

**CELEBRATING**

**THE**

**9TH**



**ANNIVERSARY**

**OF THE NEW**

**SCHOOL IN**

**EXILE!**

The demonstration began December 17 2008, evening in the cafeteria, with about 50 students staying overnight, citing a list of grievances with the Kerrey administration, including his early support of the Iraq war. They adopted a list of eight demands including a greater student voice in university affairs and the resignations of Mr. Kerrey; James Murtha, the executive vice president; and Robert Millard, treasurer of the board of trustees, who students said was connected to a private security firm working in Iraq.



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The students spent Wednesday night and Thursday morning painting banners with slogans like “Books Not Bureaucracy” and “New School in Exile,” a reference to the university’s origins as a haven for European intellectuals fleeing fascism.



The December takeover lasted about 30 hours. The action ended after negotiations, but a student group calling itself the New School in Exile promised further disruptions if Mr. Kerrey did not accede to their demand to resign by April 1, 2009. “With their demand still unmet as of this date, students have once again reclaimed this neglected, symbolic building which housed the New School for Social Research,” student organizers said in a news release on Friday.

**ON THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY IN EXILE, NEW SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE RECLAIMING THE TRADITION OF PROTEST AND POLITICAL ACTION THAT BIRTHED THE UNIVERSITY AND GAVE IT MEANING FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.**