

# Students and Officials Protest Proposed End of City U. Colleges

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Hundreds of students from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in Manhattan and Richmond College on Staten Island demonstrated yesterday to express vehement opposition to Chancellor Robert J. Kibbee's proposals for closing their schools.

Each group was encouraged by its college president.

Gerald W. Lynch, the acting president of John Jay College, marched from the West Side with his students to the headquarters of the Board of Higher Education at 80th Street and East End Avenue. There he scaled a wooden barricade and drew cheers as he raised a megaphone.

On Staten Island, Dr. Edmond Volpe, the president of Richmond College, addressed a rally of students in the college cafeteria, and he later marched with them to the offices of Staten Island public officials to urge that Richmond College be kept open.

Students, faculty members and college administrators in the institutions that may be eliminated under Chancellor Kibbee's reorganization plan have become allies a struggle this week, forgetting their traditional antagonisms.

Chancellor Kibbee's proposals, distributed to the board last week, had included a suggestion that Richmond College be closed. But during a private meeting of the Board of Higher Education on Monday evening, board members indicated their preference was to merge Richmond, a two-year senior college, with Staten Island Community College, which is a two-year junior college.

The students from John Jay, who marched about 1,000 strong from their classrooms in the West 50's to the board's East Side headquarters, stood for more than an hour outside

the board offices listening to speeches, raising clenched fists and chanting, "Save John Jay!" and "They say cut back, we say fight back!"

At 2 P.M., a small delegation of student leaders met with Chancellor Kibbee. According to a spokesman for the Chancellor, the meeting was quite cordial, although neither side left convinced by the other's arguments.