Federal Building Closed

by Barry Kirschen

Approximately 3,000 supporters of the student strike effectively closed the Federal Building and the adjacent Post Office Tuesday for six hours in a massive action of non-violent civil disobedience. The demonstrators, almost entirely students, linked arms in front of doorways and refused to let employees enter the building. Those inside the buildings, however, were permitted to leave. This action was taken by the Strike Committee at SUNYA and was supported by representatives of various schools, some faculty, and other concerned citizens. The purpose of the action was to stop the federal government from operating "business as usual," and to support the demands of the nationwide student protest. The demonstrators were well-behaved and initiated no violence, as they had promised. Although one brief scuffle did develop while workers in the area were on their lunch break, this involved only a handful of people and no one was hurt. The demonstrators polled themselves effectively with chants of "stay on the sidewalks," and marshals did an excellent job in maintaining order. Albany police also helped prevent incidents during the tense noon hour.

The protest began before 7:30 a.m., in order to prevent the normal induction procedures of the Federal Service department, housed in the federal building. Throughout the morning demonstrators refused to allow people to enter the building, linking arms in order to stop the mission non-violently. In addition to the blockage of doorways, driveways were also blocked, preventing trucks to follow through with the "business as usual" with the federal government.

The mood of the crowd was serious throughout the day. Chants of "Free Bobby Seale," and "Free Huey," lasted powerfully in the area. For the most part the demonstrators were friendly, talking with spectators across windows and with workers of the General Services Administration in the loading dock behind the building.

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"We can't fight alone against the monster."

Faculty Suspends Mandatory Classes

by Barry Kirschen

The faculty of SUNYA passed a resolution, suspending mandatory class schedules for the remainder of the semester, and attempting to prevent the penalization of students for non-attendance on Friday, May 8. The preamble to this resolution asked President Nixon to "end the war, to end injustice at home, to listen to the voices of protest, to set to unite the country." It also expressed support for the student protest. This resolution was the less radical of two proposals before the faculty. The other proposal in its preamble, barely criticized the government for extending the "cold war" in Vietnam to Cambodia, the use of force to police college campuses, and the use of the legal system to repress Black, disident and youth groups. Implementation of a policy for classes for the remainder of the semester was virtually the same in each resolution.

The resolution states:
1. The mandatory class schedules for students and faculty shall not be maintained for the remainder of the semester.
2. That students shall be assisted in meeting any pressing academic obligations. Under no conditions will a student be penalized for failure to attend classes. Students shall have the option of:
   a. fulfilling the course work normally required
   b. accepting an incomplete
   c. accepting the present grade as final
   d. students and faculty to agree mutually upon the completion of course work
3. That the Campus facilities shall remain available for full free and discussion of matters relating to the critical role that the University should play in society, as well as for normal University functioning.
4. That every effort be made to

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The Blow Never Came....

by Ira Wolfman

And the consciousness grows, and the anticipation grows, and the confusion grows.

But, the consciousness grows!

They came in droves, hundreds upon hundreds, embarking upon what must have been, for many, their first real contact with civil disobedience. Nervousness and fear were distinctly present, yet light-heartedness and giddiness must have been the only moods readily discernable to an outsider.

They marched down to the city, half asleep at the ungodly hour; yet, with every step confidence increased, as the number of marchers grew larger and larger.

The structure came in sight: Albany's representative of a federal government which they knew was oppressing the blacks, the radicals, the dissenters. This was the focal point for the frustrations and the emotions. "Shall if done!"

The doors were manned, the positions taken. The bank's electronic array glowed thru the air as the crowds streamed, hundreds upon hundreds, embarking upon the earlier rally of last week, and visible in numbers. The troops braced...

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Strike Grows

Talking about possible actions of construction workers were widespread, and many feared a recurrence of the vigilante violence seen in the Well St. area of New York City last Friday. Although one very brief incident did occur, nobody was hurt, and the disturbance served to reinforce the determination of protesters and police to carry on without violence.

The crowd dispersed at 1:30 p.m., having blocked entrance into the buildings for six hours. Protesters left in an orderly fashion and found the identical route of return used in last week's march to the Capitol. This route consciously avoided a potentially dangerous confrontation—with construction workers opposite the Alfred E. Smith Building on Washington Ave. This was the scene of an injury to one coed last week, hit with an object thrown from an elevated construction site.

In the words of a strike leader, "It's a sad day for the marines. Those hippie pre-vars have turned them back from the building."
The University Singers and Colleague Singers of SUNYA will perform Paulowna's Gloria and Mozart's Requiem Mass K626 on Thursday and Friday, May 14 and 15 in memory of the students killed at Kent State. The Requiem begins at 8:30 P.M. in the PAC main theatre. Admission is free.

Football tryouts May 19th–times, trials, and strength tests. Bring athletic gear.

Any student having questions concerning the appeals procedure for his present grade or any problems concerning the faculty resolutions should contact Dave Neufeld at 457-3450.

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Faculty Discusses Problems

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eliminate the threat of violence or the prospect of violence on our campus.
5. Whether the faculty and administra-
tion shall take the steps to implement these resolutions.
6. Where students are engaged in practical teaching, field work, internships, clinics, and similar courses which involve other agencies and where commitments of the students and the University are involved, students are asked to continue without interruption.

The meeting resumed Monday, May 11, to discover that Vice President Wolfman's interpretation of section of the resolution was far from the intent as voted by the faculty. This prompted the passage of a clarifying resolution:
1. That no student who elects to accept option C shall receive the grade of E or of no credit for any course in which he has been continuously enrolled for the Spring semester of 1970 unless there is objective evidence which demonstrates that the student was clearly falling at the time the strike began (Tuesday, May 5, 1970).
2. That any student or faculty member may request that the Committee on Academic Standing of the Undergraduate Academic Council review the decision of the College or School Committee.

Following the passage of this resolution, Professor Hoffman of the History Department proposed that no agency within the University's governance (security) be allowed to photograph people on campus without their permission. He explained how complete the dossier of the FBI and similar agencies with the names of people involved in political activity. At this time Vice President Olsen stated bluntly that security kept no files of photographs, but questioning Olsen completely contradicted himself. The faculty voted to table Hoffman's motion.

The last important order of business was a resolution proposed by Walter Goldstein asking tolerance of those accused of petit crimes dealing with protest related activity (e.g. the library incident, etc.). While this motion was being de-

Community Interaction Encouraged

by Bob Warner

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A group of SUNYA faculty and concerned Albany citizens have formed a Committee for University Relations. Professor Urofsky of the Foundations of Education Department, the spokesman for the group, said that its prime concern is to get the large group of moderates in the community and student body involved.

The group, though non-partisan, is basically liberal in outlook and is solidly opposed to the war. Urofsky, however, feels that many students have been action-oriented all the past few weeks, principal-

ly because 'some of their me-thods are self-defeating'. Therefore, the committee will basically appeal to logic.

As a small step in solving the problem of student-community relations, the group is asking that all churches, synagogues, civic and social groups in this area help institute a dialogue.

The League of Women Voters, which is noted for its impartiality, will provide experienced moderators for the forums. Students who would like to participate in any dialogue with the community should leave his name, address and telephone number in Professor Urofsky's mailbox (341) in the Education Building.
Schwartz, Others Arrested; Security Faces Criticism

by Al Senia

Jack Schwartz, a University Senator, became the last student arrested in connection with the incidents of last Monday at the Library. His arrest brought the total number to three. Last week two other SUNY students, Bob Bierlein and Georgia Lee were also arrested by campus security and released on bail.

Schwartz was apprehended at his apartment Monday morning by John Henigan, security investigator. He was charged with second degree tampering and released on $250 bail.

More arrests will follow in fact, some additional warrants have already been issued but not yet served.

Meanwhile, Central Council issued a position statement depicting any arrests for petty vandalism (including this is library arrests) and condoning security's undercover operations.

Connally also threatened to take legal action to require security's undercover operations. Chief Connally and inspector Henigan, who were at the library during the incident and wanted something done.

Connally has also denied that Schwartz' arrest was political in nature. Rather, he feels that Schwartz was easily identified, since he is known to a large segment of the campus community.

The basic case lies in the identifications made by both Inspector Henigan and a number of persons-including one faculty member-who were at the library during the incident and wanted something done.

Connally has also denied that the administration is applying pressure to arrest or harass certain students, who might be classified as "radical." Security has made the arrests independently, without consulting any administrators.

Another area where Connally has come under increasing fire involves the motion picture camera which he used last Monday afternoon at the flagpole. Connally claims that he was just testing the camera at the time. This seems possible, since the camera is not yet owned by security, but rather by Burns Camera Shop in Albany. Also, the film was color and not black and white, which is used in normal surveillance work since it is quicker to develop. (The film shot last week will not be processed and returned until Monday or Tuesday.)

Connally, in an attempt to allay student fears, has stated that security's major concern is not surveillance of student demonstrations. No photo file exists in the security building. It is possible that once the pictures are processed they will be shown either to student leaders or the general public-unless Connally, who has had his own run-ins with the administration, is not opposed to the campus demonstrations as long as they are non-violent. I don't blame students for their attitudes on their administrations, he said.

Building The Consciousness

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"We care for human life. Don't you see, our alliances are to humanity, not nationalities! Don't you see? Can't you see? Please, you must see!"

Hat-felled staves answered.

Gritted teeth responded to cries for peace.

Hardened looks. Anger. Uncomprehending. And the fear grew. And the tensions grew. And for the first time, the seriousness hit. Hard.

And then, the incidents. They were short. But they were frightening. Leadership led and led well. While others reacted instinctively, the few reacted thoughtfully.

The police (the truth may be, after all, strange, but it is the truth) stopped the incidents and most of the fear.

And the day was won. And the people had emerged, victorious. And then it was over. And the tensions melted. And the pride grew.

Unity emerged—a of a kind. There were problems and there were disagreements. Tactics conflicted. Ideologies seemed stunted. But there had emerged. And there had been carried through. And there had been carried through without any injustice, without any fear of the unknown, with the known, and the understood.

"I was your age..."

"And when I was your age..."

Security Faces Criticism

The following is a memo to the University Community from President Kuwatko which attempts to clarify the grading policy adopted by the Faculty at their Friday meeting.

The memo emphasizes the importance of interpretation and guidance in the grading process and provides examples of how these principles can be applied in practice.

1. The phrase "Students shall have the option of..." means that each student has the option, not that a class will adopt a group option.

2. Faculty are encouraged to explain to students the implications of selecting various options, but shall not deny a student an option he has made.

3. Course attendance is not related to the right of selecting an option, though it may be a factor in fulfilling certain ones: e.g., option "A". Students selecting options "C" or "F", for example, may still attend class.

4. The pass or no credit grades provided in option "A" will be "B" and "U". An "E" grade will mean "dropped" and the student will be administratively dropped.

5. "Present grade", under option "B", shall be based on assigned work due before May 4, 1970 and shall not include work either assigned or due on, or after, that date. Work due by May 4 but not submitted shall be required.

6. The option of taking a "W" by May 22, 1970 continues to be available in every course for the Undergraduate Student.

7. The written record of a student's option shall be kept in the Student's signature and shall be retained by the instructor.

8. Each instructor has the authority to:

(i) Define "normal course requirements" and determine letter grades under option "A".

(ii) Specify requirements to be met in receiving an Incomplete under option "B" and assign the grade when the course requirements have been completed.

(iii) Determine "present grade" under option "C".

(iv) Determine what constitutes an "S" or "U" grade under option "S".

Planning Council Considers Legal Action

Last Thursday, Central Council called upon the law firm of Bronstein & Eichenthal, S.A. lawyers, to "take necessary legal action to close the University immediately."

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