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CLASSES CLOSE WITH STUDENT PROTEST TOWN, CAMPUS, AND NATION RALLY; DEMONSTRATORS PUSH FOR PEACE IN ASIA



Beginning last Monday with protests of killings of four students at Ohio's Kent State University, Plattsburgh students maintained a peaceful vigil accompanied by organized activities of protest and instruction as an outcry against the War in Indochina and the conditions which led to the situation at Kent.

Given the Plattsburgh College's Kehoe Administration Building by President Angell in an effort to aid the cause of the Student Strike Committee, the students established communication with other schools throughout the state and nation using information from other centers to further enrich activities on campus. Massive rallies were held during which students, faculty and administrators became informed of the situation and then organized to further promote the cause of Peace.

Townpeople gathered along with college students in the Memorial Hall (Physical Education Building) where discussions were held involving the various viewpoints of many of the individuals and groups present. John Birch Society members spoke indicating that they were not against Peace. Members of some "left-wing" groups spoke saying that they too were in favor of Peace as did many individuals whose viewpoints were contained in the zones between the Far Right and the Far Left. The meetings seemed to foster a greater understanding between many different groups and viewpoints. Mayor Steltzer of Plattsburgh and President Angell also spoke expressing their viewpoints and those of their constituents.

A candlelight march for Peace led by Mayor Francis Steltzer and President George Angell was held. The march left MacDonough Hall at the college and followed Broad Street to Route #9 which brought the peaceful singing crowd of students and townspeople which numbered more than 2,000 to the Sky-Way Shopping Center and the East Gate of the United States Air Force Base. The crowd continued sing-

ing sottly as they passed the Air Base and headed homeward toward the college. During the entire demonstration the people remained peaceful, often receiving encouragement from people by the side of the route in the form of Peace "V's" held high. Members of the march and sidelines carried their Flag with respect.

On Friday evening approximately 100 Plattsburgh students and some others departed for a mass rally in the nation's capitol which was attended by people from all over the country. Members of the group that attended the rally stated things went very well and were as peaceable as could be expected from a gathering of well over 100,000. Two buses brought the group from Plattsburgh with flat tires being the only difficulty which seemed to plague them.

Faculty and students met attempting to evaluate their curriculums with relevance to the situations at hand. Many suggestions for alternative studies were arrived at which were in addition to the existing school policies. A Pass Fail mark was discussed whereby the student would receive either a Pass or a Fail based upon his academic standing as of May 5. Similar plans included dropping one letter grade below the standing as of May 5 because of work which had not yet been covered. Seminars, classroom workshops, independent study sessions, symposiums and various forms of fieldwork were also discussed.

Plans involving the present system with modifications at the discretion of the student and instructor appeared to be the most favored and feasible.

In a special session of the Faculty Senate and faculty members it was decided that classes should be resumed beginning on Monday, May 11, as they did. The decision was reached after some lengthy discussion involving various viewpoints and curricula. Each faculty member maintained his academic freedom in determining what course of action he might follow with his students as far as their education regarding the Indochina problem and his class were concerned.

The appearance of Judy Collins marked the final massive gathering of students for the week of strikes. Miss Collins was well received as could be expected following her own involvement in Washington's rally. At the close of her appearance many students gathered to discuss various alternative methods which could be employed rather than continuing classes as they normally would have.

On Monday most classes had returned to normal with almost all involved in some form of discussion about what had transpired during the past week. Some individual instructors dedicated their classes to some form of educational delving into the problems that were brought out at Kent State.

THE SENATE NEWS

STUDENT RESOLUTION #2
Introduced by: Student Senate
A RESOLUTION

To Amend Student Resolution #7, of the Sixth Legislation, 'A Resolution to Establish a Visitation Hours Program'

Be it resolved of the Student Senate of the State University College of Arts and Science at Plattsburgh:

I. RATIONALE

III. Establishment of a Standing Committee controlling campus-wide visitation hours policies responsible to the Dean of Students for the proper administration and regulation of this program.

A. A Standing Committee of eight (8) members of the college community shall assist all Residence Halls in the creation, regulation and operation of the individual visiting hour programs.
1. Committee members shall be:
The President Assistants, one