



*President Angell meets and listens to students who occupy passageway outside his office.*

stayed behind to continue the blockade (which finally ended in mid-afternoon). About 150 proceeded along residence hall "row" on Rugar Street, asking fellow students for greater support. At about 11:00 a.m. the marchers converged on the Kehoe Administration Building. About 60 rode the elevators or climbed the 10 flights and sat down in the passageway outside my office. I greeted them at my office doorway, and talked with and listened to them. Their opinions as to what could and should be done were many and varied, but it was immediately obvious to me that they were seeking unanimity of spirit and purpose: the College as a whole should express its abhorrence of the Kent State calamity in a sincere and meaningful manner. The most urgent and unanimous request was for

me to use the power of my office to close the College -- cancel classes to insure that none who skipped classes to demonstrate would be penalized. I insisted that to do so would bypass faculty, College Council and Alumni and that such unilateral action would parallel that of President Nixon when he ordered American fighting men into Cambodia without seeking the counsel of Congress and the Nation-at-large. Prior to leaving the building on the request of the students to speak to a greater number that had gathered outside, I made arrangements to have a special meeting called of the Administrative Conference, an advisory body made up of representatives of the Faculty Senate, Student Association, College Council, the academic deans, Alumni Association, and College administration. Following two hours of discussion and debate of the Student Association strike proposal and of a request by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate for



*One of several faculty members who discussed the strike issue during the Tuesday afternoon rally.*

me to declare a "a period of recognition (of the Kent State killings) during which the conscience and concern of the Faculty could be expressed," the Administrative Conference reached a consensus that resulted in preparation of a "declarative" statement. By the time the statement was finished it was 3 p.m., and hundreds of students had massed to rally behind the Myers Fine Arts Building. I read the statement, which in essence declared the 5th and 6th of May a time when students could refrain from attending class, and requested and urged faculty not to penalize students who chose to skip classes during the two days. The statement also stressed as important that appropriate individual means be found by students and faculty to meet University standards. It did not satisfy the majority of the students at the rally. However, following several statements by faculty members and students to the effect that only the students themselves could call a strike, and after the students had been promised the use of the College's physical education building for the remainder of the week for further planning and discussions, the rally ended.

At this point I'll make first reference to the "Strike Committee," a group of about 30 stu-



*Students mass for 3 p.m. meeting on the Myers Fine Arts Building plaza while President Angell and members of the Administrative Conference meet in the Kehoe Administration Building-board room (arrow) to put finishing touches on statement concerning class attendance on May 5 and 6.*