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"HANG-OUT ENDS: HAESSLER DECISION DUE"

The "hang-out" outside the office door of Father Yanitelli ended at about 10:30 o'clock last night after warning of suspension by Fathers Boland and Becker and appeals by Student Senate President Paul Lamb and Philosophy Professor William Kiernan.

The "hang-out", called by the student senate during a town meeting at 1 P.M. yesterday, reached its height immediately after the meeting when between 150 and 200 students and faculty members filled the first floor corridor and lobby of McDermott Hall.

At about 10:15 P.M. Fathers Boland and Becker went to McDermott and told the students and teachers that unless they left within a half hour they would be suspended.

The group left about 15 minutes later after deciding that it was wiser to wait for Father Yanitelli's decision on the latest compromise proposal on Professor Thomas Haessler.

Last night's action ended a day that began with a surprise letter from the AAUP in Washington that recommended that the college follow Professor Lawrence Pontrelli's proposal that Professor Haessler be given a two year leave of absence during which time he would obtain a masters degree. This, however, was not the final decision in the case the professor now has pending with the AAUP.

The letter was sent after a visit to the Washington AAUP office by Professors Joseph Papay and Loren Schmidtberger who made an attempt to expedite a solution to the Haessler deadlock.

Developments continued during the day and at 3 P.M. Father Yanitelli and other members of the administration met with a group of professors who offered another proposal. The new one recommends that Professor Haessler be given the two year leave of absence during which time he would obtain a masters in theology and another one in social science. At the end of the two years he would receive a contract and tenure. If he failed to obtain the degrees he would resign from the college.

The proposal is reportedly acceptable to Professor Haessler.

The new proposal came one hour before Father Yanitelli was scheduled to speak at a meeting of the faculty senate. Father Yanitelli cancelled the address in order to study the new recommendation.

Last night Father Yanitelli met with members of the student senate in probably the most heated negotiation session thus far. After the senate agreed to endorse the double masters proposal the college president promised to give an answer as soon as possible.

During the meeting Father Yanitelli also announced that the board of trustees had adopted a resolution on the Pegolotti--Pontrelli resolution on decision making.

The senate and president also agreed on the procedures to follow when the students wished to contact Father Yanitelli. Student Senate President Lamb said he had called the "hang-out" because the senate had been unable to reach Father Yanitelli during the holiday break.