

Bowie College Strikers Weigh Offers

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Bowie State College students argued last night in a mass meeting whether to accept proposed solutions to a list of student grievances, or to continue their 3-day-old boycott and take "stronger measures."

The meeting, closed to all outsiders, convened minutes after a dozen student leaders concluded a grueling 8-hour discussion with College President Samuel L. Myers.

The boycott was called Wednesday to back up a five-page list of grievances and has shut down 90 per cent of all classes since.

The specific complaints range from criticism of flaking paint in dormitories to poor food, administrative inefficiencies and questions of faculty retention and tenure.

Behind the specific grievances is general student discontent with the money spent on the physical plant and the educational program of the 101-year-old, largely-Negro college 18 miles northeast of Washington.

Roland B. Smith Jr., 22, student government president, said before meeting with the more than 250 boycotters that some "tentative solutions have been reached" but that the so-

lutions would have to be discussed with the students before they could be revealed.

Student leaders were reportedly split among themselves over whether to end the boycott and there was similar discussion in the student body.

Smith said it would be up to the students whether the boycott would continue through the weekend, be suspended until Monday, or called off altogether.

No classes are held at Bowie State on Saturdays, and many

of the 300 full-time students who live on campus normally go away on weekends.

Among protests proposed for the weekend was a march to Annapolis in an effort to

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Bowie State College Prof. J. A. Wiseman tells protesting students of faculty sup-



port. At right Prof. Virginus B. Thornton thanks students for supporting him.

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