

On Friday, December 2, Chancellor Heyns refused to negotiate with the duly elected representatives of the striking students at Berkeley. His refusal to open a dialogue with the students has prolonged the crisis on the Berkeley campus.

The Chancellor has attempted to justify his intransigence on the grounds that a non-student was elected to the negotiating team. We feel that Chancellor Heyns has seized on this question to avoid confronting the real issues raised by the strike.

If the Chancellor is seriously interested in negotiating with the students, he should agree to meet with their elected representatives. The non-student elected by the students to the negotiating team was a former UC student who was not permitted to reenroll only for political reasons. Students not presently enrolled have a definite and clear interest in the negotiations.

We however want to negotiate. In order to bring the Chancellor to the negotiating table, to end his procrastination and bring the real issues of the strike to the fore, we are prepared to assure that each of our negotiators is a presently enrolled student.

Our negotiation team reserves the right to bring to the negotiating table a team of silent observers who will advise our negotiators. This team will have the right to confer with the negotiators. The team of silent observers may include at the discretion of the strike committee and the Union, persons who are not students, including, for example, legal counsel, political advisers, business agent of the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO Local 1570.

Representatives of the AFT presented this proposal to Chancellor Heyns today. The Chancellor said he would consider it and notify the negotiating committee tomorrow at noon.