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# Dean Archer Resigns Graduate School Post

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## Wants to Talk

Smiley said he hasn't accepted Archer's resignation, "and I won't until I've had a chance to discuss this with him."

Archer couldn't be reached for comment Thursday. Smiley said he has been unable to contact Archer since he received the resignation letter Wednesday morning.

Sources close to the CU administration said Thursday that Archer resigned because he believed the administration planned to reverse the school discipline committee's action in suspending the eight graduate students.

The Oct. 25 demonstration involved

about 25 members of the CU chapter of Students for a Democratic Society.

The students blocked the door to the school's placement bureau where the CIA was to conduct job interviews.

As a result, 23 students were called before the discipline committee. One received a private hearing, the results of which weren't disclosed.

Of the other 22, four were placed on probation, eight were suspended but the suspensions withdrawn and the students put on probation, and 10 were suspended outright.

Eight of the 10 actually suspended were graduate students.

## Dean Sits In

At the discipline committee hearings at CU, the dean of the college which the student attends sits with the regular three-member committee.

It was learned that Archer recommended to the committee that the eight graduate students be suspended.

Last Friday, Paul Talmey, CU student body president, called for Archer's resig-

nation at a rally. Some 400 persons attended the rally.

Talmey told the gathering Archer should resign because of suspensions of the graduate students were excessively harsh in relation to what they had done.

When contacted after the Friday rally, Archer said he had no intention of resigning merely because Talmey had asked him to.

Sunday, some 100 faculty members at an informal meeting passed a resolution to the effect that all 22 students suffered harsh punishment as a result of their actions. The 10 suspended students were specifically mentioned as having suffered most.

The group also pledged to take steps to improve disciplinary procedures at the university.

The suspensions, which were announced Nov. 15, have also been criticized by the school's newspaper and various campus organizations.

Archer, 42, came to CU in 1965 from the University of Wisconsin where he was head of the psychology department.



CU Dean Quits

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