

Students Protestors Face Challenges Around the World

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Students in the United States typically take their freedoms for granted and are usually politically apathetic. Trainees in other places often have neither the freedoms nor the comforts which Americans do. Here, I describe recent student protests in Greece and in Cameroon which have produced a violent governmental response. And these actions come at a time when there are already serious injustices being committed against students in Mexico. That is, the events in Oaxaca I've been covering on this show.

In Greece, November 17th is traditionally recognized as the anniversary of a student uprising against the military junta in 1973. Before this year's demonstrations, much of the Greek media were using fear tactics in order to discourage participation. Contrary to their efforts, the protest in Athens and Thessaloniki were unusually large. And, unfortunately, several people were injured and many students were arrested during the violent police response to the demonstrations.

In Cameroon, three students were killed at the University of Buea-Ambazonia in an attempt to stop a prolonged "sit in" in 2005. The students were nonviolently protesting an increase in fees, the lack of basic facilities, and the prohibition of a student union. Despite this governmental oppression, the sit ins have continued, and Cameroon forces again opened fire on students this November 29th. Two students were killed and three others were injured during the ensuing melee.

We, the Frequency Mutineers, are using our show to point out these oppressive actions against student protests because WBGU is a **college** radio station. And tonight we call for an end to the political apathy on this (the Bowling Green State University) campus in support of students around the world who are literally dying for the everyday freedoms and facilities we take for granted.