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Faculty to weigh grading system

Thousands gather in Lewisohn

Despite a blazing sun and record high temperatures, approximately 4,000 students and faculty crowded into Lewisohn Stadium yesterday in a memorial to the four slain Kent State students. The noon rally was believed one of the largest convocations in recent College history.

The heat prompted many to leave before the hour-and-a-half memorial ended. Many students fanned themselves and took shirts off while speakers such as Democratic Senatorial hopeful Paul O'Dwyer, faculty members and a Kent State student voiced their opposition to the Indochinese war and to political repression.

"Free Bobby"

O'Dwyer urged students to form a "united student front against the Indochinese war . . . Unless institutions of learning become the instrumentalities of opposition to the war they will have failed in purpose."

Chants of "Free Bobby" interrupted O'Dwyer's speech continually. "We're not going to get any of these things done if we're divided," he said.

Prof. Paul Minkoff (History) told the crowd, "We want a

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Photos by Hans Jung and Bruce Haber

While thousands rally in Lewisohn Stadium antiwar gathering, workers at site of Science and Physical Education building display flag.

It's a first: engineers vote strike

By Bill Apple

"Either you give a damn about this country or you can put your head under your slide rule and hide," the young electrical engineering student shouted to other engineering students who filled Great Hall yesterday morning. Pleading to the others to strike, he noted that the Southeast Asian war had begun to touch engineers. "There are no more job deferments. There are no more jobs. A year ago, a graduating senior would get six job offers; now they're lucky to get one."

"We've got to feel our power."

Many of the students were obviously enjoying

Copeland: dock pay of striking profs.

By Louis J. Lumenick

Bowing to mounting faculty and student pressure for the cessation of this term's academic activities, Acting President Copeland late yesterday left it up to the faculties of the College's five schools to determine grading procedures to be used this semester.

Dr. Copeland apparently had reversed the position he had taken in an earlier letter in which he declared that grades would be "determined in the normal manner," despite the continued boycotting of most classes at the College as part of nationwide anti-war activities.

But the Acting President stuck to his earlier resolve not to pay the salaries of striking teachers. He said both positions were interpretations of a resolution pas-

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sed Sunday by the Board of Higher Education. It declared that the City University's 17 units would remain open for the rest of the semester, with faculty having the right to deviate from the regular academic program because of the strike.

The Faculty Senate passed a resolution yesterday asking that no faculty member be penalized for not adhering to regular class schedules. It also asked the faculties of the schools to allow students to choose from a wide range of grade options.

But the Education faculty, meeting immediately before them in the same room, reserved to its faculty members the right to determine what grade — including "Pass," incomplete and drop without penalty — would be assigned students.

Meanwhile, many departments have already begun to set up revised grading procedures to take into account this spring's disruption.

The History, Art, Music, Biology, Speech and Anthropology Departments have adopted var-

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Off the buffoons

The American invasion of Cambodia and the killings at Kent State University are both heinous actions which must be vigorously protested by the entire student community. But what form this opposition should take is not a matter which should be decided in the heat of group passion, nor in the crucible of a student-administration confrontation. For the opportunities are too numerous, and the stakes too high to risk alienating the vast uncommitted sector of our society by engaging in mindless acts of petty terrorism or by making ludicrous demands that are inherently impractical.

The ransacking of the ROTC headquarters was one of those actions which will serve only to impair the effectiveness of the anti-war movement. The wanton destruction of property will not rouse President Nixon out of his moral complacency; its effect will merely be to bring in the Tactical Patrol Force and to set the stage for an unnecessary crisis. Clearly, students should have more sense than to participate in such a destructive, meaningless, and possibly damaging emotional outburst.

The demand that is currently in vogue in some quarters to close the College until the cessation of hostilities in Indochina is equally preposterous. Most students are not prepared to sacrifice several months, or years, of their education to work for even the most noble of causes. Consequently, it is best that this proposal be relegated to the realm of fantasy where it belongs.

On the more serious level, the demand to close the College until the end of the semester is worthy of consideration. The rationale behind this proposition is that such an action would permit students to devote their entire energies to protesting the war. However, it is not necessary to padlock the campus to achieve this end: if students are permitted to receive P or J grades now or letter grades later, those individuals who wish to protest would be able to do so, and those who wish to continue with classes, would have that opportunity. Thus, it is incumbent upon the administration to permit students and faculty to have maximum flexibility in planning their programs for the rest of the term.

The time for action is now. The "Great Silent Majority" to which the President so often turns is rapidly decomposing. Recent opinion polls have indicated that only a minority of the populace has confidence in the war effort and that a plurality believes that the war will eventually be lost. These people can be persuaded to oppose the war but only if they have confidence in their persuaders. If students continue to act in a juvenile fashion and continue to come up with inane proposals, they will be unable to influence the minds of this malleable social group. And, as a result, they will have lost another, and perhaps the best, opportunity to change the course of the war.

Oust the rascals

The Snack Bar has been liberated but it is doubtful that this emancipation will have any beneficial effects. Not only have many students been inconvenienced by this abrupt change in management, but there is always the possibility that food prices might have to be raised to cover the revenue lost during the takeover. And, worst of all, it now appears that the Snack Bar workers, already barely eking out a living on meager earnings, may have to be laid off since there is no money with which to pay their salaries.

The liberators should stop this nonsense immediately. If they refuse to leave the facility the Finley Center officials should take all necessary actions to have them removed.

Thus far the Administration has tried to avoid confrontation by maintaining a "hands off" attitude toward the free food fadists. However, while the avoidance of conflict may be a commendable approach to most campus difficulties, the abdication of responsibility, especially when the welfare of poor workers is involved, is inexcusable.

Snack Bar workers facing lay offs while student 'liberation' continues

Associate Dean of Students Edmund Sarfarty said today that Snack Bar Workers may have to be laid off if the current occupation there continues.

Dean Sarfarty told a student official of the now "liberated" eating establishment that "we cannot afford to continue to pay the workers," adding that the money for the employees salaries is derived from Snack Bar earnings. He advised the students to leave the facility and use one of the fourth floor kitchens instead.

Doing well

According to the student, who asked to not be identified, the Snack Bar has been functioning very well under its new management. "We've received many compliments on our food," he said. He added that the operation was being totally financed from contributions, "including a one hundred dollar contribution from the faculty."

The students have, in the words of one of the occupiers, "tried to cooperate with the school" despite frequent "hassles" with Finley Center officials. They plan to hold on to the Snack Bar until they are forced to leave.

Stuart Lefkowitz, Assistant

Director of Finley Center, said that he believes that the liberators will not be able to "hold out" for too much longer. "Even with the air conditioning it gets pretty hot behind that counter," he said, adding that "some of the girls have been washing pots and pans all day."

Lefkowitz complimented the

Snack Bar and Finley Center occupiers by saying that there had been very little damage done to the building. He added that Administration officials were cooperating with the strikers because they were taking "constructive" actions to deal with an important national issue.

— Fishbein

Copeland's stand on Cambodia

Statement made last week by Acting President Copeland regarding the recent events in Southeast Asia and this country.

I wish to share with the staff and students of the City College my shock and dismay.

Strongly opposed as I am to war as a solution for human problems, I deplore the sudden decision to extend the seemingly endless conflict into another country. This escalation seems to represent a reversal by the President of the United States of his own pledge to contain the hostilities rather than expand them.

At home the horrifying events at Kent State University as I understand them, represent a totally improper use of violence by the National Guard. In dealing with disorders or civil tension, an absolute minimum of force should be used regardless of provocation. This apparently has not been the case. Dead and wounded boys and girls in rural Ohio demand the most disciplined and united response we can muster in order to prevent a recurrence of such a tragedy.

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By Ken Sasmor

Last Tuesday politics and spring fever converged at the College. We decided that Nixon, Agnew, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and the National Guard are bad. American soldiers kill in Cambodia and they kill at Kent State. To protest killing, we may have no more classes this term.

Why the state of alarm at this particular time? The panic was caused not simply because American troops crossed into Cambodia (one small Asian country is pretty much like another and we had been bombing North Vietnam for a long time). It was generated because Nixon sent troops into Cambodia, when he said that he was trying to end the war. Nixon lied again, and we became scared because power is so distant from the people and the president has become so powerful. Then four students were killed, four people who were in a sanctuary called a university; a university is supposed to be a peaceful, safe place where people freely exchange ideas. If these four students could be killed, we, too, could be killed, in our market place of ideas. So a lot of people who used to sneer at demonstrations or avoid them, a lot of Joe and Jane College types, joined the rally at Cohen Library. A hell of a lot of people were confronted with a gigantic contradiction between what they feel — their friends, the sun, the grass, the leaves, and the breeze, and what they could not feel — murder. The friends, the sun, and the grass were real. And this horrible abstraction, murder, was also real.

How should a concerned human being act? A man ignores an ominous reality, a threat to freedom, at his own peril. In defense of his happiness and that of his friends, he becomes politicized.

But politics is a terribly cold field of human endeavor. And to the extent that a man becomes involved in power struggles, he diverts his energy away from relationships with individuals, from love, and from his individual identity. The terrorist and peace marcher alike divert their energy from enjoyment of men, women, and nature.

How many people can act effectually and individually in the political arena? Only a chosen few can feel that their actions count, (Martin Luther King, William Kunstler, and Ralph Nader, for example.) The politician may wield power, but he is usually cynical. The terrorist may be effectual

in opposing established power, but he is destructive. The marcher is usually reduced to being a unit in a blob. He identifies himself with his leaders by polluting the air with cries of that now famous monstrosity — "right on."

Politicians foment institutional violence when they get hung up in bureaucracy, when they simply refuse to do all that is necessary to eradicate slums, end hunger, poverty, and illiteracy, and clean up our environment. When people go to war or plant bombs, they commit physical violence. Neither physical nor institutional violence is justifiable, since each destroys the lives and identities of individual human beings.

Somehow people have to start respecting each other as individuals, and stop regarding each other as pawns in a collective will or pegs in a power game. If democracy won't work, perhaps extreme anarchism-pacifism will. But certainly we must end the bullshit of traditional liberal and revolutionary politics.

Each person is responsible for deciding how he wishes to aid social change. But there is nothing to be gained by assuming an attitude of obsessional semi-paralysis over Cambodia and Kent State. To continue to enjoy life now, is to affirm one's humanity and to oppose destruction of life. And a man does not transcend himself by merging his existence with the mass of robots which form a crowd.

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The end of the semester is two weeks away, maybe sooner. It doesn't matter to me when it ends, except that I would prefer not to write two papers.

In four years, I've met a helluva lot of people. I've read *Ulysses*, *War and Peace*, *The Stranger*, etc. I was features editor and editor-in-chief of *The Campus*.

This place, what does it mean to me? Why is the College different than all other places?

I see a concoction of gothic and modern buildings, some ugly, some not so ugly, none positively pretty. Near the library are the tennis courts, green and fun, which I should have used more often. Near the tennis courts is the library which I used only as often as I had to.

My fond memories of this place will be of some nice people I had fun with, and of the grass and the trees. Green is beautiful.

SEEK students will hold classes despite strike

While voicing sympathy for the student strike against American involvement in Cambodia, SEEK students voted nearly unanimously last Friday to continue to hold classes for the remainder of the semester.

At a meeting in the Grand Ballroom, led by Dean Robert Young (SEEK), some 250 students approved a faculty-sponsored plan to proceed with academic work regardless of whether or not the College is open.

According to Barbara Christian (SEEK), the plan provides for classes to be held at the 125 Street YWCA in the event that the College is closed, either by official action or by striking students. She said that regular classes would be held and students would be expected to attend.

Dean Young explained that such emergency procedures were necessary this year because, "the last two weeks of the term are crucial. Many students have papers to hand in to show us where they stand, and which will also show them where they stand."

He added that if students "do not learn what they are supposed to this year, they won't be able to advance to the next level."

Dr. Young's remarks were echoed by Betty Rawls (SEEK) who said that there was a high dropout rate among SEEK students following last Spring's crisis. Miss Rawls urged students to try to get "grades, not just P's and F's," since "unlike white, middle class students who have money and can afford tutors," black students would be hurt severely if they failed to keep up with their work.

Not all the students at the meeting shared the faculty's sentiments. Gerald Taylor, an architecture student, said that



Dean Robert Young (SEEK) holds a strategy meeting in the Great Hall with several students in the program.

Photos by Bruce Haber

the main issue confronting Third World people was being evaded as everyone favored a continuation of classes. "We have to decide what else we are going to do," he said, alluding to possible demonstrations and protests that students might be involved in. He added that "we have an obligation not only to ourselves,

but to all the young people who will come after us."

The mood of the students and faculty in the Grand Ballroom gathering was one of mild cynicism. Dean Young, while expressing concern over the events in Cambodia and at Kent State, said that when black students had been killed at Orange-

burg State College and at other Southern universities there was little uproar. He also pointed out that it is black and Puerto Rican young people who bear the brunt of our involvement in Asia.

Midway through the meeting, Felipe Luciano of the Young Lords was introduced to loud applause. Luciano told the group that the "city was blowing up," and urged students to get involved in the community — "go to 116 Street or to El Barrio and meet your brothers for the first time." He said that black and Puerto Rican workers were already beginning to strike throughout the city, and added that students should not isolate themselves from the current struggle.

Luciano said that the College should be shut down since what happens at the "hub" of the university will affect other strike activities in the city. He also told students to hold classes "in the streets" where they could help educate blacks and Puerto Ricans who cannot attend the College.

In a related action, a group of students calling themselves "Concerned Black and Puerto Rican Students of the City College," called upon striking white students to "contain their sphere of influence to within City College" and warned the students "to in no way endanger or involve the Harlem Community."

Similar feelings were made known to a group of students in Bittenweiser Lounge last week when the question of drug use was brought up.

Black students said that they feared that blacks would be the first to be arrested if police were brought on campus. A resolution was passed by the white students to not allow any drugs to be used on campus while the strike was continuing.

It's a first: engineers vote strike

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room-only meeting last Friday in Steinman auditorium. He believed this was the first student-faculty mass meeting in the School of Engineering's history.

The resolution passed at the Friday meeting and overwhelmingly voted at yesterday's meeting states, "Too long has the Engineering School been apart from the College. We are individuals, but especially as engineers, must realize that we owe it to ourselves and the people of this nation to speak out on the recent action taken by President Nixon . . ."

The resolution further urges students to "Strike all normal classes in the College and that the College shall remain open for workshops until the U.S. government withdraws all troops from Cambodia and presents plans for the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Southeast Asia."

Concern About Grades

Many of the students in Great Hall were concerned about grades for this semester. But the engineering students also overwhelmingly passed a resolution presented by part-time lecturer Demetrios Papazissis (Electrical Engineering) to the effect that the students "refuse to be intimidated by grades" and vowed to continue the strike "regardless of what penalties or deterrents" are presented by the faculty or the Board of Higher Education.

Prof. Paul Karmel (Electrical Engineering) believed there "is no reason why one can't be a student and also have anti-war activities. If you want to leave school it's the same as always; the penalties will be the same." The reaction to this unwillingness to suspend classes for protest activities was loud boing.

But Prof. Morris Ettenberg (Electrical Engineering) agreed, urging students to go to classes and set aside their own time for protests. "Budget time and devote ourselves to each activity . . . To say let's give ourselves passing grades and say we've all been good fellows is to cop out," he said.

Other engineering teachers disagreed. "As I listen to what is being said, the words of wisdom are often coming from the students. We're all in this thing together," Prof. Louis Weinberg noted.

The one thing the teachers at yesterday's meeting did agree upon, however, was their united op-

position to the war and its recent spread into Cambodia. One faculty member observed, "I think it is time that engineering students actually did something about the war."

One warned his fellow engineers that a lot of faculty would still go on teaching. "If you vote to strike, strike. If you decide to strike, don't depend on the faculty," he said. Another student argued that even if exams and grades are given on schedule, "What good will the grade or diploma do if you're killed in Cambodia a year or two from now. Give up an A or B for something going on in the world."

After the students voted to continue the strike and to defy any faculty or University imposed penalties, those present started discussing the action they would take to bring the war to a halt.

Prof. Donald Goldfarb (Computer Science) commanded the students to "let people in engineering and science firms know that you as an engineer are against the war." He told them to be proud of their status as engineering students and "use it to advantage." He suggested that students "30-40 strong" visit the scientific companies. Students were to break up into groups to organize such trips.

Whether or not the engineering students will remain away from classes is still doubtful. Students reported that there were many classes "as usual" in Steinman yesterday.

Talking of the strike, Kenneth Hammaker thought "I don't think they can back it up. There are students like me — married for six years. I want to get out and earn money. They're not going to jeopardize their home life and the things they've worked hard for." He added that the strike would be more effective "if they'd give us a break on the grades. We didn't get the break that South Campus people did last term. Engineers still had to come in and take finals" last year after the black and Puerto Rican students shut down the College.

Other students believed that many engineers would remain on strike just to stay home or go to work at an off-campus job. Joe Arena, an electrical engineering student, said yesterday, "If there's going to be classes, I'd prefer going to classes. If it's optional, I wouldn't go . . . Take advantage of the situation because I don't like going to class."

Grading edict due

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riations of plans which provide for the use of P (passing) and J (drop without penalty) grades, which were employed similarly last spring.

The Art and Music Departments urged the adoption of the so-called "Princeton Plan" by the College. The plan, which was also advanced in the Faculty Senate by Professors Fred Binder (Education) and Bernard Bellush (History), would allow students to complete this term's academic requirements prior to the start of next term.

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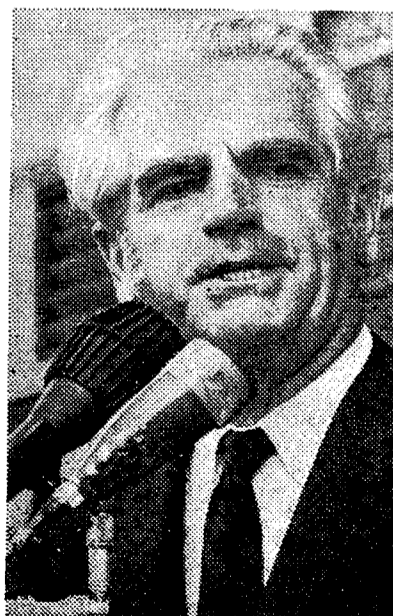


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PAUL O'DWYER

College of Liberal Arts and Science will consider grading Thursday. The faculties of the other schools — Engineering, Architecture and Nursing are expected to meet shortly.

Yesterday's controversy got off to a quick start after Dr. Copeland declared in a letter that:

"All regularly scheduled classes will meet as usual. Chairmen will insure that teachers meet all scheduled classes. Each chairman will submit in writing the names of teachers absent without official leave and the date(s) of absence . . . Absence without official leave will result in the loss of salary for the period of absence."

Normal Grading

He further announced that final examinations would be held on scheduled dates and that normal grading would be employed.

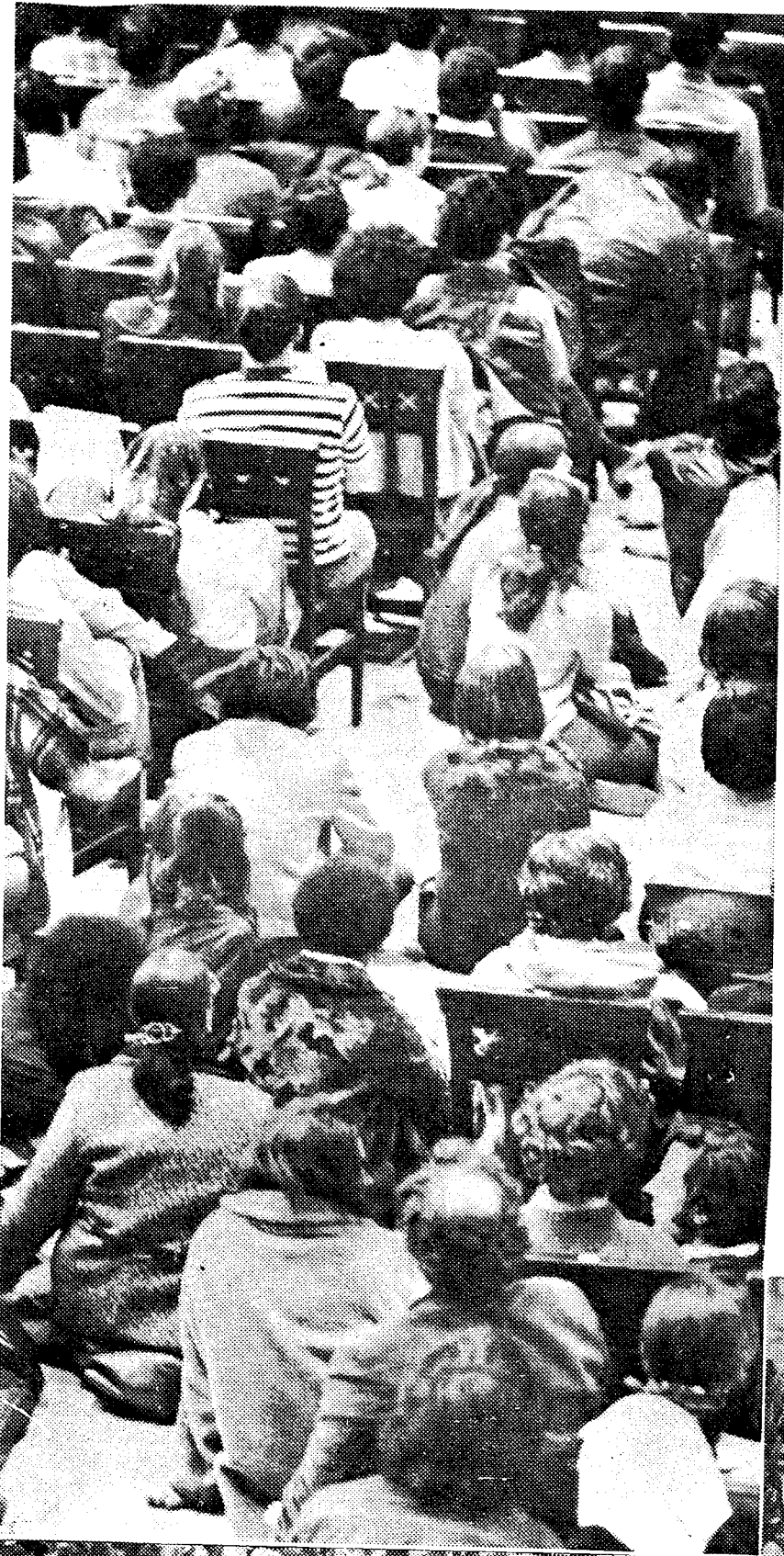
In the ensuing faculty and student uproar over the decision, Prof. Louis Guerriero (Education), a strike leader, told a Lewisohn Stadium rally that the president's position was in violation of the BHE edict and the Education faculty considered a motion to censure Dr. Copeland.

Just as a vote was about to take place, Dean Doyle Bortner (Education) interrupted the proceedings to read a second communication from the Acting President.

"Nothing in my letter," he wrote, "precludes action by the legally constituted faculties of the various schools to make adjustments in grading or curriculum content . . ."

In an interview yesterday, the Acting President said that faculty members who expected to be paid while they were on strike were "taking money under false pretenses."

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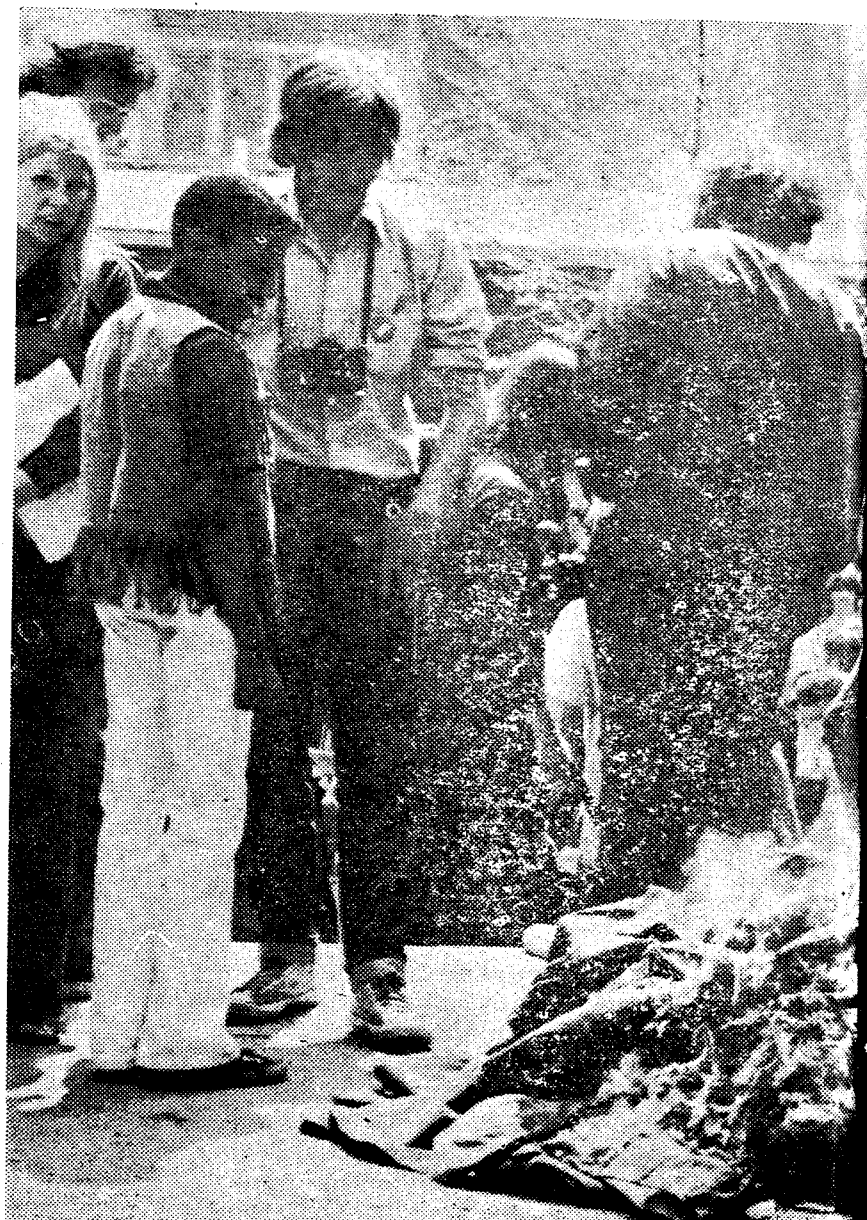
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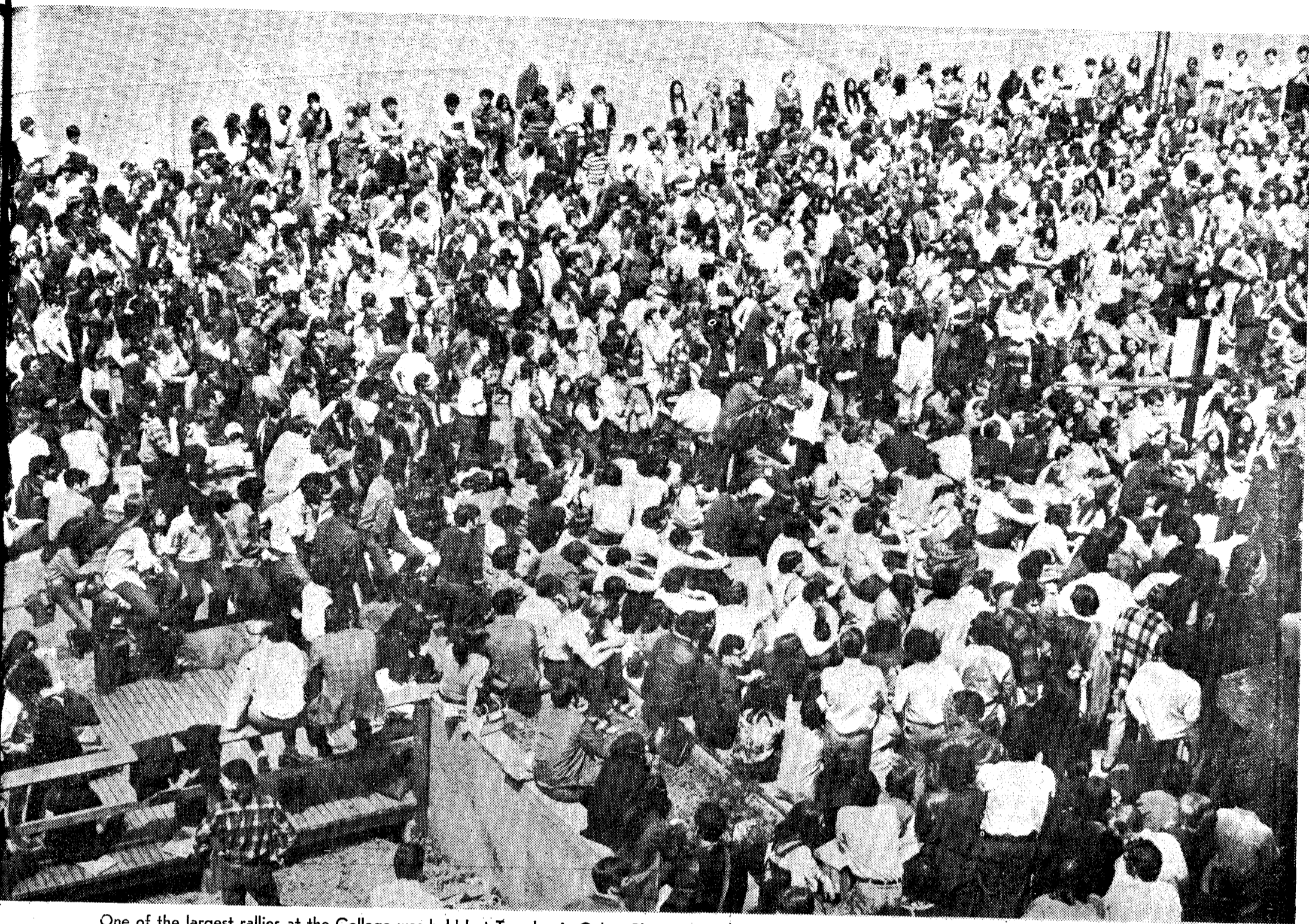
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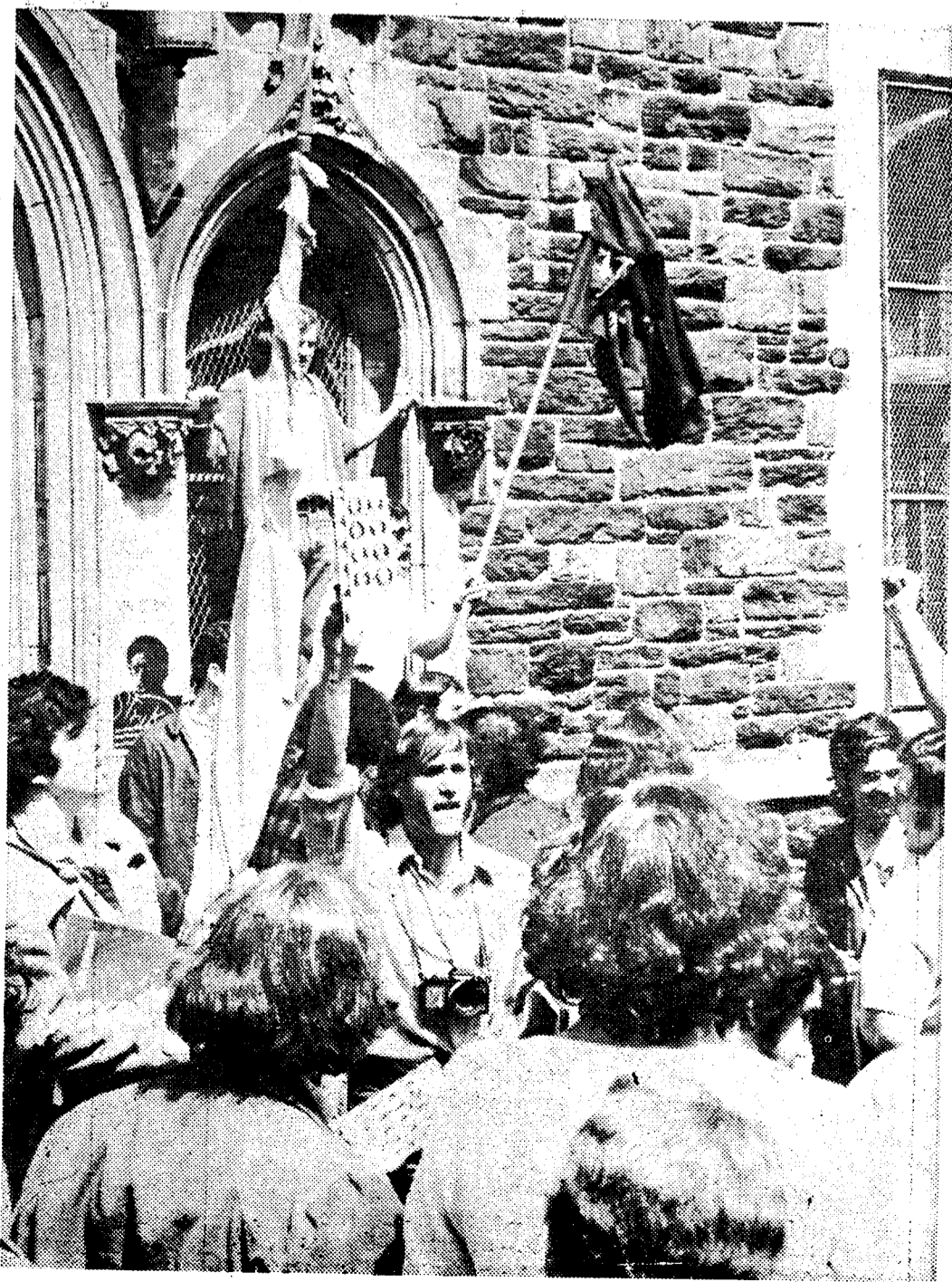
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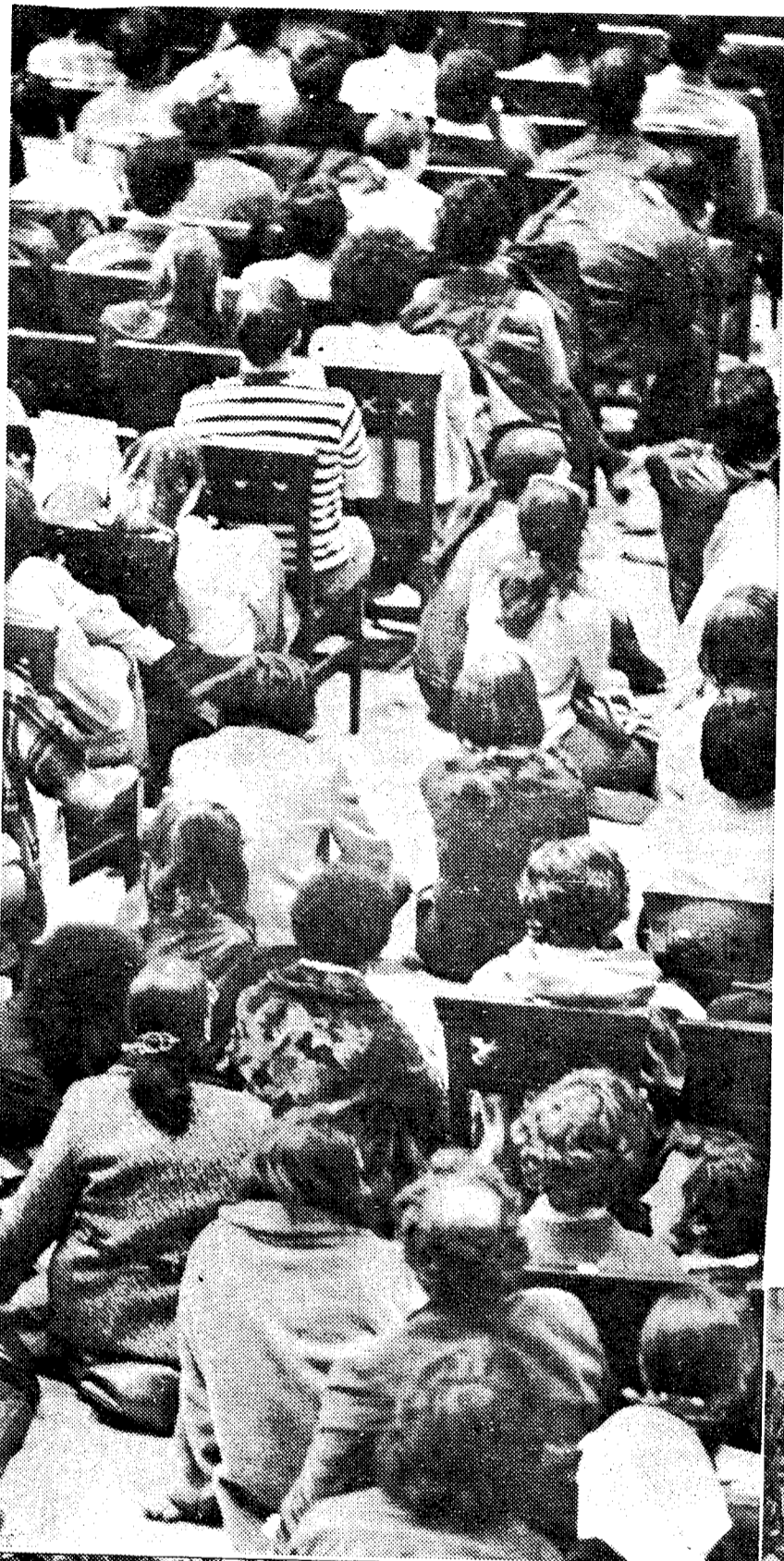
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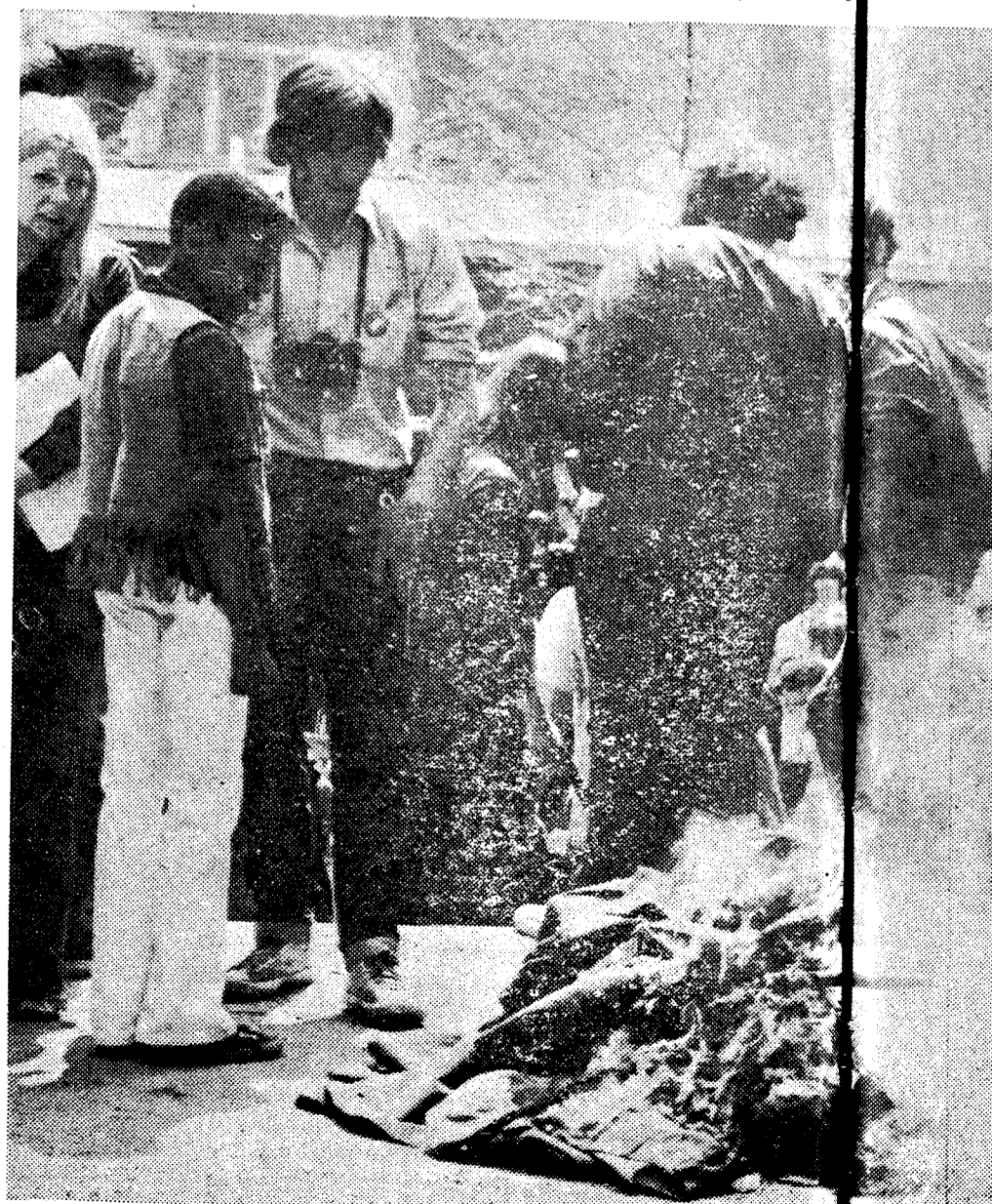
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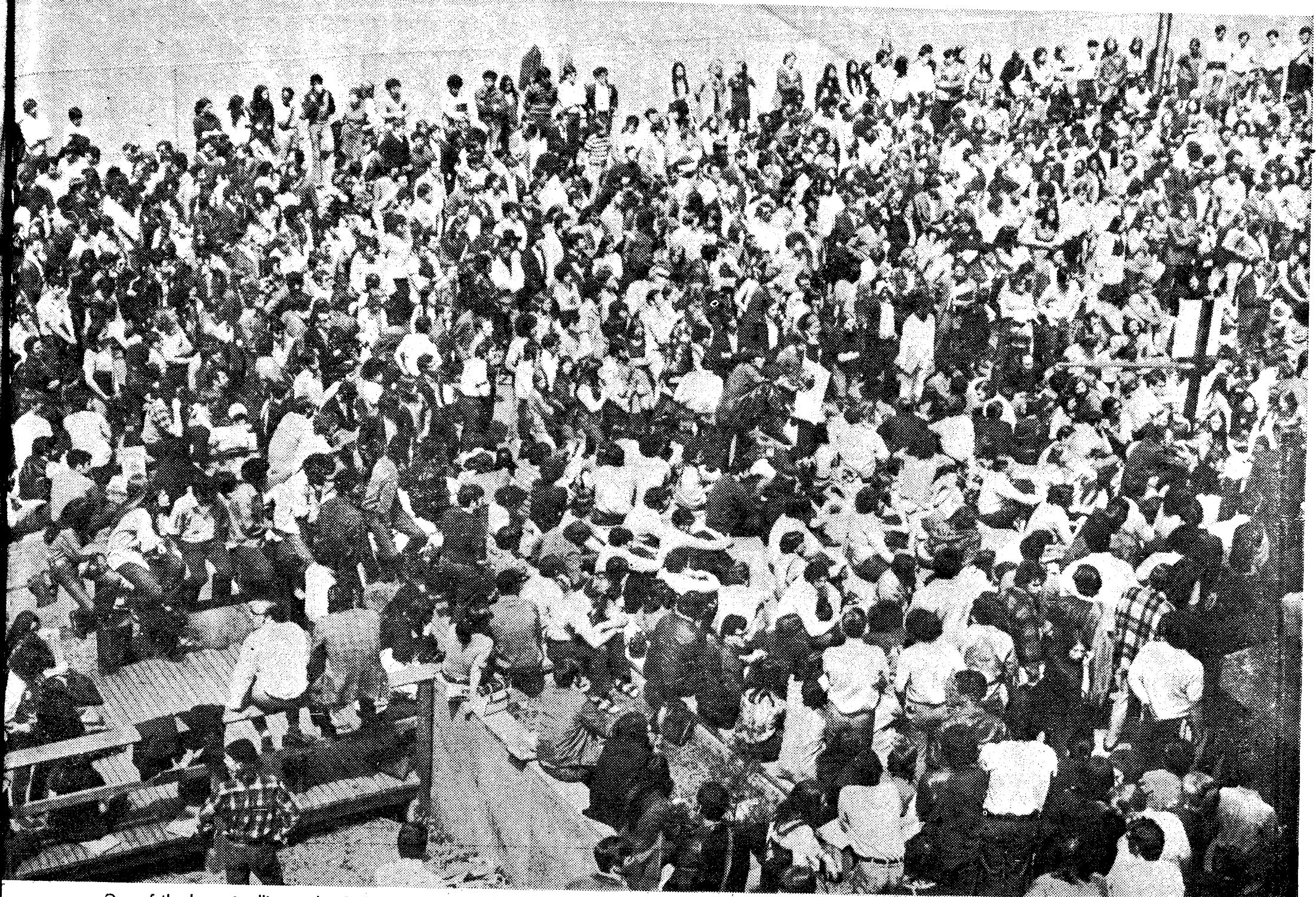
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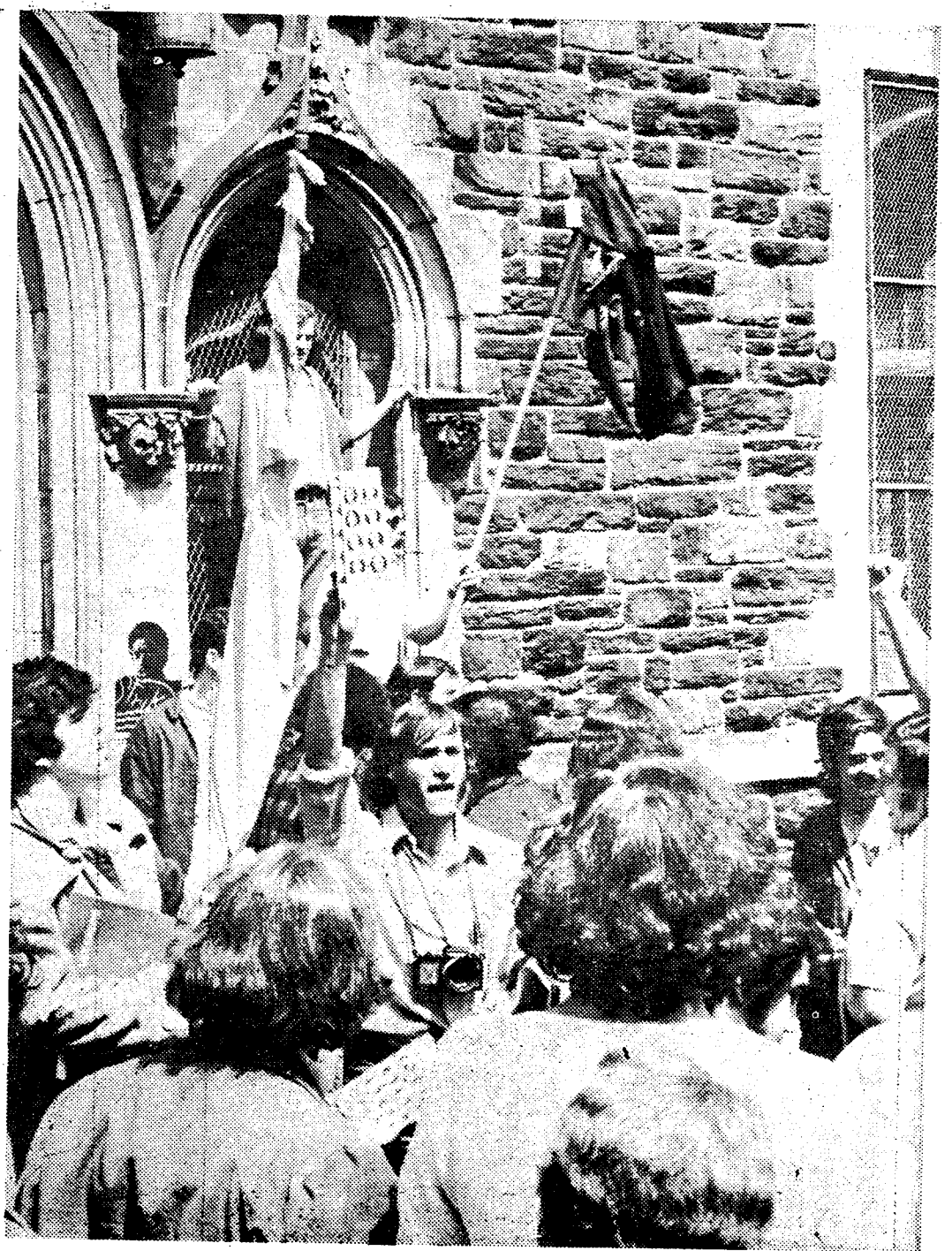
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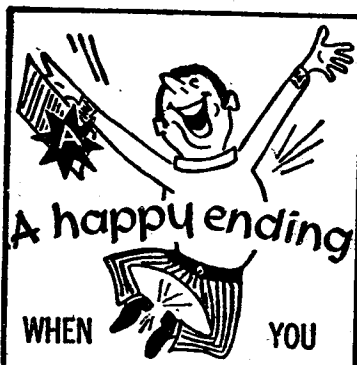
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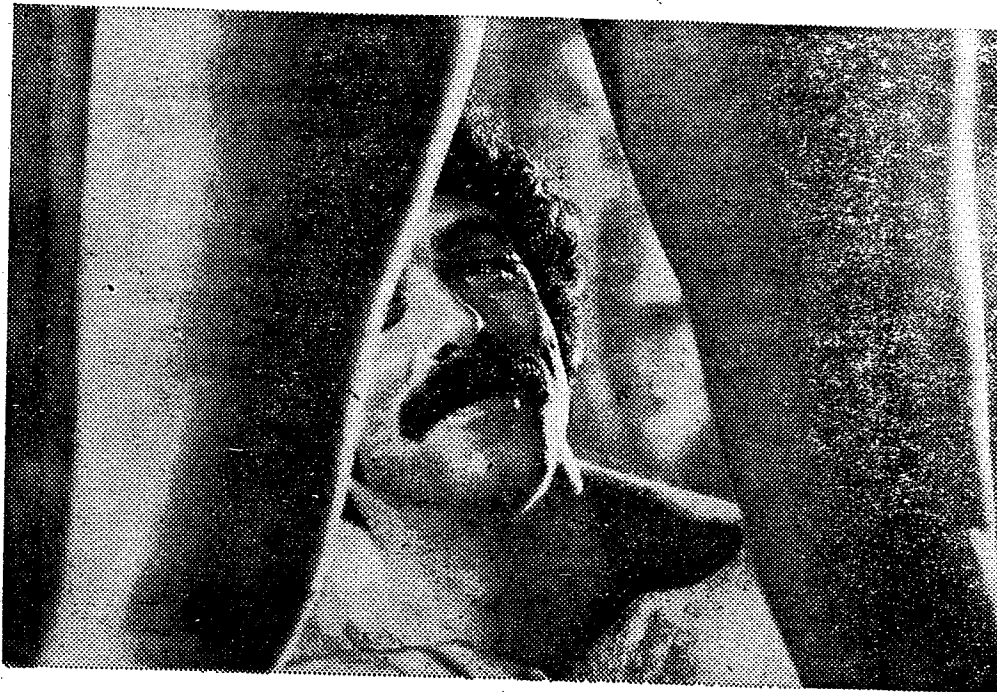
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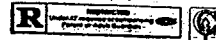
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Copeland says that 'someone slept' in not calling police to guard ROTC

By Bob Levinson

Acting President Copeland conceded yesterday that "someone slept" in not calling city police to prevent a group of radicals from storming ROTC headquarters in Harris last Tuesday.

Dr. Copeland refused to identify the "sleeping" official but said he would assume complete responsibility for the mishap as president of the College. "I regret that the police were not there," he added.

The Acting President also said that the small group of radicals who rampaged through the ROTC supply room were "complete drop-outs from the human species."

"I can assure you," he declared, "that they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law." The radicals who engaged in the acts of "brainless vandalism," he continued, "should be placed in a cage for mad dogs."

Unofficial estimates of the damage inflicted by the marauding militants ranged from \$8,000 to \$10,000. Included in the damage were ten army uniforms valued at \$100 each.

Dr. Copeland said that the College would negotiate with the Military Science Department to determine what restitutions would be made by the College.

The first attack on ROTC oc-

curred at about 10:30 last Tuesday, as a small band of students smashed showcases and painted obscenities outside ROTC offices on the first floor of Harris.

At 11:15 the students returned and this time they succeeded in ramming through two steel doors of the ROTC supply room. Once inside they ripped and burned uniforms, overturned files and benches, and smashed all visible ROTC paraphernalia.

In both instances the small band of radicals was cheered by a much larger group of students outside Harris.

Earlier in the day Acting President Copeland requested that the ROTC offices be shut in order to avert any violent clashes with militant students. The area was, consequently, almost totally deserted.

Without Opposition

According to one source, the radicals were unopposed as they smashed the showcases and broke the heavy steel doors.

City police were called, however, the dissidents were able



Demonstrators seem to be enjoying themselves while an ROTC uniform takes to the air, Tuesday.

to operate without interruption for about 15 minutes.

"I thought it [the attack] was misdirected," said Bill Mignone, a senior ROTC cadet and candidate for Student Senate president. "It is directed in the wrong place and the results will hurt their cause. You don't use violence to protest violence."

Michael Brown, a cadet colonel, was at South Campus when the attack on the offices occurred. He heard of the incident and rushed to Harris.

"They talk about peace, love, war and violence, and how our country is becoming a police state, but violence breeds violence," said Brown showing restraint, while his grim features betrayed a controlled anger. "No cadet has perpetrated violence. Everything has been against us. As far as I'm concerned, they're the criminals."

A survey taken immediately after the ransacking, found that opinions waivered between mili-

tant and moderate. Expression of "right on" as well as "What's it going to accomplish?" were common.

Generally, those students who volunteered the more radical views were present or near the site of the incident while moderate and shocked reactions were sounded by students who refrained from any activity.

"Nixon will pay for this," said one student referring to the Kent State shootings. "I'm a pretty moderate student and I feel that the ROTC action was justified. Of all the institutions on campus that should be the focus of action. It is an extension of the military and the military is death."

"What does this do?" asked Pamela Gadsen, when told of the incident. "If this turns out to be one of those 'one day wonders' then the radical faction should retire gracefully. They will have proved that they are the silent majority in disguise."



Text of presidential memorandum on grading, classes and the BHE

Following is the text of a statement issued by Acting President Copeland yesterday afternoon clarifying an earlier memorandum on grades, faculty salaries and the Board of Higher Education's Sunday directive:

My statement of this morning, in which I indicated that absence without official leave would result in the loss of salary by a faculty member for the period of absence was simply designed to clarify the legal position of faculty members in accordance with the Board of Higher Education resolution of Sunday, May 10, to wit:

"Resolved, That the Board of Higher Education states that it is the duty of the City University to remain open in order to continue to offer instruction to the students enrolled in the University; and be it further

"Resolved, That faculties have the responsibility to meet with and teach their students in order to pursue the academic mission of their college. . . ."

This places an obligation on individual faculty members to meet their scheduled class commitments. At the same time, nothing in my letter precludes action by the legally constituted faculties of the various schools to make adjustments in grading or curriculum content which they feel the circumstances warrant. Indeed, this opportunity is provided for in the Board of Higher Education resolution as follows:

"Colleges may adjust their programs of courses, attendance, examination and grading as in their judgment may seem necessary and appropriate . . . letter grades will be given to students who request them and . . . no student may be granted a passing grade for a course unless in the judgment of the instructor he has met the standards of that course. . . ."

In further accordance with the Board resolution, my letter stated that "Course grades deemed unfair by the student may be appealed to the appropriate Committee on Course and Standing." I would like to amplify this point by indicating that so far as I am concerned, a student who wishes to do so, may ask the Committee on Course and Standing to substitute a "P" grade for any passing letter grade. However, I would like to call to the attention of the faculties that a decision by a student to have a grade amended from a letter to a "P" grade may carry grave implications for him with respect to applications

to graduate and professional schools. It is my hope that individual faculty members will fully explain to their students the implications of such a request. Nevertheless, I am asking the faculties of each of the schools to instruct the Committee on Course and Standing of that school that a student who, after carefully considering the implications, wishes to substitute a "P" for a letter grade, should have the right to do so.

I sincerely hope that any action by the faculties of the various schools to alter or amend the present grading system will be done only after the fullest examination and evaluation of its long-range implications on the welfare of the students who are affected.

Faculty Senate statement

Following is the text of the Faculty Senate's proposal on grades adopted at yesterday's meeting by a vote of 31-18.

RECOGNIZING the resolutions of the Board of Higher Education, the Administrative Council, and the several faculties of this College, expressing deep concern with the involvement of this nation in Cambodia, and in view of the state of mourning into which the University entered last week, THE FACULTY SENATE recommends to the faculties of the City College:

(1) that no faculty member shall be penalized for choosing to express his concern by absenting himself from his regular class schedule in order to engage, with students, in political activity related to the Vietnamese war.

(2) that those students who choose to engage in anti-war activity have the option of one of the following choices—

(a) to take a grade of Incomplete with a view to completing the work of the course in the Fall Term, 1970;

(b) to drop a course without prejudice, receiving a grade of J;

(c) to accept a letter grade on the basis of performance in the course up until May 5, 1970, the range of grades to include P(pass) and F(fail).

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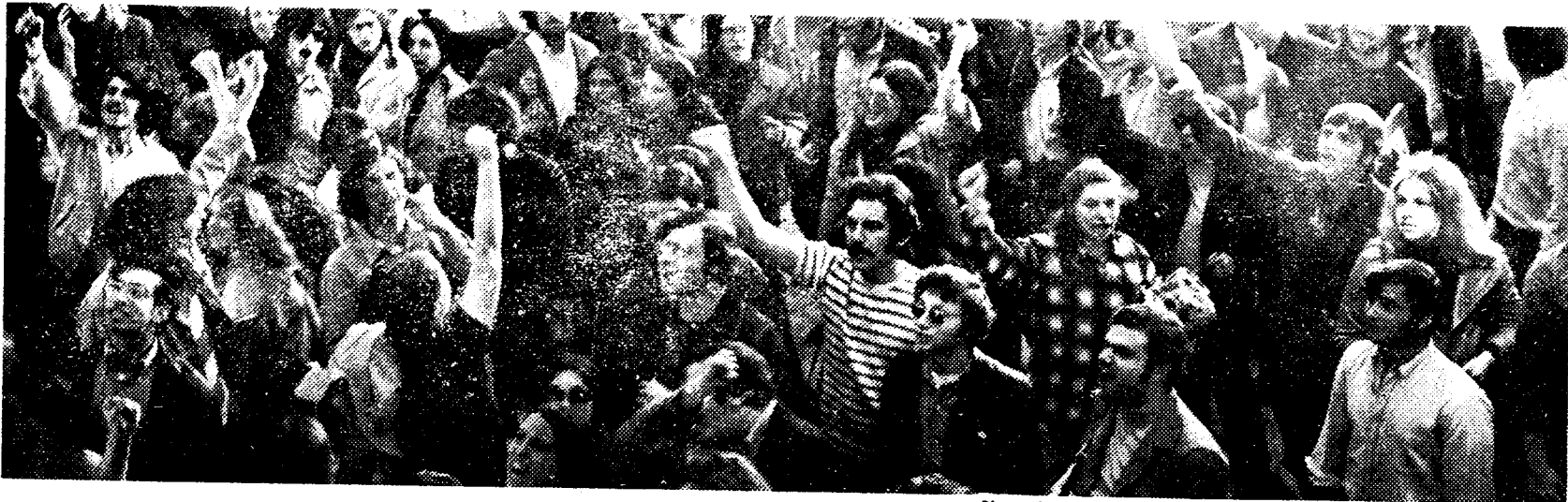


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Thousands in anti-war rally

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strike that will turn the school into a liberation school. We don't want a strike to shut the school down but to open it up."

The rally was punctuated by the eulogizing and singing of Reverend Douglas Kirkpatrick and Mabel Hillary. A folk-rock group called the Livingston Cowboys also supplied music.

Meanwhile a group of construction workers watched the activities from a girder atop the Science and Physical Education Building across the street from the stadium. They waved an American flag, and a policeman climbed up the unfinished structure to look around and, apparently, to prevent trouble.

A speaker from the Ironworkers Union, Charles Rivers, addressed himself not only to those in Lewisohn but to the workers across the street. "I am here to express indignation and revulsion at what happened last Friday," he said referring to the melee between students and construction workers in lower Manhattan. He called for a "strong student and labor, black and white coalition to end this damn war." — Wu

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Radical engineers show their colors

The vote yesterday by some 1000 engineers to strike until the end of the semester to protest the Kent State shooting and the American invasion of Cambodia marks a first at the College — the appearance of militant engineers.

Last week this relatively new phenomenon was first observed as twenty engineering students picketed Steinman to urge their fellow students not to attend class.

These picketers seemed eager to cast off the image of the studious, unconcerned student that has plagued them for years. They said that their action might be the first of a series designed to rally the support of their fellow students around opposition to the war and the problem of pollution.

The strike vote yesterday would seem to indicate that the militant engineers have been fairly successful in wedging the war issue into the thinking of their fellow students.

Remarkable Feat

This remarkable feat is more striking when one recalls last Spring's crisis and the role engineers played then. At that time they vehemently protested the closing of the College and in one instance, at least, attended classes in direct violation of a directive from former President Gallagher.

The most concerned engineering students appear to be the Chemical Engineering majors. One, in an interview, stated that the Chemical Engineering students are more sensitive to the issues of the war and pollution, because members of their chosen profession are the most exploited in those areas. Production of napalm and the furthering of water

and air pollution has awakened a new anger in some of them which they hope to evoke in others at the school.

A picket line was spontaneously organized last week and many students were observed carrying hastily scribbled placards and copies of the Daily News' headline about the shooting of students. Those interviewed stated that the movement has no leader at present but that a couple of professors at the School of Engineering showed interest in advising them.

They had help. At about 11 last Tuesday, several activists from South Campus appeared to help

them picket and lend support. One girl who had just arrived said that some twenty students arrived at Steiglitz at 8 in the morning and after discussing the best way of taking some action they decided to move North to try to "awaken the engineers to the problem and make them realize that it does affect them."

Whatever the outcome of the present situation it is clear that some engineers have decided to abandon their image of apathy and are urging their brother students to do the same. Perhaps the change is forboding since as one junior said yesterday, "There is a time for logic and a time to act." — Levinson



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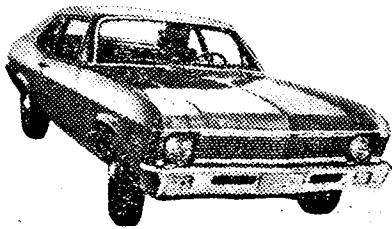


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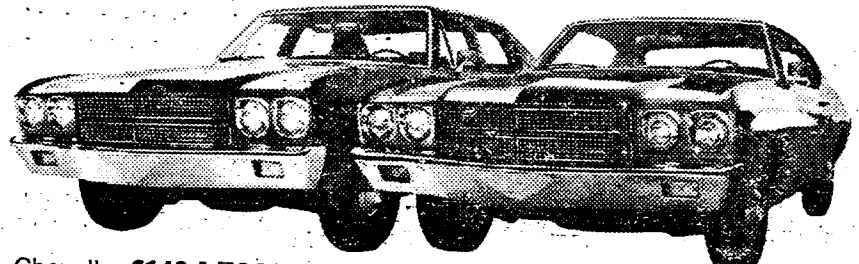
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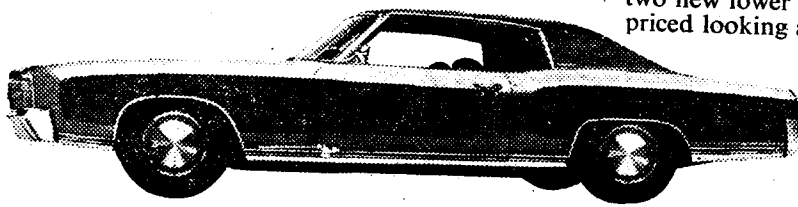
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