

Safety Demands at Stony Brook

Stony Brook—About 300 students and some faculty members, angered by the death of a freshman engineering student on campus last week, presented 40 demands yesterday for increased safety measures to University President John Toll.

Toll, who agreed to reply to the demands at a meeting at 4 PM Friday, was frequently shouted down by the students as he attempted to provide a point-by-point outline of safety measures the university is adopting. Some of the students said the university was directly responsible for the death of the student, Sherman Raftenberg, 19, of Valley Stream, who fell into a steaming open manhole.

During the meeting in the Administration Building lobby, Toll said he had appointed Ronald W. Siegel, assistant executive vice president, as interim coordinator of safety. He also said he had received \$30,000 in emergency funds from the state university system for lighting on campus. Another \$170,000 appropriation for additional lighting and "general campus safety" was awaiting approval by the State Legislature, he said. Part of the south campus loop road will be closed because of a dangerous curve, Toll said, and permanent covers are being installed on three manholes. Temporary plywood barriers are being placed around all 24 manholes on campus, he said.

The students' 40 demands covered a wide range of safety and health conditions on campus. A flyer issued by some students said, "Toll will be allowed a period of two weeks from Tuesday [yesterday] to begin acting on these demands. During these two weeks there will be a day-by-day countdown while administrative activities are closely monitored by the total campus community."

Suffolk County police said yesterday that their investigation into Raftenberg's death supported a university report that the student fell into the hole after accepting a dare from other students to jump across the steaming 25-foot-deep shaft.