

Property Damage, 5 Arrests Spoil Quiet of ISU Campus

Reports of a broken window, damage to parking meters and five arrests emanated from a "relatively quiet" Illinois State University campus over the weekend.

Flags will be lowered to half-staff Tuesday at ISU in recognition of the birthday of Malcolm X, slain black leader, officials confirmed.

Commitment

President Samuel E. Braden said Monday that he will "stand behind" his commitment to lower the flags out of respect to the ISU black community.

The president agreed to the move in reaching an agreement with dissident students May 5.

ISU flags were lowered four days for Kent State University students killed May 4 in Ohio and two additional days for two Black Panther leaders slain last December in Chicago.

Members of the ISU black community had not announced any program to memorialize Malcolm X, ISU spokesmen said Monday.

Braden Statement

President Braden issued a statement of thanks to persons "who contributed to the integrity of this university" during the past two weeks.

His statement was:

"What a great job! The determination shown in the last two weeks by ISU students, faculty and staff to keep their university open must rank as one of the proudest stories in the history of this institution.

"Led by members of the Academic Senate and augmented by scores of others, a measure of reason and discipline has been maintained on this campus which has enabled it to function where many others have faltered.

"Young and old, black and white, liberal and conservative, we have expressed our feelings about war, discrimination and injustice without bringing disruptive vandalism and violence to our own campus.

"I thank every student, every

member of the faculty and every member of the staff who has contributed to the integrity of this university. Let's keep it going!"

Window Broken

A window in the ISU textbook rental store south of the union was broken early Sunday.

Theodore D. Akins, 18, Dixon, and Mojalefa Manala, 21, a foreign-born student from Rhodesia, were arrested on the ISU quadrangle and charged with criminal damage to state property.

Both posted \$100 bonds for an appearance May 27 in magistrate court.

Two small holes were found Sunday in a window at ISU's Turner Hall. Security police believe a pellet gun was used to damage the window.

Normal police stopped three youths at 12:50 a.m. Monday as they walked from behind a house at Francis and Fell. They were charged with unlawful possession of deadly weapons.

Charged were Vernon L. Harker, 18, Quincy; Charles D. Harper, 18, of 1404 Franklin, Normal, and Stephen E. Mikesell, 19, of 512 W. Seminary.

Two in Jail

Harker and Mikesell were both sent to the county jail in lieu of \$1,000 bonds after appearing Monday morning in magistrate court.

Harker's case was continued until June 18. Mikesell demanded a jury trial, to be scheduled later. Harper posted \$1,000 bond to appear back in court June 15.

Sentence Sermon

The Christian life is not just an improved life but a new one.

Police said Harker was carrying a six-inch hunting knife in a shoulder holster. Harper had a double-edge six-inch dagger under his belt and Mikesell had an 8½-inch kitchen knife under his belt, police said.

Normal police said a plate glass window on the east side of Read's of Normal at Fell and North was broken early Monday. It was discovered by police at 2:30 a.m. Monday.

ISU security police said a parking meter head was stolen early Sunday and later found on College Avenue near the campus. Other meters were reported loosened. They had to be repaired Sunday.

ISU staff members continued on duty in campus buildings over the weekend. Members of the ISU Academic Senate are patrolling the campus quadrangle from midnight to 6 a.m.

