

Com. on
Commencement
program.

As a committee upon the Commencement program, the President appointed the Deans of the several courses of study.

The following resolution was offered by C. W. Mathews and upon motion was made a special order for consideration on Friday, May 16, 1902.

Minutes approved May 16-1902
C. W. Mathews, Secy.

James K. Patterson
President,

A + M. College of Ky. May 16th 1902.
The faculty met in the President room at 3³⁰ P. M.
President Patterson, Messrs White, Neville, Patterson,
Kastle, Roark, Poyor, Mathews, Miller, Brooks, Mackenzie,
& Norwood being present.

The minutes of all meetings since and including that of Apr. 8th were read and approved after some slight corrections.

Prof. J. C. White reported that the arrangements for the Commencement program were well advanced.

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved May 30-1902.

C. W. Mathews, Secy.

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May 1, 1902.

The faculty of the State College of Kentucky after hearing and considering such testimony as could be secured concerning the disturbance in the New Dormitory on the night of April 8th., unaimously give their decision as follows:

I. Between 7 and 8 o'clock on the evening of April 8, 1902, fire crackers were repeatedly exploded near, or perhaps inside of, the New Dormitory. Maj. Robt. A. McKee, accompanied by Adjutant J. T. Barr, approached the building to ascertain what students were firing the explosives. They stopped for a while behind trees near by, but were not able to recognize any person, and in a short time left, going to the room of a student in the old dormitory. They here waited some time when Maj. McKee went home to get a lantern. On his return about 8.30 o'clock they again went to the new dormitory. As they were entering the North end of the building a bucket of water was thrown on Maj. McKee. Passing into the building he directed Adjutant Barr to order all the students "to fall in" on the second floor. The order was given and obeyed by most of the students in the building, though somewhat reluctantly by some. When the line was formed Maj. McKee gave orders to "right step," "left step", alternately. The students in obeying jostled one another considerably, whistled and otherwise misbehaved. Maj. McKee became angry perhaps and reproved them sharply. He also offered to fight in any way any student present, and seemed anxious that someone accept his challenge. The noise and confusion increased. In the jostling one of the students, Mr. ^{T. H.} E. G. Cutler, who standing in line near Maj. McKee, was shoved almost against him. Maj. McKee immediately struck Cutler in the face knocking him back. Cutler returned the blow and the Maj. fell. Adjutant Barr interfered and no other blow was struck and no other abuse given. Major McKee then went to a room on the first floor and washed the wound on his face, which was bleeding. He then started home accompanied by Adjutant Barr. A few paces from the building he was struck by several eggs, Adjutant Barr also being splashed by the contents. They did not stop but went on to the Major's home. The disturbance now ended.

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On the following evening Mr. Cutler went to Major McKee's home to apologize for striking him. Before he could complete his apology Maj. McKee interrupted him by offering an apology himself to Mr. Cutler.

It is proper and just here to state that no testimony has been secured from any one except from students. Efforts were made to get a statement from Maj. McKee but without success. While yet on the grounds he was notified in writing by the President on the morning of April 19, through the Business Agent, when the investigation would begin and requested to be present. Another letter was subsequently sent to him by the Secretary of the Faculty and his answer received as follows:

April 22, 1902.

Maj. R.A. McKee,
Lawrenceburg, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

The faculty of the State College held a meeting yesterday afternoon for the purpose of investigating the occurrences in the new dormitory on Tuesday April 8, th.,

It was a matter of regret to all that you were not present in response to the notification of President Patterson, and it was decided that the investigation should not be concluded until you were afforded a second opportunity to present your testimony regarding the case.

As secretary of the Faculty I am, therefore instructed to request and urge you to be present at an adjourned meeting to be held on Monday Apr. 28th., at 3 o'clock P.M. at which time the investigation will be continued, and it is hoped concluded. It was decided that final action in the matter should be taken within one week of the meeting upon yesterday afternoon, and if you can be present earlier than the date named, a special meeting of the Faculty will be called.

Will you please reply at your earliest convenience, stating at what time within the week you can be present.

Yours very truly,
C.W. Mathews,
Secretary.

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Lawrenceburg, Ky April 22, 1902.

Prof. C.W. Mathews, Sec. S.C. Faculty,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of this date is at hand, asking my attendance at a faculty meeting on the 28th.,

In reply will say that I was on College grounds from April 8th., to 19th., and no attempt at investigation of assault by students upon me was made or attempted. All the harm possible to be done me has been done. I have made no statement to the press and have rigidly refrained from making one.

I see no good that could be accomplished by my attendance and will ask you to excuse me.

Very truly yours,

Robt. A. McKee.

2. The disrespect shown Maj. McKee and his illtreatment on April 8, was not the result of that days happenings. The testimony shows that his habits and conduct for some time previous had lost for him in a great measure the respect and obedience due him and his station. He was "frequently intoxicated" when on duty. On such occasions he would act in an indiscreet and irresponsible manner, offending the students and sometimes offering them personal insult.

On the night preceding the disturbance in question and while intoxicated he entered the room in the old dormitory of two students, D.C. Donan and J.G. Flowers, and accused Flowers of certain misconduct of which, it seems, he was innocent. At the same time and without just cause or justification he insulted Flowers using vulgar and obscene language.

A knowledge of this affair on the part of the students may account in great part for their conduct on the following night at the new dormitory when Maj. McKee was mistreated. The testimony shows that he was also intoxicated on that occasion. We regret exceedingly that justice to all concerned compels us to make statements which may appear in any way to reflect on Maj. McKee.

3. We regard the act of Mr. Cutler in striking ~~Mr~~ a superior officer as a serious offense. If such act were committed without great provoca-

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tion, we could not do less than dismiss the offender from College.
In consideration, however, of the preceding and attending circumstances we can do no more than subject Mr. Cutler to reprimand, and his reprimand is hereby ordered to take place in presence of the faculty of the College.

The acts of those students who threw water on Maj. McKee and struck him with eggs are without excuse, and receive our emphatic condemnation. We have been unable to learn the names of these students. If known to us they would be promptly dismissed from College.