstentions.

April 1 Over 100 students and faculty demonstrate outside University's Central Office to demand the resignation of Richard Trent.

April 6 Faculty members of the coalition meet with Executive Committee of the University Faculty Senate to discuss Dr. Trent's dereliction of duties under the University By-laws.

April 14 Community residents and organizations call meeting to discuss crisis at Medgar Evers College. Student-Faculty-Community Coalition to Save Medgar Evers College is formed.

April 17 N.Y. Amsterdam News newspaper calls for Dr. Trent's resignation in editorial.

April 19 Faculty representatives of the coalition meet with University officials to discuss Dr. Trent's dereliction of duties.

April 19 Student-Faculty-Community-Coalition holds community hearing on MEC crisis.

April 20 Student-Faculty-Community-Coalition holds emergency meeting in the gym; following meeting students march to offices of the registrar and president and sit-in, demanding Dr. Trent's resignation.

April 21 Students, faculty and community persons are denied entry to meeting of College Community Council to discuss crisis which is not on the agenda.

April 22 Representatives of Student-Faculty-Community Coalition discuss crisis with the Dean of Students Bob Johnson, representing College Administration, Steven Young, General Counsel from University Central Office, and Peter Norwood of Mayor Koch's office.

April 22 Discussions breakdown following call from Deputy Chancellor rescinding previous day's agreement.

April 22 Acting Dean of Administration Herbert Wilson, CUNY lawyers and police from the 71st precinct attempt to serve injunction ordering students to vacate offices; crowd of students, faculty and community prevent the serving.

April 23 Brooklyn legislators, State Senator Major Owens, Assemblymen Roger Green, William Boyland, Al Vann issue statement requesting that CUNY Board of Trustees reassign Dr. Trent and appoint an interim administrator.

April 25 Major community rally with Black elected officials and heads of community organizations calling for Trent's resignation or reassignment.

April 26 Court case begins with legal representation by William Kunstler and Randy Scott-McLaughlin, Center for Constitutional Rights, C. Vernon Mason, National Conference of Black Lawyers, and Jack Lester, University Student Senate.

April 26 Faculty votes unanimously to support students' sit-in action and to "abhor any police violence to remove students or criminal prosecution to resolve crisis".

April 29 Representatives of Student-Faculty-Community Coalition to Save Medgar Evers College meet with Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, State Senator Vander Beatty, Deputy Borough President Ed Towns and Councilman Enoch Williams; legislators pledge support for Trent's reassignment.

April 30 Major community rally with statements of support from the New York Black United Front, Brooklyn CORE, Central Brooklyn Coordinating Council, Crown Heights Progress Council, Sisterhood of Black Single Mothers, Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation, Black Veterans for Social Justice.

May 3 Court case continues into fifth day with concluding testimony indicting Dr. Trent's 11-year administration of "intimidation, mismanagement, mediocrity, and anti-community sentiments".

May 3 Medgar Evers College Alumni Association votes to support the student's actions.

May 4 CUNY Legal Counsel requests postponement of judge's decision on request for an injunction.

May 6 STUDENTS REMAIN IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AND ARE FIRM IN THEIR RESOLVE TO STAY UNTIL TRENT RESIGNS. "Solidarity Day" is declared and results in boycott of classes and sit-in of other administrative offices. Dr. Trent flees from building and his vehicle is surrounded by hundreds of students. Police are called in by college administration.

- May 7 Judge Ballard renders decision upholding students' rights to peacefully protest under the First Amendment until crisis is resolved. Announcement made at Coalition rally in gym. Coalition marches in Crown Heights after rally.
- May 10 Faculty Organization makes recommendations for grading policy, graduation and summer session because of limbo status of college affairs due to absentee leadership of the college president and the cancellation of regularly scheduled college meetings.
- May 11 Black Students Communication Organizing Network (BSCON), a student organization comprising 26 colleges and universities, boycotts Dr. Trent's home.