

Speeches, Discussions At Lawn Rallies Change Movement Direction, Strategies

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Over 900 students attended two rallies yesterday to limit strike issues, plan a schedule of future events for the strike, and to hear a list of speakers on the situation in Cambodia and on other university campuses.

The first issue discussed by the strikers was the referendum to be held Monday. Tuesday night Student Council voted against having a referendum on the issues of the strike but yesterday morning Council received a list of 600 names asking for a referendum on the list of demands issued by the Virginia Strike Committee.

According to the Council constitution passed last semester, any petition signed by 5 per cent of the student body for a referendum forces the Council to hold such a vote.

Ballot boxes for Monday's referendum will be placed outside of all classroom buildings. In addition, the Council is organizing students to persuade people around the Grounds to vote in the referendum. Poll watchers will be placed around the ballot boxes.

Following the announcement of the referendum, leaders of the strike committee discussed the issues of the strike with the audience.

King Golden, president-elect of the Law School told the audience that he supported the strike but felt it should be discontinued if "it is continued to be led by those who have no concern for student moderates or libertarian ideals."

Open Meeting Cancelled

Mr. Golden stated that the leaders had cancelled a promised open meeting of all students at University Hall Wednesday night because they were scared that the strike was dying.

Bud Ogle, former President of Council, told the audience that no open meeting had been promised and that the alienation following the speeches Wednesday night made the situation in University Hall unsuitable for any meeting.

Tom Steele, a fourth yearman in the College, then indicated that the strike needed a unifying issue and that he "did not care what it was as long as the strike still centered on the Cambodian issue."

Arthur Waskow of the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington spoke to the audience on student demands.

Mr. Waskow stated that the war in Vietnam and in Cambodia has "made people all over the country realize that the rulers of the nation are mad and that it is essential that the people must become sane."

"These political debates in the student strikes," he continued, "remind me of the debates at New England town meetings where people met in solidarity to organize their own ideas on changing their society."

Mr. Waskow also stated that the strikes against the extension of the war in Southeast Asia is spreading outside the universities. He told the audience that the United Auto Workers in Framingham, Massachusetts, are planning a "sick-out" because "they are sick of the war in Asia."

Teamsters Act

He also said that the Teamsters Union in Boston were now recognizing student picket lines at Harvard University.

Concerning Saturday's March in Washington to protest the war, Mr. Waskow stated that the students must be non-violent. "Some property is so violent that it has no right to exist," he said, "but Washington belongs to the people and only after the whole community comes to a decision on that property can any action be taken on those institutions."

Bruce Wine, a fourth-year College student, then told the crowd that he was "sick of the rhetoric, sick over the numbers game, and sick

over the marches that are getting us nowhere."

Mr. Wine told the students that they must get unified and stay behind the two issues of Cambodia and Kent State.

Mr. Ogle then suggested that the strike remain open-ended on its goals until the issues are decided upon in Monday's referendum.

Students were invited to speak on the issues.

YAF Member Speaks

Chris White, a fourth-yearman and a member of the Young Americans for Freedom, stated that he felt that the strike was getting out of hand and that the students should "cool it." Mr. White indicated that someone had tried to set fire to the Army ROTC supply room in Old Cabell Hall Wednesday evening.

Following Mr. White, other students indicated that the strike should be continued on the Cambodian and Kent State issues.

After approximately ten students spoke to the crowd a vote was taken concerning the future of the strike. The students decided by voice vote to continue the strike on the issues of Cambodia and Kent State until Monday's referendum.

The striking students then adjourned until the afternoon. During the break, approximately

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CD Meeting

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Confusing Approach

Rubin Turns Off Moderates

By Mike Gartlan

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It is only coincidence that William Kunstler and Jerry Rubin visited the University at a time when student involvement in current political issues was at a pinnacle. This coincidence prompted strike leaders and followers to hope that the words and possible actions of these two men would provide the necessary catalyst to bring about a complete shutdown of the University.

Mr. Kunstler and Mr. Rubin could have easily done just that. If they had presented a unified and appropriate picture of the strike and its goals, the hopes of the strike committee would have been satisfied. But the two speakers addressed the strike in two different ways. One way, Mr. Kunstler's way, worked and worked well. Jerry Rubin's way failed and failed miserably.

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Why did one speech work and one speech not work? Mr. Kunstler approached the problem with a rational integrity that appealed to the moderate and rightist views of a great many students here. He called for no more than a total involvement in a strike that might possibly bring about those changes that peaceful demonstrations have thus far been unable to accomplish.

Jerry Rubin, however, lost sight of this and cried the tactics of the Yippie revolution, turning off those whom Mr. Kunstler had just begun to reach. These moderates wanted no part of a revolution that called for a complete disruption of the court system and the complete destruction of the jails that hold political prisoners. Anarchy of this type appealed only to the extreme left and confused those moderates and others who were trying to identify with the true attitudes of the strike.

As a result, many in the audience waited out during the speech. They saw Mr. Rubin's violent revolution as the step beyond that of a peaceful strike. These people thought that if they took this initial step and struck the University, the next step would be not far in coming, that violence would soon become the primary instrument of change.

Many of the strike leaders realized this during the speech. Tom Gardner, who states flatly that he has no role in the leadership in the strike, walked onto the stage during the

speech to talk to Mr. Rubin. It can be noted that after this interruption Mr. Rubin switched topics, going once again to the strike issues but this time in a more moderate tone. He shortly thereafter concluded his remarks. But what is the result of all this? It can be most easily described in the words of Bruce Wise, who addressed a rally of the Lawn yesterday afternoon. Mr. Wise said, "We blew it." He said that the strike had lost sight of the goals that it had set for itself. Mr. Wise said that diverse opinions and technicalities were destroying the strike movement. This type of fighting, he recommended correctly, can result only in the

failure of a strike which will hopefully help correct, not destroy, a presently mismanaged governmental structure.

Mr. Rubin is clearly to blame for the division in the strike movement. Perhaps he should have been briefed on the situation, instructed as to where and how he might help. If Jerry Rubin had been briefed and nevertheless decided to perform as he has in his other speaking engagements previous to this one, then the responsibility of the situation that will be caused by those people who see the strike as a

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Photo By Roger Hoffman

People At Rally Spread Down The Lawn

Soft Grass, Warm Sun Created Extremely Pleasant Atmosphere

University Protest Rekindled After Near Death Yesterday

By Peter Shea

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Yesterday's decision to continue the student strike at the University on the Cambodia and Kent State issues alone has revived, at least temporarily, what appeared to be a dead protest.

Following the explosive speeches by William Kunstler and Jerry Rubin, more than 2,000 demonstrators marched first

discover a means of keeping the fading demonstration alive.

As has been the case throughout the entire week, no one person or persons took charge of the meeting; it just drifted. However, as the discussion continued, the more moderate leaders began to fill the power vacuum.

In their efforts to find the key to reviving the strike, these moderates repeatedly turned their discussion to the question of the nine demands.

Many of them noted that, on Monday night, during the first rally at Carr's Hill and the Rotunda, the strike effort had its broadest base of support. However, once Maury Hall was first taken over, the more radical fringe of the group took control and began alienating many of the demonstrators.

Discussion in Maury Hall early Tuesday morning turned to issues that revolved around University problems. Soon a list of demands was drawn up. Although no group of students had taken complete control, the strike was clearly in the hands of the extreme left.

"Feeble Address"

President Shannon's feeble address to the students Monday evening had driven a number of students into the more radical camp. However, the next day, to end the Student Council's control, he was forced to address the

scummed to the pressure of 250 students at the meeting and narrowly endorsed the nine student demands that had been formalized at a strike meeting that afternoon.

Close Vote

President Jim Roebuck cast the deciding vote on the issue, realizing that, if the Council were to have any credibility as the student governing body, he had no other choice. However, as the 11-10 vote indicates, that group was far from satisfied with the demands.

Most observers felt that, had there not been so many demonstrators present, the Council would have examined the demands one by one and then endorsed those that had received majority support. The Council however had put itself in a position in which it either had to endorse the demands or reject them, and too many of its members supported enough of the demands to back down.

President Shannon had been warned by councilman Butzy Waitzkin that Council might vote to forward the demands. Mr. Waitzkin also advised the President to make "some sort of positive response" to the demonstration, at least on the Cambodia-Kent State issue.

At the student forum at Alderson Library, Mr. Shannon granted that advice. For the second time in 72 hours, he listened to the students but still nothing is really done.

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Strike Schedule

The following schedule of events for the student strike was approved by the meeting of striking students yesterday.

Friday: Seminar on the list of demands, the strike's relationship to the community and to other state universities, and possible process of the Restoration Bill. Seminar will begin at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the Lawn. Rally at Rotunda at 3:45 p.m.

Saturday: March on Washington, D.C.
Sunday: Day of meditation and rest, and a tentative free rock concert on the Lawn beginning at 2 p.m.

Monday: Reflection on strike demands, meetings on seminar demands, and a possible resolution by Students Union and Staff.

Tuesday: Student Council should the strike be continued. The strike of the University should be continued.

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on Carr's Hill and then to Maury Hall, where a small fraction of them took over the building for the second time this week.

Of the 200-odd people who entered the NROTC building, however, probably over one third of the occupiers were outsiders, and it soon became obvious that the group was not prepared to face any authority who moved against them.

The take-over lasted about two hours, but when D. Alan Williams arrived at 2 a.m. to supervise the building, 75 persons remained and he was able to reach the occupied building, waded due to a fire and the presence of police outside.

Faculty of Kent State University had announced that the protest was being called off. However, the students had a different opinion. The group was to go to

the student union meeting in the evening. The Council Tuesday evening

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This process went on through the whole conference, but Mr. Kunstler, hardened by many such conferences didn't even notice. Probably after dealing for so long with people like Jerry Rubin, Bobby Seale, Rap Brown, and Julius Hoffman, nothing could freak him.

After talking for a minute with someone about a mutual friend in California, and after Jerry Rubin, who is just as active off-stage as on, rushed in to ask him something, Mr. Kunstler began answering questions.

Text Of Conference

After seeing the response here, how would you compare the University with the response you've seen at other schools?

The response is much the same at every university. It hasn't crystalized yet, and I'm not sure when it will.

Do you plan to take action against the National Guardsmen at Kent State?

We have been contacted, but we haven't taken any action yet. I still work for the Law Center for Constitutional Rights, and I'll take action if they take action. I don't work for money anymore.

Do you think the Moratorium march on Washington had any effect?

I think it had an enormous effect in Washington, but not enough. Shutting down the universities will have more effect, and if it doesn't the time may come when we have to have down all the universities. The time of peaceful marches is over.

What do you think will happen to the National Guardsmen who shot the students at Kent State?

Nothing. The more things that happen, the more the police are needed.

Are you in favor of violence?

I am against mass violence. All violence will come from the National Guard, the police, and court injunctions. Where it always comes from.

Do you think Rap Brown is still alive?

Yes, I think Rap is still alive. When did you last see him?

I spoke to him on February 26, but I haven't seen or heard from him since.

Do you know where he is?

No, I don't. No one will believe when I say "I don't know," but I honestly don't.

Do you think a black man can get a fair trial in this country?

No, I don't, but you have to take this case by case. I'm sure that black people get fair trials in some cases like accidents and divorces, but no controversial blacks get fair trials.

Who are some controversial blacks?

Rap Brown, Bobby Seale, Eldridge Cleaver, any of the Panthers, and any of the people connected with the black man's liberation. I, Edgar Hoover just made Rap Brown number eleven on the F.B.I.'s most wanted list. He'd never miss a chance like that. Poor people can't get fair trials either.

You said people have a right to resist a court?

You have the right to resist a courtroom when it becomes oppressive. Chicago was oppressive.

You said you are against capitalism, what type of system do you advocate to replace it?

I'm not sure. I'm still not against private property, but I'm coming very close to that idea.

Then Bruce Wine, a leader of the strike movement, dashed in, dodged between the cameras and light stands and asked Mr. Kunstler to come to help lead the march to Cary's Hill. Mr. Kunstler thanked us and walked back through the underground cement catycombs of University Hall to the main hall to speak to the strikers.

"Where can we eat?" he said.

"The Boar's Head," someone shouted, and several people booed and laughed.

"The White Spot," shouted someone else, and more people laughed.

Petition Seeks Exam Delay

The continuation of the University strike for the remainder of the semester will be decided to a large extent by the threat of upcoming final examinations, and it was in this light that the Law School formulated a petition dealing with this problem.

"We propose that the Law School not hinder a student from embarking on a course of action he deems morally necessary by threatening that student with the possibility of irreparable injury." Meaning that in the present situation, examinations would hinder the student's "academic freedom."

They propose:

1. That examinations be delayed until the semester is over.

2. That any student who is regularly scheduled examinations...

3. That a protest...