

Rough Drafts of Statements by
Students before Special Advisory
Committee on Police Policies
and Procedures.

March 19, 1952

I. [REDACTED] - PM 3

RE: Hammersley

On February 28 after his 1:20 class, while he was talking to the instructor as they were walking out of the door of the classroom [REDACTED] (Building), [REDACTED] saw Joe Hammersley. Hammersley said he wanted to see him. Apparently had been looking for him and had gone to Professor [REDACTED] office, who brought him to the room where Witte had his 1:20 class. They went out to the police car.

[REDACTED] Hammersley told [REDACTED], when asked what was the matter: "Better confess."

"What?"

Hammersley: "Confess and come through." "What did you do this morning?"

[REDACTED] said he told him where he had been for his classes, etc., and that Hammersley kept repeating, "Better confess." When [REDACTED] kept asking "What?" "What did I do?", Hammersley said "You'll be identified."

[REDACTED] said the only thing he could think happened was that someone had picked up his notebook which he had left someplace that morning and that it had been left where something had happened and that he was being involved because his name was in it.

[REDACTED] said Hammersley then asked about his gym clothes and if he had any purple shorts, and asked if he had been in the locker room that afternoon. At Hammersley's request Witte went with him to the stadium locker rooms, showed him what was in his locker, and also what kind of shorts he had. [REDACTED] said he could not get from Hammersley any indication of what he was supposed to have done. After checking at the locker and dressing rooms, Hammersley took him back to school. He then pulled a notebook from the back of the car and gave it to Witte. It was the one he had mislaid in the morning.

█████ said he met another chap who told him that a man and woman walking past the dressing rooms (or locker rooms) had seen a man exposing himself in the windows. He said that he was incensed at the accusation that he should be guilty, and that he had been in class at the time of the offense.

EL: Your complaint is on being accused or placed in a situation in which you were made to feel guilty about something about which you had no knowledge?

█████: Yes, and being taken out of class. It wasn't very tactful.

█████ said that apparently Hammersley had found the notebook in the locker room when called to check on the report of exposure. It had apparently happened after 1:00 P.M., and █████ said he had been there only in the morning.

EL: Is this the first time this incident has been reported by you to any University authority?

█████: Yes. Told about it in class, because he knew the fellows had known that Hammersley was looking for him in connection with the exposure incident. Had made no complaint, though. Thought about it, but didn't.

Ahearn: Didn't you think of reporting the matter to Buildings and Grounds Dept?

█████: Yes, but didn't have much time. Was sore, but kind of let it go.