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MSC REOPENS

STUDENTS, FACULTY, BOARD
APPROVE UNITY PLAN
SEMINARS TO REPLACE CLASSES
MSC Trustees Unanimously OK Proposal

MSC's Board of Trustees unanimously approved the compromise resolution setting up subject-matter and relevant-topics seminars at their meeting last nite. The nine-member Board also passed an additional resolution, reading:

"The Board of Trustees of Montclair State College commends the evident commitment to a sense of community on the part of the students and the faculty as displayed by the 'Proposed Policy for Campus Unity.' By their actions they enhanced the reputation of the College and acted in concert with our mutual aspirations for a maturing College community."

In making their decision, the Board had the recommendation of MSC President Dr. Thomas H. Richardson. In addition, an informed source said the Board took into consideration the near-unanimous opinions of the faculty and student body.

Kent State Memorial

A memorial service for the four Kent State students slain Monday will be held at 11 a.m. today in the Amphitheater.

Friends of Slain Students to Speak

Tom Tolson, and Linda Hennings, both friends of Kent State victims, will speak at 3:00 p.m. today on the Main Mall at Montclair State College. Mr. Tolson and Miss Hennings are undergraduate law students at Kent State University, Ohio.

Assemblyman Speaks Here Monday

Assemblyman George Richardson, Newark mayoral candidate, will speak in Memorial auditorium at noon Sat., May 9. Richardson is sponsoring Assembly bill 924, legislating that no New Jersey serviceman can be sent to fight in an undeclared war.

‘Overwhelming’ Profs ‘Aye’ Bill

"Overwhelming" was the word President Thomas H. Richardson used to describe the results of the faculty and student votes on the compromise resolution at a faculty meeting yesterday.

In the resolution, described by one faculty member as "unique," May 5 was cited as the official cutoff date for all classes. Students and faculty are given the option of attending class or student-faculty-run seminars for the remainder of the semester.

Under the resolution, students elect to take either pass-fail or letter grades based on classwork completed before May 5. Optional final exams may be taken for a last-minute grade boost with consultation between individual students and faculty members on grades.

Referring to the heavy campus-wide support of the proposal, Richardson said, "This is going to make my recommendations to the Board of Trustees easy." Richardson called for "patience and understanding," saying, "We should take a look at ourselves and decide where we go from here."

Use of the word "classes" in dialogue at the meeting was conspicuously taboo as Richardson jovially suggested that it carried overtones of "business as usual."

Meetings were thereafter referred to as "group sessions."

Announcing that Carnival 1970 would be held as planned, Richardson expressed concern over the senior graduation exercises. "I would like to see seniors talk about and work on this somewhat," he said. "I am very sensitive to the emotional impact of business as usual in the current climate, but there are a number of seniors and parents who view this event as the culmination of an important phase of their lives. If the decisions are made, I hope they will reflect everyone's rights."
AD-HOC PROPOSAL GETS MSC OK

By Don Pendley
Staff Writer

Near unanimous support for seminars was voted by both students and faculty at separate meetings yesterday.

In their department meetings at 11 a.m., the student body voted 2353-119 to accept the proposal drawn up in a series of meetings on Wednesday. Invalid votes totalled 19.

The faculty approved the proposal in a 329-17 vote at the 2 p.m. faculty meeting.

The proposal, released Wednesday evening, suggests a series of seminars be held in lieu of regular classes. The proposal received the approval of MSC President Dr. Thomas H. Richardson later Wednesday nite.

RESULTS OF THURSDAY VOTING ON SEMINARS

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MSC 'FREE UNIVERSITY' BEGINS TODAY

Beginning today, a "free university" will exist at Montclair State College. A series of seminars and workshops on both academic subject matters and problems relevant to our society will be presented by students and faculty members.

On Monday and Tuesday, students are requested to attend their regularly-scheduled classes to "work out the mechanics of grading," said MSC President Dr. Thomas H. Richardson. "This is not an attempt to subvert the intention of the strike, but is for the purpose of organization, because it is the only schedule we have."

Room 106 of College Hall has been set up as a "seminar information center," with MSC Administrative Assistant James Cottingham at the center.

The seminars will begin Monday and "extend as long as people are willing to come," said Mrs. Linda MacKinley, sophomore fine arts major and volunteer at the seminar center.

At the faculty meeting some professors suggested the possibility of continuing this seminar structure in the future of MSC, that it would continue "through the history of MSC."

Cottingham stated: "Personally, I feel that this may bring about some permanent change for the welfare of the college."

After the evaluation and recommendations are made they will be used as a basis for possible future programs of the seminar nature, according to Cottingham.

In a leaflet distributed yesterday a list of seminars planned to be offered was printed. The more definite of these included "Philosophers and Southeast Asia" and "Can War Be Prevented?," taught by Dr. Joseph Moore, history assistant professor; "Marcuse and Social Criticism," conducted by Dr. George Brantl, philosophy-religion department chairman; "Literature of Social Conflict and the Revolution," chaired by Dr. Sanford Radner, English professor; "Introduction to Semantics," presided by Morton Rich, English assistant professor; and "Condition of the Military," conducted by Richard Insley, MSC student.

ROOM 224, COLLEGE HALL HAS BEEN SET UP AS A "SEMINAR INFORMATION CENTER," WHERE STUDENTS CAN RECEIVE ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE SEMINAR OFFERINGS AND SCHEDULES.
NJ Schools Protest; 25 Hurt at SHU

New demonstrations were organized Thursday by students of New Jersey colleges and some sought to force their schools to sever ties with the federal government and the military.

Students from Stevens Institute of Technology, Jersey City State College and St. Peter's College massed in Journal Square in the heart of Jersey City. Fairleigh Dickinson, Drew and Morris County Community students gathered outside the Morristown Draft Board for the third consecutive day.

Demands for elimination of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) developed at a number of schools. At Stevens Institute, students called for elimination of all government contracts including operation of Davidson Laboratory, largest nongovernment hydrodynamics facility doing Navy research.

At Seton Hall, where 25 students and faculty were injured in a clash with police Tuesday night, about 40 students remained barricaded behind stacked filing cabinets and chairs in the administration building. The sit-in/sleep-ins laid up stores of fried chicken, soda and cookies and vowed to remain until the administration accepted a list of demands.

The New Jersey branch of the American Civil Liberties Union said it was Investigating the Tuesday night police charge at Seton Hall and charged the county sheriff had instigated it to "break as many heads as possible."

Other colleges throughout the state were officially closed or were experiencing a boycott of classes. These include all of the following: Princeton, Paterson State, Bloomfield, Rutgers Newark, Rutgers New Brunswick, Rutgers Law, Stevens, Seton Hall and Jersey City State. Plus: Fairleigh Dickinson, Middlesex County, Trenton State, Glassboro State, Rider, Drew, Newark College of Engineering, Newark State, St. Elizabeth, Monmouth and Upsala.

Only little Shelton College on Cape May and Georgian Court College for Women in Lakewood reported no disturbances since the strikes began.

Hundreds of US Campuses Now Closed

At least 191 colleges and universities were shut down yesterday by order of school or state officials while thousands of students at other schools were "on strike."

According to the National Student Strike Information Center at Brandeis University, the number of colleges where students were striking with faculty and administrative sanction is 337.

Tear gas was used to disperse demonstrators at the Universities of Wisconsin, Kentucky and West Virginia. Mounted and helmeted police clashed with college and high school protestors in New York City.

Guardsmen carrying clubs but no firearms helped police break up a rally at the University of South Carolina where demonstrators had occupied the student center.

While most of the protests were orderly and classes went on as usual in hundreds of schools, violence and vandalism erupted in others. Guardsmen helped keep the peace in many university communities.

Troops moved onto the University of Illinois campus to prevent demonstrators from blocking supply trucks and fire and police vehicles.

Kent State University, where two coeds and two youths died Monday, is to remain closed indefinitely.

Eight demonstrators were injured and at least nine arrested in disturbances in New York's Union Square Park. The demonstrators staged a sitdown that blocked traffic on 14th street for an hour and a quarter before police moved in to clear them away.

Sixty Carleton and St. Olaf College students were arrested in Minneapolis, Minn., when they blocked all entrances to the federal building.

Fires hit the black studies center at the State University at Albany, N.Y. and a building on the Buffalo, N.Y. State University campus.

The Adlai Stevenson Institute for International Affairs, occupying the Robie House designed by the late Frank Lloyd Wright, and located near the University of Chicago campus, closed yesterday after an attack by vandals Wednesday night.
50,000 Troops In Cambodia

SAIGON (UPI)—U.S. and South Vietnamese troops drove three more fronts into Cambodia Wednesday, bringing to 50,000 the number of Allied soldiers now committed to President Nixon's border-crossing offensive against guerrilla encampments.

They were the fourth, fifth and sixth columns to push across the border since Nixon announced last Thursday the drive to flush out Viet Cong and North Vietnamese sanctuaries threatening the safety of the Allies in Vietnam.

The six Allied task forces now operating in Cambodia reported light fighting.

An estimated total of 3000 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese have been killed, while 175 government troops and 33 American troops have been slain.

The White House confirmed yesterday that U.S. troops moving into the "Fishhook" area of Cambodia had uncovered a "major sophisticated enemy base complex." Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler reported that the complex was larger than any discovered so far in the area where Communist forces operating in South Vietnam had set up their top military headquarters.

He emphasized, however, that the Communist headquarters group had several such base areas which they used occasionally, moving among them to keep their whereabouts secret.

According to Ziegler, the Allied operations into the North Vietnamese sanctuaries in Cambodia were "going extremely well." As a result, South Vietnam announced yesterday that it was pulling 6000 of its troops from Cambodia because their mission had been "successfully completed." After the initial government withdrawal is completed from the "Parrot's Beak," 35 miles west of Saigon, Allied forces will be left with 45,000 troops.

President Nixon has given congressional leaders his word that all U.S. troops will be out of the neighboring nation by July 1.

Meanwhile, in Paris, the U.S. delegation announced Wednesday that the 66th meeting of the Vietnam talks scheduled for this morning was called off by the Communist delegations.

Grad Students OK Undergrad Seminar Bill

A group of grad students overwhelmingly voted to adopt the undergraduate compromise proposal last night in the studio theater instead of one drawn up by the graduate council.

The council's proposal was drawn up because "graduate students have not as yet been given the opportunity to be heard in matters pertinent to the reshaping of Montclair State College, nor have they been given a proper forum where they may express their views on the serious issues."

It stated: "Be it resolved that all faculty will meet the curricular demands of their courses in a manner consistent with the demands of conscience for both themselves and their students. In those cases where conscience forbids the teacher continuing his class, he will, in any way possible, arrange for substitute instruction if his students request it.

"Those students whose conscience requires that they absent themselves from class will not be penalized."

Two reasons were given for the creation of the council's proposal: "...many would feel impelled to cease academic activities as some sort of response to the stresses of recent events, while others will wish to continue to pursue their studies."

Because graduate classes meet once a week, an amendment was proposed which would move the May 5 grade cut-off date to May 14 so that plans for the rest of the semester could be worked out. It was not voted upon.

Many graduate courses require only a final and/or one paper due at the end of the semester. Questions were raised as to how the professors would grade without marks. It was emphasized that grading options open to undergraduates would also be open to graduate students.

Others referred to the "lack of apathy" shown by MSC students during, and as a result of, Tuesday's strike. Special attention was given to the fact that both sides worked out the compromise proposal.

A meeting for all graduate students is scheduled for May 12 at 7 p.m. in the studio theater.
CARACAS, VENEZUELA — Two students from the Technical Industrial School and Central University were shot and killed by police yesterday during a demonstration protesting U.S. intervention in Cambodia. The shootings occurred after students rampaged near the campus, hurling rocks at police and private business establishments.

WASHINGTON — Sen Clifford P. Case (R-N.J.) said he would co-sponsor an amendment which would curtail any U.S. aid to Cambodia without congressional approval.

TRENTON — The state Assembly voted overwhelmingly yesterday to request that Rutgers University retain its Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program despite student opposition to the program.

WAYNE — Faculty and administration at Paterson State approved a student strike call and suspended formal classes for the rest of the school year.

NEWARK — The New Jersey branch of the American Civil Liberties Union yesterday announced it has begun a probe of this week's clash at Seton Hall University between demonstrators and police.

GREENVILLE, S.C. — The four students killed at Kent State University "got exactly what they were entitled to," Dr. Bob Jones, Bob Jones University President told students at chapel yesterday, adding, "I'm all for the police shooting to kill when anyone is in mob violence attempting to destroy property and attack law enforcement officers."

MORRISTOWN — Picketers from Fairleigh Dickenson and Drew Universities abandoned local draft board offices late yesterday after staging protest marches there for three straight days.

New Jersey colleges and universities are getting ready for Saturday's mass anti-war rally in Washington, D.C. Monmouth College is slated to be the statewide bus boarding site for the trip to the capital. Plans call for demonstrators to wear purple armbands and for marshals to wear white armbands with black lettering.

TODAY'S FORECAST.

Mostly sunny and mild. High temperatures in the 70s. Precipitation possibility near zero. Winds 10-15 mph. Friday nite: Fair and mild with temperatures in the 40s.

MONTCLARION NOTICE.

The MONTCLARION's final edition in the form of daily news briefs regarding Montclair State's student strike will be released Monday afternoon.

Deadline for all notices is 4 p.m. today.

The deadline for all editorial matter for Monday's edition is Sunday at 2 p.m.

The MONTCLARION will publish its final edition of the semester on Wed., May 20.

MSC's Carnival, "A Century of Cinema" will take place as scheduled this weekend. Tonite, Carnival will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight. Saturday nite, festivities will last from noon to midnight.

A REMINDER.

All students are to attend regularly-scheduled classes on Monday and Tuesday of next week to determine grading.

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