

# Southern U. Shut Until January 3

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BATON ROUGE — Southern University President G. Leon Netterville, feeling his violence-wracked campus here needs more cooling off time, has decided to close the predominantly black institution until Jan. 3.

Classes were scheduled to reopen Monday—but under the threat of continued student resistance and demands for Netterville's resignation.

Netterville's decision won approval of the state Board of Education in a telephone poll and concurrence by Gov. Edwin Edwards.

Southern's campus in New Orleans is slated to resume classes Monday.

**THE TWO** campuses have been shut down since the police-student confrontation last Thursday in which two young blacks were killed.

Funeral services were held yesterday in Gilbert for Leonard Brown, 20, one of those killed. The two students died of buckshot wounds to the head.

Edwards also announced that the National Guard has been quietly withdrawn from duty and he has lifted the state of emergency declared for East Baton Rouge Parish. The emergency state remains for the Southern campus.

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lose a full semester of work.

"I have been assured that by the adjustment of the calendar we will be able to complete two semesters of work for the academic year under this plan as well as satisfying the accreditation standards," Netterville said.

An assistant to Attorney General William Guste criticized the decision to close the university until next year.

Kendall Vick, part of a two-man staff team assigned to investigate the student deaths, said, "This is part and parcel of the precipitous action Guste warned the administration not to take."

A 13-member special commission of inquiry, headed by Guste, is scheduled to begin closed hearings Monday on its investigation of the episode.

Guste had urged university officials not to take any "precipitous action" that might further inflame the situation.

With the removal of Guardsmen and the main State Police force, Edwards and area law enforcement officials met to map plans for keeping the university secure during the closure period.

He said extra black deputies are being employed to assist campus security and that law agencies elsewhere in the state have agreed to loan some of their black deputies for duty here.

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Police called in during the crisis is being sent home, Edwards said.

The decision to keep Southern's Baton Rouge campus closed was made by the board, based on seven reasons cited by Netterville. They are:

—Need for extensive repairs to damaged buildings. The damage estimates were placed as high as \$200,000.

—Degree of tension in the community and the state.

—Financial hardship on parents for sending students back to school in periods so close together.

—Uncertainty over the readiness of students to resume normal classroom activity.

—Time needed for completion of an official investigation.

—Time needed to reconstruct academic records lost in the fire at the registrar's office.

—Time for faculty to develop plans for making up time already lost by students.

**THE UNREST** at the university has lasted more than three weeks with demonstrations marring normal class attendance.

The delay of reopening the university to Jan. 3 will require a readjustment of class schedules so students will not