

Spring 4-9-1968

## **Newspaper Article, Unrest Hovers Over Campus Sunday Night, April 9, 1968**

Merill Merkle

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarsjunction.msstate.edu/ua-reflectors-1965-1975>

---

### **Recommended Citation**

Copyright protected by Mississippi State University Libraries. Use of materials from this collection beyond the exceptions provided for in the Fair Use and Educational Use clauses of the U.S. Copyright Law may violate federal law. Permission to publish or reproduce is required.

This Newspaper clipping is brought to you for free and open access by the University Archives at Scholars Junction. It has been accepted for inclusion in Reflector Collection, 1965-1975 by an authorized administrator of Scholars Junction. For more information, please contact [scholcomm@msstate.libanswers.com](mailto:scholcomm@msstate.libanswers.com).

# Unrest Hovers Over Campus Sunday Night

by Merrill Merkle

Minor damages remain as tangible traces of unrest that prevailed on the Mississippi State campus Sunday night.

Behind Hilbun Hall a tree was burned, trash receptacles were overturned around Hamlin Hall, and a window was broken in the Chapel of Memories during minor disturbances that began early Sunday night.

A Hamlin counselor reported that no racial overtones were evident in a gathering of 50 to 75 Hamlin students who began shouting across to the freshman dormitories about 6:30 p.m.

"It was typical of previous circumstances--the long time between Christmas and Spring holidays," said the counselor.

At the Chapel, during the 9 p.m. memorial service for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a stained glass window was broken; and sometime Sunday, the flagpole ropes were severed.

Rumors that classes at Ole Miss had been canceled are believed to have prompted a group of students gathered at the freshmen dormitories around 10:30 p.m. to move to the President's house, where an adminis-

trator met them and told them not to remain on that side of the campus.

Dr. Robert Jones, vice-president of Student Affairs prepared this statement for the REFLECTOR: "It seems that late spring vacations, unfounded rumors and national tensions as well as a memorial service for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. contributed to some student unrest on the MSU campus Sunday night. Much milling about, shouting and small gatherings marked the

early April evening. No serious occurrences were noted. Damage to University property was minimal and no student apprehensions were necessary."

When contacted at his home, Rev. Jim Landrum, Executive Secretary of the YMCA on campus, said that he believed that the memorial service "might have disturbed about 65 people, but not the whole campus."

Reasonable quiet resumed around midnight.

## Students Honor Dr. King With Silent Vigil, Service

by Sam Love  
News Editor

Some students at Mississippi State openly expressed their feelings about the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King in a silent prayer vigil Friday and a worship service Sunday night. The worship service was marred by a group of students who gathered outside to observe the event.

The Friday vigil occurred without incident and at its peak involved an integrated group of

ple leaving the Chapel, but beyond this no incidents were reported directly connected with the service. The group of whites did attempt to sing "Dixie."

The service was planned to be a memorial service to the late Dr. King. It was conducted by local and campus pastors. Approximately three hundred people were in attendance.

## Mock Election