UNIVERSITY, Miss. -- We are practically prisoners on the campus of Ole Miss.

Newsmen entered the university campus Tuesday morning with little trouble, tho the State Highway Patrol had roadblocks at all five entrances. The officers checked the credentials issued by the University to newsmen and waved us on thru.

Suddenly things changed yesterday afternoon.

Some newsmen left for various reasons, to return to motels or to go to town. Some even told the officers they would be back soon and we got an "okay."

Then the state officers wouldn't let any newsmen on the campus.

They have made no effort to hamper newsmen on the campus, tho patrol cars pass thru frequently, with officers going to the cafeteria to eat in shifts, or just cruising about the campus. Some Jackson, Miss., police are working with the campus police.

We are free to wander about the 1174 acre campus. But if we leave, we can't return. We don't know how long this will continue. Some newsmen plan to try to spend the night on the campus.

Joe Moore, reporter-photographer for the Jackson Clarion-Ledger, and Van Savell, Associated Press man from Jackson, left the campus early Tuesday afternoon. When they returned, they couldn't get in.

They tried the other four entrances. Same thing.

Then they drove toward Batesville and came from west of the campus.