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Richardson Announces Anti-Viet Statement

Our College has a decision to make. A number of national student organizations have called for a moratorium on classes to occur on October 15 as a reaction against the United States' continual participation in the war in Vietnam. A number of Montclair students and faculty members have already expressed an interest in participating in this moratorium. Our college will need to decide the official posture we will assume in regard to this question. The situation in Vietnam elicits two types of responses from me; one deep and personal, and the other administrative and formal. I have a responsibility to keep these two as clearly separated as possible.

It is my personal opinion that our involvement in the undeclared war in Vietnam is bad, injurious to the national morale and morality, detrimental to our international relations, and that we should disengage ourselves from the struggle as soon as possible. The stand is not terribly radical and Sens. McGovern, Fullbright and Kennedy have made recent comments on Vietnam with which I concur. As a citizen, therefore, I would like to participate, and see others participate, in all prospective legal actions which would tend to promote withdrawal from the Vietnam policy.

In my official administrative position, however, I certainly have responsibilities which supersede my personal preferences on issues like this. Our academic community consists of students and faculty members with a great variety of opinions regarding Vietnam and the proposed moratorium. What would be the proportion of our faculty and students interested in supporting the moratorium - 25%? 50%? 75%? I do not know the answer to that question but I think there is a question which even supersedes it. Regardless of the proportion, does the moratorium group have a right to close down the college for the antimoratorium segment?

At present I am leaning toward the type of policy in this matter which will be in effect at Princeton University. On this vital issue, faculty members and students should be allowed to choose their individual courses of action. If faculty members or students feel impelled by conviction or conscience to participate in the moratorium, they will be allowed to do so without any adverse repercussions. No faculty members will be penalized for not teaching their classes on Oct. 15, and no students will be penalized for not attending classes on that day. On the other hand, faculty members and students who prefer not to observe the moratorium, and wish to carry on as usual with their college activities will be permitted to do so. No one should be impeded or harassed.

The Faculty Council, and the student government representatives at Camp Bernie, have generally concurred in the "Princeton" approach. The final decision as to the official Montclair State College policy on the Oct. 15 moratorium has not been made but we must decide it soon. I would be interested in student reaction before a final college policy is developed.

Our society is afflicted with serious problems (prejudice, poverty, crime and violence, in addition to war) - strong reactions from academic communities are legitimate. A problem which also concerns me is, how do we hold ourselves together as a viable organization of students and teachers while reacting to the challenges of the modern world, with the kind of vigor which seems called for?

DR. THOMAS H. RICHARDSON

Staff photo by Money AntePa.

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DR. THOMAS H. RICHARDSON has expressed disapproval of the war in Vietnam in his statement to the MONTCLARION.

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Vietnam and MSC

Dr. Thomas H. Richardson’s statement issued last night against the war in Vietnam has far-reaching implications not only affecting the campus community but the entire state of New Jersey. It has long been supposed that state college administrators were to be seen and not heard. There have been mixed feelings throughout the state when state college students, faculty and administrators have taken political, economic and social stands on controversial issues.

On topics of vital importance to the effective running of the state colleges, local administrations have been hesitant to take sides, fearing consequences which would hinder the growth of their college. Yet it has become the time for this college and its administration to express itself concerning the very issues which are discussed within the classrooms of this college.

While we concur with the President in his carefully thought out views on the Vietnamese war, the MONTCLARION certainly endorses Richardson’s employment of the “the Princeton plan.” The plan, in essence, is aimed at protecting the rights and views of both faculty and students during MSC’s participation in the national moratorium.

Consequently, the MONTCLARION believes that the college should officially remain open while the decision to cancel classes should rest with the professor and his students. And ...

The Consensus of Opinion...

It is thought that a program involving college faculty, students and administration who will discuss and communicate, will serve a far more valuable purpose than any program to strike or picket.

Overall America’s college students have a significant gripe against the Vietnamese war. And Montclair State College, as a representative of academic freedom, should maintain its responsibility in avoiding any emotional disruptive action.

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Gross Endorses Dialog Plan

NEW BRUNSWICK — Mason W. Gross, president of Rutgers University, has won support among Rutgers students from all three campuses for his support of the national moratorium protesting the Vietnam war.

Gross had been the first university official to issue a statement to the national moratorium committee in support of their Oct. 15 program. He urged students on all three Rutgers campuses to prepare debates and discussions “suitable for such a day of critical reflection.”

Although Gross’s statement does not cancel classes on Oct. 15, it implies that Gross endorses the moratorium, a Rutgers student explained.

Richard M. Nixon College Opposition Won't Affect Him, Intends to Ignore outside influences in accomplishing Nixon's objective to end the war by the end of 1971. Nixon, perhaps in an effort to pacify the collegiate dissent, has eliminated draft calls for November and December of this year. In a question concerning a statement by the National Council to Repeal the Draft that “your (Nixon’s) draft cut is a fraud because the summer draft calls were inflated to allow for a preplanned cut,” he responded that “he knew of noraficair calls in the summer draft calls, and that 2) we ‘don’t need as many’ in the armed forces through the draft.

Nixon has stated that American casualties in Vietnam are down over one-third from what they were over the same nine-month period last year. In addition, 60,000 troops will be returned from Vietnam and another 50,000 men who would have been drafted by the end of 1969 will not be drafted.

The draft reduction seems to be closely tied with the objective that Nixon has to end the war by the end of 1970 or mid-1971.

By Don Pendley
News Editor

Nixon — Demonstrators Won’t Change His Mind

By Roberta Kuehl
News Editor

Traynor Says ‘Complete Withdrawal’ of Troops

Ken Traynor, president of Student Government Association, advocates “complete withdrawal” of U.S. troops from Vietnam. He views President Richard M. Nixon’s recent cutback of servicemen as tokenism.

Traynor doesn’t feel that the U.S. would lose face by this action. Furthermore, he stated, “I don’t think the economic aspect is the main concern when dealing with peoples’ lives; it’s a moral issue. I’m against the war; I’m for peace.”

He would like to see the Vietnamese determine their own government. “Vietnamese people live by war; it’s been a way of life for them. And although the U.S. has been fighting continuously since 1959, I hope that Americans won’t advocate war as a way of life.”

At a recent meeting in Washington, D.C. of ASG, the Association of Student Governments, Nixon, General Lewis B. Hershey and several Cabinet members, student government leaders had an opportunity to question Nixon and Hershey on U.S. policies concerning the draft and the war in Vietnam. When asked about his suggestions for changing the draft, Hershey replied that, although he has wanted to establish a lottery system for almost 20 years, this decision must be made not by him but by Congress.

According to Traynor, this kind of response typifies the way in which Hershey answered questions, or rather, didn’t answer them. More often than not, he would reply with an irrelevant anecdote or humorous remark.

In a brief talk with Nixon Traynor remarked, “When knowledge becomes the medium of exchange between people, then we will have world peace.” To this Nixon replied, “This is a thought held by many philosophers and I hope that it will be true.”

FOOTBALL GAME SEATING

MSC students will find the seating at Sprague Field has been increased over the summer. Twelve hundred additional seats have been added to the former bleachers on the home-side of the field.

The Student Section has been reserved as last year, which offers not only mutual cease-fires, (but also) internationally supervised elections and honoring requests of Vietnamese people to take over a peace conference, Nixon stated that the U.S. has made a “far-reaching and comprehensive peace offer...which offers not only mutual cease-fires, but also internationally supervised elections and honoring requests of Vietnamese people to take over a peace conference.”

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ID'S PLEASE: Photo identification must now be shown by all meal ticket students, says Seymour Rothman, director of MSC's dining services. Free pictures of all meal ticket students were taken during the first week of school.

Rothman said: "Although food costs today are extraordinary, ABC-Gladieux (MSC's food service) does not intend to raise its prices."

This is good news for Rothman himself, since his son David entered MSC this fall. "He eats here all the time. He loves the food here."

On the other hand, Rothman urges those who come across any gastronomic grotesqueries to come directly to him with their complaints. (His office is behind the cafeteria kitchen.)

He added: "This year there haven't been any complaints yet."

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