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Day of Commitment Peaceful

Students March for Peace in Our Time

At 4:45 yesterday afternoon, approximately 5000 members of the U.C. academic community marched silently from campus to downtown Cincinnati as the major activity for the Day of Commitment.

The march was aimed at an expression of the need for non-violence in protest of the Nixon administration's policy in Southeast Asia. The protest was supported by the Administration of U.C., the University Senate, and the Student Senate as indicated in resolutions passed yesterday and the day before.

Much of the rationale behind the non-violent demonstration was the alleged "murder" of four students at Kent State University on Monday; protest at U.C. has been on a peak scale since President Nixon's announcement last Thursday of American troop movements into Cambodia.

Following several choruses of "We Shall Overcome," yesterday afternoon, the thousands of students, joined closely together in groups of 6 to 12 people, started out for Fountain Square.

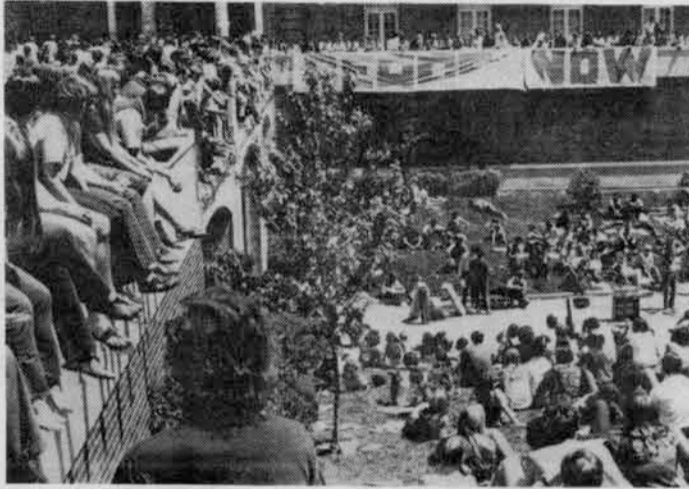
The first procedure was insuring that everyone saw the leaflet entitled "The Sound of Silence," which epitomized the nature of the demonstration. Joined six abreast, and with pink, white, and blue flowers, they followed the Clifton to Fifth and Walnut route, similar to the one used by marchers last Friday.

The seemingly endless line made their way through busy city streets, often blocking traffic. Approximately 250 to 300 marshalls directed the marchers; while the Cincinnati police were rarely seen, these leaders directed traffic during the journey.

The march itself was quiet and uneventful, except for one reported injury to a U.C. coed, struck in the forehead by a rock thrown into the crowd by a spectator on Clifton Ave.

Included in the march were primarily U.C. students; however many faculty members, along with a number of administrators, stayed with the march, as members of the entire demonstration.

Approximately 1000 students from Xavier University were also marching, though XU students marched together; while U.C. people did the same.



"PEACE NOW" was the cry as students amassed on the Union Bridge to listen to speakers in observance to the "Day of Commitment." Later silence was called for as the throng proceeded downtown. —photo by Barry Kaplan

Vigil of Silence Follows March

Upon returning from their march downtown, students yesterday began a one and one-half hour-long vigil of silence in Nippert Stadium. Students were seated on over half of the football field, much of the stands, and, initially, all over that area of the Clifton Campus.

While the marchers maintained silence throughout much of the vigil, they heard individual speakers and at times, sang songs of peace.

In an emotional speech before the group, Artie Cohn, newly elected Vice-President of the Student Government, gave the introductory series of remarks which dealt with the nature of the march they had just completed.

During periods of silence, large scrolls were signed by those present for each of the students killed at Kent State Monday. The scrolls are to be sent to the parents and families of the four young people, reportedly "killed by national guardsmen who fired into the KSU group Monday."

Father Havemeier, leader of the Newman Center, then addressed the group:

"Keeping silent is a way of reflecting on our commitment to do something in a non-violent way. We want you to honor this silence as it will be broken only from time to time with a thought to make you ponder further," advised Havemeier.

In later remarks before the group, he continued: "We would like for you to reflect on what we hope for and what we base that hope. This is the hope of doing things another way."

A third speaker was Michael Graves, a student from the University Medical School. Graves alluded to the fact that both a cross and American Flag were at the head of the march. He suggested this should "teach us all a lesson. We all have varied backgrounds, yet here we stand realizing our common mistakes."

The vigil itself began a little after 7 p.m., but by 8:30 p.m., students had become too cold to remain outside; thus, members of the Student Government announced an end to the vigil. Some students were opposed, however, and unsuccessfully attempted to wrest the microphone from those announcing the vigil's end.

Those striking yesterday scheduled a picket for today, to begin at 7:30 a.m.

Mood of UC

'Action Without Violence'

"The mood of the University of Cincinnati campus community is one of deploring violence in America and the world," according to Dr. Ralph C. Bursiek, executive vice president of U.C.

"It is in this spirit," he continued, "that the University Senate adopted the recommendations of the Student Senate to cancel classes today and to permit voluntary absence from classes for the remainder of the week."

"Understanding the solemn intentions of the faculty and student body, the University Administration has determined to carry out the recommendations of the University Senate," he said.

Dr. Bursiek, in the absence of President Walter C. Langsam, who is out of town, is the chief U.C. executive officer. He said that in addition to the cancellation of day classes yesterday, no evening classes, either on the main campus or at Ohio Mechanics Institute, would be held last night.

Evening classes will meet as scheduled, however, tonight and Thursday. Day classes, as proposed both by the Student Senate and the all-University Senate, which is composed of students, faculty, and administrators, will be on a voluntary basis Wednesday (5/6) through Friday (5/8).

"Yesterday, at an urban university in northern Ohio, violence broke out that turned into tragedy." Provost for Academic Affairs Thomas N. Bonner, speaking for the University administration, began his address to the crowd assembled on the Bridge yesterday.

Bonner went on to speak about the fear, mistrust, anger, and frustration that is widespread

on every campus in the nation today. He stated that at U.C., "instead of individual students, faculty, and administration, we must think of ourselves as one solidified University community trying to show our concern over the senseless violence that is so prevalent in this nation today."

Bonner stressed that the upcoming march was not to be against the national guard or Governor Rhodes, but against the violence, mistrust, and anger that brought about the tragedy at Kent State University.

"For this march to succeed, we must be non-violent. We must have the support of the entire community. We would like to see a massive outpouring of concern over this violence."

Bonner stated that U.C. is the only university that has seen any disturbances that has not required police action. "We have not had the massive force on this campus."

Bonner discussed the roots of violence in America, ending by saying, "Whatever the outward causes of violence, it occurs ultimately in a single human being whose hatred and resentment break out into violent physical action."

The lack of violence, he believes, is due to responsible student leaders and concerned faculty and administration, who are all trying to promote a positive and creative response on the part of the University.

"We must work together and ignore those who would divide us. Make this walk silent and peaceful, and you will be surprised at the support you will find: from the faculty, the administration, and the entire community."

"Good luck today. Peace. God be with you."



MEMBERS OF THE University Senate debating Student Senate's "Day Against Violence," and the "4 Day Strike," in an emergency session Tuesday morning. —photo by Barry Kaplan

Day's Events

This is a resume outlining the major activities on the University of Cincinnati campus in regard to U.C.'s "Day Against Violence." Monday afternoon, top administrators met with the steering committee of the University Senate to discuss student feeling on campus.

At 9 p.m. Wednesday, Student Senate called an emergency meeting, and passed a bill calling for no classes on May 5, and making it a day of non-violence. They also passed a bill calling for a student strike on May 6, 7, and 8.

The University Senate met at 8 a.m. yesterday, and passed Student Senate's "Day Against Violence" and the three day student strike.

At 9:40 a.m., acting in lieu of President, Langsam, Vice-President, Ralph Bursieck, officially called off classes for May 5.

Students heard speakers on the Union Bridge from 9 a.m., until 4 p.m.

An Ad Hoc committee of the faculty met at 2 p.m., and they passed resolutions supporting the day of non-violence and the student strike.

At 4:30 p.m., six thousand students departed from the Union Bridge to downtown Cincinnati.

Students assembled in Nippert Stadium at 7 p.m. in conclusion to their "Day Against Violence."

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Editorial

The Governor's Actions

Condemnation of Governor James Rhodes for his lack of moral perception in the action of committing National Guardsmen to Ohio campuses is certainly in order.

In official statements by high level officers of the National Guard in Columbus, we note that the troops did fire into the crowd of students, all of whom were committed to ending the immoral destruction of human beings.

Now, four students lie murdered by these "servants of our governments;" numerous other members of the Kent State academic community are suffering from wounds inflicted by the soldiers.

We question the need for Rhodes' actions in the situation at Kent State, at Ohio State, for if this is the attitude the Governor will take when campus disruptions arise, we might legitimately fear for our own freedom of expression here.

Certainly, the National Guard has been alerted here; with a sick, repressive attitude like this, some members of our community could conceivably be shot to death also.

In the case of Kent, those who first destroyed property could have been handled by civil authorities in the area, at the same time that administrative officials could have examined the moral presumptions behind the actions, and by making concessions, could have averted any need for the presence of guard on campus.

At Ohio State, were the authorities there perceptive enough to answer the students' demands, there would have been little need for any disruption.

What becomes the issue, then, is Rhodes' lack of judgment when instead of recommending that University administrators meet with students and make offers, he called out the guard for what appears to be political campaign purposes.

His political tactic, it seems, has backfired; the people of Ohio can now have little faith in the man that will soon be their former Governor.

The Vocal Majority

It has become readily apparent that the American University has become a decidedly political force in the nation.

University Presidents, students, and members of faculties have publicly expressed total discontent with Nixon's policies in Southeast Asia. Members of our academic community have also expressed similar sentiments. They are sincerely committed to the cause of non-violence; as such, they deserve the support of the entire community. Their cause is a worthy one; in cooperation with one another, they have expressed their concern in ways that are both conducive to their cause and useful in a political lobby sense.

Acting upon the initiative of many of these concerned students, the newly functioning University Senate has proven itself to be a potentially powerful and meaningful body. It was the recommendation of the University Senate, in conjunction with those passed by Senate, as well as the evident student opinion, that caused Executive Vice President Bursiek to cancel classes yesterday, and agree to the voluntary class attendance proposal for the rest of the week.

No one can doubt, however, that the force behind the decision was primarily the University Senate's requests.

In its first crisis, the Senate has performed most impressively. Now, what remains, is for all governing bodies on campus to assert their political force and demand that Nixon listen to what is quickly becoming the "vocal majority."

If he has any hope for a future in representative politics, it would be well for him to listen to "us bums."

Campuses Across Nation Witness Brunt of Strikes

In protest of recent U.S. intervention in Cambodia and the fatal shooting, Monday, of four Kent State University students, thousands of the nation's college students have gone on strike at their campuses, some with administrators consenting and others not.

The United States Student Press Association (USSPA) reported over one-hundred colleges officially called off classes yesterday including all Ivy League schools, all campuses of the University of California, and most schools in the Boston and New York areas.

The University of Wisconsin staged an early rally against Cambodian intervention and later units of the Wisconsin national guard had to be called to put out two fires in campus buildings.

At Syracuse University, up-state New York, two-hundred windows were broken and street barricades were erected to block off the campus while at the University of Maryland a state of emergency was declared with police redirecting traffic away from highway-1 leading to Washington.

A crowd of five-hundred University of Iowa students chanting "abolish ROTC" marched to the local national guard armory. And at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, four-hundred persons marched to the Nashville Federal Building.

A fraternity at Ohio Wesleyan University and the Harvard University Lampoon, in separate statements, declared they had seceded from the United States.

At New York University a strike headquarters has been set up to plan for the continuance of a strike already affecting the campus, until the end of the academic year. Issues of the strike revolve around the trial of Black Panther leader Bobby Seale, the fighting in Cambodia and the "oppression of students."

This weekend activities are being planned in Washington. A demonstration coordinated by the Fellowship for Reconciliation has been scheduled in front of the White House Saturday. The New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (New Mobe) and the National Student Association (NSA) have tentatively scheduled an all night vigil Friday night and a day of mourning Saturday for the four

youths killed during a street demonstration at Kent State University.

Saturday, NSA issued a statement in regard to U.S. troops fighting in Cambodia, calling for a national college strike, "not striking against universities but strikes by universities in response to the war." Delegations from all over the country are expected to arrive in Washington later this week to plan a concerted effort of dissent toward the policies of the Nixon administration.

Also, the New York University Bar Association has contacted over eighty schools in an attempt to organize lobbies in Senate and Congressional offices to inform legislators of developments on college campuses in response to the war in Vietnam.

Candidates' Comments Elicited In KSU Incident Response

The News Record has made efforts to contact candidates in the Senatorial and Gubernatorial primary races for their comments concerning the Kent State University disturbances.

Senatorial candidate John Glenn was "shocked and literally sickened" by the violence at Kent State, according to his press secretary. Howard Metzenbaum, another Democratic senatorial aspirant announced that he "was not certain of the events at Kent

State University and reserved comment until all the facts are known." Republican Robert Taft, Jr. was not available for comment.

Governor James Rhodes, another Republican senatorial candidate, referred the NR to the Office of the Adjutant General for comment. The remarks of General Wegner, Adjutant General's Office, are given elsewhere in this issue.

Roger Cloud and Paul Brown, Republican gubernatorial hopefuls, endorsed Rhodes's actions and those of the National Guard.

Representative Donald Lukens, another Republican candidate for the gubernatorial nominations made the following statement: "I'm fed up with recklessness, anarchy, and now death that a few radicals have brought to our campuses. This should make those persons responsible for killing and injuring their fellow students have second thoughts about further demonstrations. I urge a thorough investigation by the House Internal Security Committee to ascertain whether outside radical agitators were responsible for the provocative actions of some students at Kent."

Lukens concluded that most students at Kent remained away from the demonstrations, showing that the radical element on campus was, indeed, small. He felt that the actions of the National Guard were, to some extent, justifiable in view of the provocative tactics of the student demonstrators.

Investigations Underway

Gen. Speaks on Kent

Gen. Frederick Wenger the A'st. Adjutant General for Air in the office of the Adjutant General in Columbus made several comments on the incidents at Kent State to the NR.

Wenger indicated that the situation at Kent had been tense for several days; the burning of the ROTC building plus the attempts to impede the efforts of the fire officials to extinguish the blaze served only to further intensify the situation.

The troops involved were, according to Wenger, "seasoned and, if they felt their lives in danger, it was justified." The guardsmen had all served during the Huff riots in Cleveland and the Akron and Youngstown riots.

Wenger stated that "150 troopers were surrounded by approximately 600 students. The students proceeded to throw rocks and steel railroad spikes at the troops."

Wenger further indicated that the police dept. of Kent has substantiated that "there was sniper fire and that one individual with news credentials had a weapon and fired it."

The Guard then fired 38 rounds, mostly into the air, but a few into the crowd; however Wenger stated that "the troops did not open fire until all tear gas supplies had been exhausted and the situation had become uncontrollable."

Wenger indicated that several investigations are underway.

Minority Editorial

Out of expediency...

There are times when academic values such as reasoned discourse, rational thought, and knowledge gives way to gut-reaction, emotionalism, and superficial activism. Such a time has arrived on the University of Cincinnati campus.

A large segment of the student body has acknowledged and accepted the notion that someone must do penance for the tragedy at Kent State on Monday.

If condemnation is to be issued, then it should be realized that a simplistic and paranoid view of Governor Rhodes and his National Guardsmen cannot lead to an amelioration of the problem. Students should reserve judgement, although their representatives in student government could not summon the courage to do so, on the behavior of Governor Rhodes' National Guardsmen until all the facts are ascertained.

And, of course, all the facts were not learned, nor analyzed,

by 9 p.m., Monday evening when Student Senate met, nor even Tuesday morning when the University Senate deliberated. Yet there remains in the student senate bill the conspicuous use of the word "murdered;" an arrogant assumption of the role of judge and jury on the part of our student "leaders."

What the students were not mindful of was the fact that the events at Kent State are not identical to the circumstances surrounding antecedent events on this campus, just as the events there are dissimilar to the events at Ohio State or Miami.

The deaths of four students at Kent State do not make it incumbent upon us to atone for such violence. It should be apparent that, as students make it obligatory upon the university to become politically involved, and, considering the lengths to which students are willing to carry their "demands," then reaction breeds counter-reaction so that,

inevitably, you are left with the consequences of Kent State.

A same pattern emerges here at U.C., however, so that the events of Kent State do not become remote. Our students, faculty, and administrators have allowed an atmosphere to materialize here which is not conducive to rational discourse. Why?

Our University leaders have decided, *out of expediency alone*, to take the wind out of angered sails. So they channel the childishness down legitimate avenues while remaining unaware of the true nature of the university.

If we are willing, and if it is considered paramount to allocate a chorus of condemnation, then let us, in addition, condemn University personnel for turning an academic community into a playground, which, in the long run, will encourage similar phenomena to flourish at U.C., as they have at Kent State.

Senates Pass Strike Bills

Univ. Senate Supports Protest

Applause and cheers drowned out the vote for adjournment at yesterday's special session of the University Senate after University Vice-President Ralph Burseik rose and announced that the administration would implement the Senate's decisions to cancel all classes Tuesday, to stage a peaceful protest march, and to support the student-faculty strike.

The Senate convened in emergency session at 8 a.m. in the Losantiville Room. Chairman Gene Lewis, professor of history, called the fifty faculty, student, and administration senators together to deal with the campus situation precipitated by the deaths of four students at Kent State University in confrontation with National Guardsmen.

The Senate began by considering a bill calling for the cancellation of classes and staging of a march.

The bill concerning "Day of Commitment Against Violence" had been passed at Monday night's special Student Senate meeting and had received the approval of the University Senate Steering Committee which met at 7:30 p.m.

Senate voted unanimously in approval of the anti-violence bill, then considered the student strike bill.

That bill was also passed by Student Senate. Debate in the University Senate centered around the controversial issues

of the University sanctioning the strike and of the rights of students to miss and faculty to call off classes. When roll-call vote was taken the strike endorsement passed thirty-nine to seven.

Below are sections of the two bills: "Concerning Day of Commitment Against Violence."

Be It Resolved: That the University Senate of the University of Cincinnati requests that May 5, 1970, be declared a day of commitment against violence at the University. University Senate further requests that classes be cancelled and that the day be devoted to discussion of the issue of violence. Further, University Senate supports a silent march against violence...

Be It Resolved: That the University Senate of the University of Cincinnati uphold the rights of those individual students and individual faculty who oppose this violence to strike for four days...

Be It Further Resolved: That the University Senate... urge the U.C. administration to uphold temporarily the voluntary class measures as passed by Senate Bill S. 385, passed by Student Senate on February, 1970, and further that this measure be construed as including the right of the faculty to refrain without penalty from holding classes during the strike period.

Students Propose 4 Day Stoppage

Passage of two measures, one concerning cancellation of classes yesterday, the other supporting the "rights of these students who oppose this violence (on campuses) to strike for four days," highlighted an emergency Student Senate meeting Tuesday night. The meeting was attended by some 300 often vocal students.

The later bill was a substitute measure after the defeat of an earlier bill that had urged "that the university cancel classes for four days starting May 5, 1970 in memory of the four students murdered at Kent State on May 4."

The Senate's recommendation to cancel classes, which was quickly approved by University Senate and the University Board of Directors before being put into effect yesterday, urged that the day "be devoted to discussion of the issue of violence."

The measure, sponsored by Student Body Vice-president Artie Cohn, also urged "a silent march against violence" to head "through the city of Cincinnati and to culminate in a vigil of commitment in Nippert Stadium."

Defeat of S. 530, which had urged for the four-day cancellation of classes, prompted the proposal of S. 531, declaring belief in the right of students to oppose, by means of a four-day strike,

the violence that has broken out on university campuses throughout the nation.

The Senate Bill further urged that the strike be "peaceful and nonviolent," and urged that the Administration "uphold the voluntary class measures as passed" by the Senate in February. S. 531 was passed 29-6.

The meeting was interrupted several times by loud shouting and cheering from the crowd that packed the Losantiville Room. The audience loudly demanded Senate confirmation of some of the resolutions, and individuals representing opposing factions within the crowd interrupted and occasionally heckled speakers when the floor was thrown open for debate.

The following was a statement by Student Body President Mike Dale.

"What has happened is that the University has realized that there are elements in society with which they must deal. It is unfortunate that people must die before institutions respond to the insidious violence which pervades our society. It is incumbent upon each of us to make personal commitments to stop violence in Cincinnati, at Kent State, in Southeast Asia, in the ghetto, and wherever else we find it by whatever means we have available."

How they married—without a minister

He stood with her in an expecting silence. His hand then reached for hers, and they said in turn, "... I take thee..." No organ pealed forth, no minister spoke. But, in the regathered quiet, one who had come to witness rose, and spoke of fidelity and responsibility and the love that gives life. And though a traditional ceremony seemed to be missing, the two became one in God's presence, which alone makes any marriage sacred.

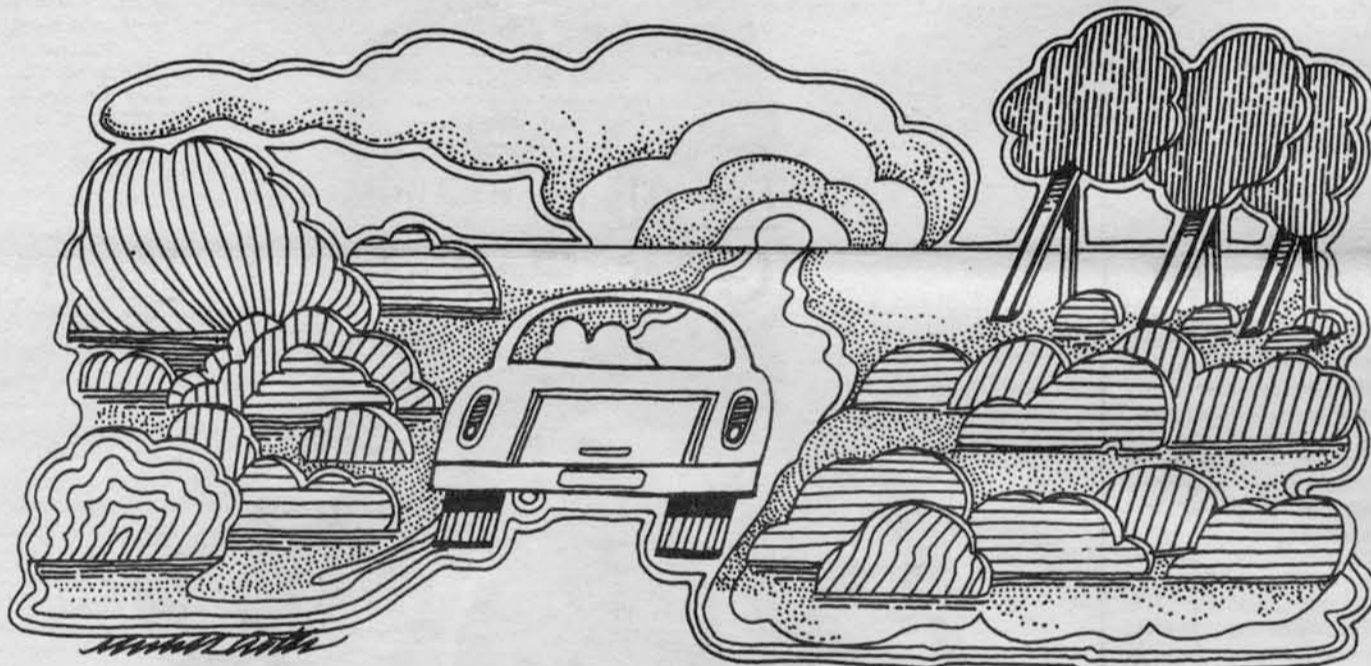
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Students Jam Union Bridge

by Linda Meyer
Editorial Page Editor

"By reverting to violence to impose your views upon other people, you are all a bunch of long-haired Nixon's," proclaimed one of the many varied speakers at the rally by the Union Bridge

yesterday afternoon.

In between the scheduled faculty speakers, any student who wished to voice an opinion was granted use of the microphone for several minutes. Nearly every position on the political spectrum of opinion was represented.

Dr. Herbert Shapiro's address was interrupted intermittently by applause, shouts of "Ride on!" and clenched, outstretched fists. At the conclusion, he received a standing ovation from the crowd of listeners.

"Within each of us, violence tends to induce violence," noted Dr. Tom Banta. "We must rise above primitive tendencies to react to violence with violence."

Discussion was relatively quiet except for applause and cheers of spectators as speakers made points with which they were in accord. It was not until 12:30 p.m., that some of U.C.'s more violent voices tried to make themselves heard.

One work-shirted girl shouted to the crowd to stop sitting around and do something. Another boy backed her, calling for an immediate and spontaneous march, instead of waiting as scheduled until 4:30 p.m. They were quickly quieted by the more pacifistic crowd.

Talking, thinking, planning, gathering enthusiasm and stenciling clenched fists and peace signs on t-shirts and cardboard all took place on the Bridge yesterday afternoon under the shadow of a fluttering blue-and-white PEACE NOW banner.



STUDENT STRIKE LEADER addresses crowd at Bridge yesterday. —photo by Linda Meyer

Faculty Gives Support

Yesterday at 2:00 p.m., the Ad Hoc Committee of the Faculty met to discuss and vote on resolutions concerning this week's protests. Notice of the meeting was given to as many members of the faculty as possible in the hope of a large response.

The faculty attending the meeting voted to pass the resolution condemning the murders, and condemning Governor Rhodes and others they hold responsible for the murders. The resolution requested the University to strengthen their commitment not to call police onto the campus, supported the actions of the student government in calling for class cancellation and the march, and called for a voluntary strike of classes for the remainder of the week.

Copies of the resolution from the "enlarged Ad Hoc Committee of the Faculty," signed by those who voted in favor of it, will be sent to Governor Rhodes, General Del Corso, and the University administration.

Other movements made and passed were for a condemnation the war in Southeast Asia and urging immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops, a proposal to change the name of the new Rhodes building, and support of faculty involvement in student actions during the strike.

A proposal was passed for a faculty meeting Thursday to include all colleges of the University as well as faculty from neighboring universities, to decide on future action.

Greeks Voice Support For Two Senate Proposals

by Richard Katz
Editor Emeritus

Two-Hundred-and fifty Greeks massed at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house late Monday night to voice their support for the bills passed earlier that night in an emergency meeting of the Student Senate.

The meeting and subsequent endorsement of the bills by the Greeks was significant because a lot of people have considered the Greek system as Tom Humes, President of IFC pointed out, "as a large part of the silent majority that sits back as arm-chair philosophers for too-long, not participating at all."

But as Humes further stated, "when fellow college students are killed senselessly just a few hundred miles from our campus, we feel we must make our feelings known."

The motions passed by the Greeks Monday night however, should not be construed as opposing the war or Nixon's policy, said Humes, but "we are simply and positively opposed to any form of violence and killing as happened at Kent State on Monday."

He continued, "It makes no difference whether there is violence in Vietnam, violence as caused by the National Guard, by SDS or anywhere else, the fact is that there are four dead college students only 200 miles from here, and we want to do everything we can to prevent the same thing from happening at our campus."

The statement of position which the Greeks issued as one of their two motions concluded by asking for all Greeks to contribute their "efforts to the organization of the Day of Commitment Against Violence and to the maintenance of peace on this day."

The meeting of the Greeks Monday night came after each President of the individual fraternity and sorority chapters had been requested to hold a meeting of their own organizations in their houses.

Following this the Greeks met in unison at the SAE house on Clifton where they decided on their support for the Student Senate.

This morning the Greeks met once again in the Losantiville Room to decide whether or not to commit the remainder of the week to the movement which has begun.

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