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FROM 9:AM ON...

TUESDAY MAY 19

WARREN CO.

COURTHOUSE

2ND FLOOR

10TH AND COLLEGE

W.K.V.

VS. THE PEOPLE

THROUGH:
BRAXTON CRENSHAW - FRED SANTORELLI -

BILL NELSON - JERRY DONALDSON - DANSELLERS

BEING DEFENDED BY RADICAL

DAN TAYLOR ^{LAWYER}

T.V. COVERAGE

BE THERE!



WESTERN STUDENTS joined the nationwide protest against the killing of four students at Kent State University and President Nixon's decision to send U.S. troops into Cambodia. The demonstrators listened to President Dero Downing yesterday as he pleaded to the group for continuation of non-violence.

(Photos by John Masters and David Sutherland)



WKU students join nationwide protest

The placidity of spring had tranquilized the campus as it does every year at this time, broken only by popping of tabs being tipped from beer cans.

It's over now. Inspired, in part, by nationwide campus unrest (which surfaces every springtime) and punctuated by the killing of four Kent State students last Monday by National Guardsmen and escalation of the United States' involvement in Southeast Asia, Western students are adding their display of dissatisfaction.

The calm was broken

Wednesday and unrest is continuing today on campus as demonstrators and counter-demonstrations try to align their supporters.

Protesting students called for a strike today, but classes are being held as usual.

Leaders of the protest who call themselves "volunteers" were to meet with the Associated Students executive committee at 10 a.m. today to present their grievances. Expected to be of major concern is guns on the campus.

The striking demonstrators were

scheduled to meet again this morning in front of White Stone Hall to continued voicing their concern.

Meanwhile, an anti-demonstration protest was scheduled between the student center and administration building.

Organizers of the anti-demonstration call themselves the "silent majority" and according to Bruce Clark, "straight and non-violent."

Clark, chemistry-biology major from Columbia, admonished the current strike at Western as being "radical and ridiculous."

As far as the expected effect on Western, Clark hopes to "make our school more intellectually oriented against violent protest."

The purpose of the anti-protest is to start students thinking in another direction. "We are for the War, for victory in Vietnam," stated Clark.

Clark made it clear that the group was against and will not support the student strike at Western. The "silent majority" will exist as an organization as "long as there is a need for it."

Organizers said they expected a large turnout. Speakers tentatively scheduled were Dr. Tate Page, dean of the College of Education and Dr. J. Crawford Crowe, head of the history department. An open speaker policy will be adopted and, according to Clark "the demonstration will be peaceful and non-violent."

Activities yesterday climaxed when President Dero Downing spoke to a group of students on the steps of the administration building.

Downing commended the students for their non-violent approach toward dissent.

The president received a cordial reception from the protestors when he said it was regrettable that President Nixon sent troops into Cambodia because it sparked destruction throughout the country and resulted in the deaths of four students at Kent State.

The "volunteers" met with Downing yesterday and the president asked them for a list of demands to consider.

The dissenters paraded around campus yesterday afternoon prior to the A.S. Congress meeting. About 75 members of the group wearing "Strike Western" tee shirts attended the generally ignored meeting.

A resolution, "The Right of Expression," was presented by president-elect John Lyne which urged students to express their personal conscience by making known their personal and moral obligation.

Congress endorsed the right to protest with academic impunity if it is done within the law.

Braxton Crenshaw, representative-at-large for next year, asked for a special session of Congress to meet with a group of "volunteers." A.S. president Larry Zielke called a special meeting of the executive committee and urged all other A.S. members to attend if possible.

Yesterday's Academic Council meeting concluded with a statement by President Downing on the University's policy on the current situation. The President pointed out the responsibility of the student leaders as a main factor in the peaceful demonstrations.

The council voted to support the University policy of "business as usual" Friday since they felt the University has a responsibility to all students.

Downing also reported the results of a meeting earlier yesterday with leaders of the movement. The students at that time asked the president to remove all guns from campus security and to give no extra

Campus tranquility ends

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punishment for students participating in the strike. In the earlier meeting the president told them that the campus police had been without guns for a trial period, but the police reacted negatively to the proposal. On the subject of the strike the president reportedly told the students of the University policy.

It is expected that the president will issue a statement soon on the question of guns on campus.

Activities began Wednesday at 11 a.m. with about 250 persons gathered at a rally in the plaza area to hear students and faculty members vocalize their opposition to the killing of four Kent State students and call for an end of U.S. involvement in Cambodia and Southeast Asia.

Speakers represented a broad spectrum of the campus with topics ranging from witnessing for

Christ to calling for whatever means necessary.

Most of the speakers, however, emphasized a peaceful approach to the potentially inflammable situation.

Bill Nelson, one of the self-appointed organizers of the protest, denounced the Kent student killings by saying, "There's no reason to let maniacs get out with guns and legally kill people. They weren't freaks," Nelson said, "they had short hair, they were honor students, one was an ROTC cadet."

Dr. Lerond Curry of the history department said Lyne would be asked to circulate a statement expressing sympathy to the parents of the slain Kent State students and concern over America's involvement in Southeast Asia.

He said a copy of the petition would be sent to the White House, Kentucky's two senators and to the families of the students who were shot to death by National Guardsmen Monday.

Curry also urged the students to keep their dissent peaceful. "It doesn't make sense to stand for peace in a violent manner," he said.

Another faculty member, Dr. Richard Komp, warned students that city ordinance prohibits marches without a permit. But, he said the law was "probably unconstitutional and should be tested."

One of the speakers, friend of Bill Schroeder, one of the students who died at Kent State, called for a period of silence in memory of the dead students.

Several protestors wore white tee-shirts with a closed fist "strike" symbol and the words, "Strike Western" on the back.

The gathering broke up about 1:30 with leaders calling for attendance at a candlelight vigil later that afternoon in the old stadium.

A large crowd gathered in the old football stadium Wednesday night for a candlelight vigil to express sympathy for the families of the four students who were killed at Kent State. The group walked to Lyndane Hall where memorial services were conducted.

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The VOLUNTEERS in cooperation with the
state of Kentucky
bring you :

O. G. STUBBLEFIELD
vs.

the PEOPLE

represented by: Daniel O. Sellers,
minister of education — the VOLUNTEERS,
BG E, and
Kentucky Jones (member of Volunteers)

Warren County Courthouse

9:00 a.m.

Friday, July 10th

— FREE — • RALLY
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BREAKFAST • before the trial

•• T.V. Coverage ••

Right On!

THE VOLUNTEERS

Chronology of Events

Tuesday, May 5

Rally notices for Wednesday appeared.

Wednesday, May 6

Meeting on Plaza, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Strike Western shirts appeared.
 Delegation visited President Downing. Paul Cook also in attendance. Group included Crenshaw, Don Offutt Billie Warford, Crumbaker, black female from Milwaukee
 Vigil in stadium, 6:30 p.m.
 Wendell Ford's address, 7:30 p.m.
 Newman Center, 8:45 p.m.

Thursday, May 7

Bullhorns issued to group
 Met on Plaza 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Marched around campus, entered fourth floor of Grise Hall, also marched partially around the arena. Dan Sellers one of the main leaders. President Downing spoke to the group on the steps of the Administration Building.
 University issued statement (See Attachment #1)

Friday, May 8

Met on lawn by Administration Building. Public address system set up. Parade around campus scheduled, presented plan to Dean Keown
 At noon President Downing and Dean Keown met with group which presented resolves. Group included Crenshaw, Santorelli, Walsh, Donaldson, Sellers, Porter, Zeilke, Butler, Lyne, and Alexander. (See Attachment #2)
 Marched around campus stopping at Grise Hall and Arena and returned to lawn at Administration Building.
 Bill Nelson requested of Dean Keown that student center remain

open beyond hours. Request refused.
 Camped on lawn all night.
 Counterdemonstration Group met

Saturday, May 9

Limited activity. Western Kentucky University set up public address system at approximately 9:00 a.m. Among speakers were two identified as University of Kentucky people; one student and one supposed computer science teacher (Mark Villarina - Expatriate).

Broke up late in afternoon

Sunday, May 10

Crenshaw and others met in student center at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Monday, May 11

At 8:30 a.m. President Downing, Dr. Cravens, Dean Keown and Mr. Cook met with group to give response. Sellers, Santorelli, Walsh, Crenshaw, Donaldson, Lyne, Zeilke, Tichnor, Butler, Porter. Sellers made remarks, "better be in a hurry", "we have people", "molotov cocktails", "power politics". Crenshaw anxious

Response (See Attachment #3)

At 6:00, President Downing met with members of the staff and the board of regents at his home.

Tuesday, May 12

9:00 a.m. stadium - moved to Plaza - Braden spoke on administration lawn - 1:30 p.m. restraining order

Released statement (See Attachment #4)

7:30 p.m. Mr. Cook and Dean Keown met with Lyne, Porter and Zeilke

Wednesday, May 13

Mailed restraining order
 Taylor spoke

Thursday, May 14

Harlin and Parker retained
Volunteers elected new leaders: Jim Pickett, Randy Bowling,
Bill Towery, Billie Warford, Edmund Sikorski

Friday, May 15

Evacuated Wetherby Administration Building twice (See Attachment #5)
Small group on plaza
Restraining Order modified

Saturday, May 16

Volunteers brought letter to President Downing (See Attachment #6)

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TO THE BEST OF ITS ABILITY, TO PROVIDE THE ATMOSPHERE
AND THE MEANS WHEREBY EACH INDIVIDUAL CAN EXERCISE HIS
PERSONAL AND EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT, IN ORDER TO FULFILL
THIS OBLIGATION TO ALL SEGMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY COM-
MUNITY, REGULAR CLASS SCHEDULES AND OTHER SCHEDULED
ACTIVITIES SHOULD CONTINUE.

We the students at Western Kentucky University do not advocate violence in any shape, form or manner, nor the destruction of property. We do however advocate demonstration---in effect we feel obligated to press our cause with all non-violent measures necessary.

In light of this we advocate the following actions:

An open letter from the Office of the President to President Nixon expressing regrets over the Kent State incident and expressing the need for re-evaluation of American foreign policy, in light of student concern.

An immediate investigatory committee be appointed to investigate the removal of academic credit from R.O.T.C. or the feasibility of opening those classes to all students. This committee is to file its report by Tuesday, May 12th at 3:00 P.M..

Administrative efforts in support of securing voting privileges for student and faculty members of the Board of Regents.

No individual or group carrying live ammunition be allowed on campus. (eliminate the use of firearms with live ammunition). Provisions should be made to equip our security forces with more humane methods of protection.

An open speakers policy be formally stated and presented.

We feel that to continue the safe and sane expression of our concern for what is happening not only to our generation, but to generations to come, that it is inherent to the well-being of this campus, community, state and nation that these actions, which we feel are in the best interest of the students' academic and moral well-being, should be complied with.

Submitted by:

the Volunteers

Endorsed by:

the Associated Students

May 11, 1970

Mr. Laurence J. Zielke, President
Associated Students
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear Mr. Zielke:

In addressing the Associated Students on the statements endorsed and presented to me on Friday, May 8, I want to assure you that this University is genuinely interested in each student and his welfare. This must be evident to you as you take note of the policy which continues to be in effect and one we intend to continue to follow--that of giving every consideration to rational proposals which are rationally presented.

As I have indicated in the brief remarks made to you and others last Thursday in front of the Administration Building, and as I reiterated in conference with student representatives on both Thursday and Friday, you are to be commended for your exercise of good judgment and complimented for the leadership you have shown. An attitude of understanding, mutual respect, and courtesy has prevailed.

It is gratifying to note that the use of existing channels of communications enables us to coordinate our efforts in the resolution of problems in the best interest of the total University. It is in this spirit that I have responded to the statement which you have endorsed advocating action on selected matters of interest and concern.

The following enclosures are attached:

1. Copy of letter, dated May 9, 1970, addressed to The Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.
2. Proposal relating to R. O. T. C.
3. Proposal relating to voting privileges for student and faculty members of the Board of Regents.
4. Proposal regarding use of fire arms by Campus Security Officers.
5. Proposal regarding formalizing speakers policy.

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Mr. Laurence J. Zielke
May 11, 1970
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The fact that inaccurate reference was made in some of the news media to the statement endorsed by the Associated Students prompts me to make this response available for release in its entirety.

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

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Enclosures

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May 9, 1970

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20025

Dear Mr. President:

As president of Western Kentucky University, I want to share with you some of my thoughts on matters considered to be of great importance on this campus, elsewhere in the country, and abroad. You gave official evidence of your recognition of the profound concerns that are present on college and university campuses when you announced yesterday the special appointment of Chancellor G. Alexander Heard. I am confident Chancellor Heard will make a valuable contribution as your Special Adviser to maintain open communications and to channel directly to you viewpoints, attitudes, and concerns of the academic community.

I, and others on this campus, share the expression of regret and of sympathy to the families, which you stated in your news conference last evening when commenting on the tragic events resulting in the death of four students at Kent State University. These sad events are a reminder that all of us must give leadership and direction to the maintenance of an atmosphere of mutual respect, tolerance, and understanding which will result in the right of the individual to dissent and voice an opinion--always with the responsibility to do so with proper regard for the rights, welfare, and safety of others.

The fact that American lives remain endangered in Southeast Asia is a source of grave concern. I have no doubt that you experience this to a greater degree than many realize. We would appeal to you, therefore, to continue to make reevaluations which will hopefully lead this country to a rapid and just peace.

I have expressed regret that circumstances developed which brought you to the conclusion that American troops must be sent into Cambodia. I must state, however, that your press conference of last night more clearly defined this course of action, particularly as it relates to a specified timetable and to the lives of those engaged in that conflict.

I wish for you, as I am sure do all Americans, complete success and speedy accomplishment of the outlined objectives, especially with regard to your reaffirmation of accelerated withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam.

Sincerely yours,

Dero G. Downing
President

DGD:mch
cc: Chancellor G. Alexander Heard

THE UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZES THAT ALL COURSES AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND, IN FACT, ARE PERIODICALLY REVIEWED BY THE APPROPRIATE BODY AND/OR INDIVIDUALS.

THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL IS THE OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY BODY WHICH HAS BEEN DELEGATED THE RESPONSIBILITY BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS TO REVIEW AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING " . . . ALL PROPOSALS RELATIVE TO THE CURRICULUM, ACADEMIC POLICIES AND REGULATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY . . ."

IT IS, THEREFORE, ENCUMBENT UPON THE PRESIDENT TO REFER ALL UNIVERSITY MATTERS DEFINED TO BE IN THESE CATEGORIES TO THIS DULY CONSTITUTED AND REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF THE UNIVERSITY. FINAL AUTHORITY FOR THE APPROVAL OF SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS RESTS WITH THE BOARD OF REGENTS.

I AM, THEREFORE, REQUESTING OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL THAT YOUR REQUEST REGARDING R.O.T.C. BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. THIS APPEARS TO BE THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS MANNER IN WHICH THIS MATTER CAN BE PROPERLY HANDLED, SINCE THE COUNCIL HAS A MEETING SCHEDULED AT AN EARLY DATE--THURSDAY, MAY 14. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT A MATTER OF SUCH IMPORTANCE WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL STUDY.

AS THE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, BOTH OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT AND DISCUSS THIS AGENDA ITEM.

ON THURSDAY, MARCH 5, I APPEARED BEFORE A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE IN FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY, AT WHICH TIME VARIOUS MATTERS OF INTEREST TO PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION WERE UNDER DISCUSSION. IN ORDER THAT THERE BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING OF MY POSITION REGARDING THE ROLE OF STUDENT AND FACULTY MEMBERS ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS, CLARIFICATION OF AN EARLIER STATEMENT WAS MADE TO THAT COMMITTEE. THE EXACT TEXT OF THAT STATEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1968, WELL AHEAD OF MOST OTHER STATES, PROVIDED FOR STUDENT AND FACULTY MEMBERSHIP ON THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AS STUDENT MEMBERS AND FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS AT WESTERN HAVE IN EVERY INSTANCE GAINED THE RESPECT OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY. THEY HAVE CONTRIBUTED PARTICULARLY IN THE REALM OF EXPRESSION OF STUDENT AND FACULTY OPINION AND THE ABILITY WHICH THEY HAVE TO LEND STUDENT AND FACULTY VIEWPOINT ON MATTERS COMING BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGENTS.

"STUDENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS AT WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY HAVE MADE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION IN THIS CAPACITY. THE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS HAVE BEEN TRADITIONALLY CHARACTERIZED BY OPEN COMMUNICATIONS AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWPOINTS AND OPINIONS.

"IT IS OUR INTENTION AT WESTERN TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MAINTAIN AN EDUCATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PHILOSOPHY WHICH PRESERVES THE ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH ALL MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY PARTICIPATE IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE MANNER POSSIBLE. AS I HAVE INDICATED PREVIOUSLY, IF THIS CAN BEST BE ACHIEVED BY PROVIDING THE MEANS FOR STUDENT AND FACULTY REGENTS TO VOTE AND THE LEGISLATURE CHOOSES TO TAKE THIS ACTION, I CERTAINLY WOULD NOT OBJECT."

NOTHING HAS TRANSPIRED SINCE THAT DATE WHICH WOULD INDICATE THIS TO BE AN UNREASONABLE OR UNSOUND POSITION. I AM CONFIDENT THAT ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE WELL-BEING AND CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN KENTUCKY WILL RETAIN AN OPEN MIND TO THIS AND OTHER MATTERS SO IMPORTANT TO THE EFFECTIVE OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF OUR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING. THE ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONTINUED EVALUATION AND ANALYSIS DURING THE COMING BIENNIUM SHOULD PROVE BENEFICIAL IN THIS RESPECT.

IN RESPONSE TO ONE OF THE ACTIONS THAT HAS BEEN ADVOCATED, LET ME CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO A SEQUENCE OF EVENTS WHICH BEGAN MORE THAN A YEAR AGO. DURING THE 1968-69 SCHOOL YEAR, IT WAS RECOMMENDED BY MR. OWEN LAWSON, PHYSICAL PLANT ADMINISTRATOR, AND BY MR. CHARLES KEOWN, DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS, THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO A POLICY WHEREBY CAMPUS SECURITY OFFICERS WOULD NOT CARRY SIDE ARMS.

DURING THE SUMMER OF 1969 THEIR RECOMMENDATION WAS ADOPTED ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS. IN VIEW OF A VARIETY OF EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING THAT PERIOD, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT IT WAS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL SEGMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY TO ABANDON THE EXPERIMENT AND REVERT TO THE POLICY OF CARRYING SIDE ARMS BY THE SECURITY OFFICERS. THE DECISION WAS BASED ON A CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF THE RESPONSIBILITY WHICH THE UNIVERSITY HAS FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL AND OF THE PROPERTY ON THE WESTERN CAMPUS. CONSIDERATION MUST ALSO BE GIVEN TO THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF THE SECURITY OFFICER HIMSELF.

THE CONTINUING INTEREST OF THE UNIVERSITY IN THIS MATTER IS DEMONSTRATED IN THE FOLLOWING EXCERPT FROM A MEMORANDUM, DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 1969, ADDRESSED TO MR. LAWSON, MR. KEOWN, AND MR. H. B. CLARK, ASSISTANT PHYSICAL PLANT ADMINISTRATOR, AND SIGNED BY DERO DOWNING, AT THAT TIME VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS.

"WE ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT THE PERIOD OF EXPERIMENTATION IN WHICH WE HAVE ENGAGED WILL PROVE BENEFICIAL IN THE CONTINUED STUDY YOU ARE MAKING ON THE MOST EFFECTIVE PLAN FOR THE UNIVERSITY TO ADOPT AS A PERMANENT POLICY FOR CARRYING SIDE ARMS."

IN THE SAME MEMORANDUM IT WAS NOTED THAT A MORE THOROUGH AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WOULD BE DEVELOPED AND EFFECTED BY THE COMPLETION OF THE

NEW SECURITY HEADQUARTERS TO BE LOCATED IN THE PARKING STRUCTURE. MR. LAWSON RESPONDED IN A MEMORANDUM OF SEPTEMBER 15, A PART OF WHICH STATED

"MR. TOM WHITE, MR. H. B. CLARK, AND I WILL SUBMIT TO THE PRESIDENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE A PLAN OF OPERATION FOR SECURITY IN THE NEW QUARTERS BEING CONSTRUCTED. SPECIAL EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON WEAPONS--USE, KIND, STORAGE, ETC."

IN CONCLUSION, LET ME REITERATE THAT THE SUBJECT OF UNIVERSITY SECURITY HAS BEEN UNDER SPECIAL STUDY SINCE THE SUMMER OF 1969. THE UNIVERSITY WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THIS IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY, EXPLORING EVERY AVENUE WHICH COULD POSSIBLY LEAD TO A MORE EFFECTIVE PROGRAM.

IN REGARD TO A WRITTEN STATEMENT ON A SPEAKER POLICY, IT SHOULD OF NECESSITY REFER TO AND RELATE TO EXISTING STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES. THE UNIVERSITY SUBSCRIBES TO THE PRINCIPLES OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM AS DEFINED IN THE STANDARDS OF ITS ACCREDITING ASSOCIATIONS.

WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, I AM REQUESTING THAT THE FOLLOWING FACULTY AND STUDENTS SERVE ON A COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON A WRITTEN POLICY OUTLINING PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN INVITING SPEAKERS TO THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS.

DR. LOWELL HARRISON, CHAIRMAN
MR. DOUGLAS ALEXANDER
MR. WILLIAM BIVIN
MR. WILBURN JONES
MR. CHARLES A. KEOWN
MR. JOHN LYNE
DR. JOSEPH A. UVEGES, JR.

THE COMMITTEE IS INSTRUCTED TO COMMENCE THE STUDY IMMEDIATELY AND TO SUBMIT PROGRESS REPORTS PERIODICALLY, WITH A FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION SUBMITTED ON A SCHEDULE SO THAT A WRITTEN UNIVERSITY POLICY CAN BE PUT IN EFFECT NO LATER THAN THE OPENING OF THE FALL SEMESTER. THE COMMITTEE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL AND THE CONGRESS OF ASSOCIATED STUDENTS CAN NOT ONLY SERVE AS A HELPFUL RESOURCE, BUT SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONFER WITH THE COMMITTEE IN FORMULATING ITS FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

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Volunteers
College Heights
P. O. Box 131
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101
May 16, 1970

President Dero Downing
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Dear President Downing:

The attached statement is being released this morning to all local news outlets. It is our hope that this statement will convey to the University and the Community our concern over the disruptive events of Friday, May 15.

Sincerely,

The Volunteers

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Enclosure

VOLUNTEERS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 16, 1970

BOWLING GREEN, KY.,...The Volunteers wish to make the following statement concerning the unfortunate and illegal acts; namely the bomb scares perpetrated against the University Administration Building on the afternoon of Friday, May 15. We deplore, and disavow knowledge of, these acts of intimidation as being against our stated principle of affecting change through non-violence. It is our hope that the party or parties responsible for these acts of insanity are swiftly apprehended and prosecuted.

Volunteers
Interim Executive Committee

Jim Pickett
Randy Bowling
Bill Towery
Billie Warford
Edmund Sikorski

At Western

Judge Limits Restraint Order To Five Students

By ED RYAN

Courier-Journal Staff Writer

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.—A temporary restraining order, imposed by Warren Circuit Court earlier this week after demonstrations at Western Kentucky University, was limited yesterday to five student protest leaders.

The restraining order had been in effect for "each and every member of the university community."

Circuit Judge Robert M. Coleman said he was modifying his Tuesday order to restrain only the five male students "and other persons in actual concert or participation with them" from disrupting normal university activities.

A hearing on the restraining order

against the five students has been scheduled for 9 a.m. next Tuesday.

Daniel Taylor III, a Louisville lawyer working with the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union, is representing the five students, who are challenging Judge Coleman's order.

The original order was sought by Western after 175 students ignored requests by university officials and held a rally on a lawn next to the administration building.

Taylor called yesterday's modification "a victory" for more than 100 students who have been active in protests that began 10 days ago after the killing of four students at Ohio's Kent State University and the new U.S. involvement in Cambodia. As the marches and rallies continued, the protesters switched their criticism to campus issues such as ROTC and an open speakers policy.

There has been no violence in any of the demonstrations.

Judge Coleman directed Western to send a copy of the original restraining order to each of the more than 10,000 Western students, faculty members and staff personnel.

Most had received their copy before yesterday's order was restricted to the five students.

The five students and their home towns, as listed in the Western student directory, are Braxton Crenshaw, Detroit, Mich; Daniel O. Sellers, Cincinnati, Ohio; Bill L. Nelson, Hopkinsville; Gerald Lee Donaldson, Bowling Green, and Fred Joseph Santorelli, Linden, N.J.

After the court's decision yesterday, the student protesters met and selected new leaders. Then they went back to campus where about 25 met informally on a grassy area near the center of the campus.

Hearing Set Tuesday On Restraining Order

WKU Group Denounces Bomb Scares

The Volunteers of Western Kentucky University have issued a statement denouncing recent bomb scares as "acts of intimidation . . . against our stated principle of affecting change through non-violence."

The statement, issued through the group's interim executive committee, said, "It is our hope that the party or parties responsible for these acts of insanity are swiftly apprehended and prosecuted."

The statement followed a bomb scare Thursday night at Western Towers on College Street and another bomb scare Friday which resulted in the evacuation and search of the Wetherby Administration Building on the university campus.

The Volunteers, organized in the wake of the escalation of war activity in Indochina and the killing of four Kent State University students in Ohio, have demonstrated, marched, rallied and made speeches calling for changes in university policy as well.

A temporary restraining order against all members of the

university community was dissolved Friday for all students except five Volunteers specifically named in the order.

A hearing has been set for Tuesday in Warren Circuit Court in an attempt to get the order dissolved for the five students, who are Braxton Crenshaw, Bill Nelson, Dan Sellers, Fred Santorelli and Jerry Donaldson.

The interim executive committee, named as temporary leaders of the organization pending the dissolution of the restraining order against the other five, are Jim Pickett, Randy Bowling, Bil Towery, Billie Warford and Edmund Sikorski.

The Volunteers have been represented in court by Dan Taylor III, a Louisville attorney and official of the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union.

More than 100 students signed a pledge last Wednesday to offer themselves as participants in litigation to test the legality of the restraining order, which forbade several acts which could disrupt normal university business.

Taylor claimed the order

denied students and other members of the university community their constitutional rights.

The order was issued by Circuit Judge Robert Coleman last week after university officials complained that the Volunteers and other students had disrupted university business by assembling on the lawn of the administration building, rather than at the football stadium, where they had been asked to meet.

Members of the interim executive committee, in a statement of policy, said the restraining order which remains in effect upon the five students is "indeed a restraint upon us all."

The temporary leaders pledged to help restore the five students to "their rightful status due them as Volunteers, students of Western Kentucky University and, most importantly, as citizens of the United States."

The Volunteers scheduled organizational meetings for this weekend and early this week.

The vast majority of Western students have not participated in

student strikes or other demonstrations of dissatisfaction in the past two weeks and no acts of violence have occurred at Western as a result of the student protests.

Over 100 Students Sign Up for

By ED RYAN

Courier-Journal Staff Writer

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.—More than 100 Western Kentucky University students—mostly those who have been demonstrating at the school for the past week—signed up last night to test a temporary restraining order restricting activities which may be of a disruptive nature on the campus.

Daniel Taylor III, a Louisville civil-liberties lawyer, spoke to a university-sanctioned rally of 300 students, mostly protesters, and pledged to help them fight the restraining order.

Warren Circuit Judge Robert M. Coleman, acting on a complaint by the university, issued the restraining order

Tuesday after about 175 students defied a university request and met on a lawn near the administration building to hear speaker Carl Braden of Louisville.

The restraining order specifically forbids five of the demonstration leaders and "each and every member of the university community" from disrupting normal campus activities with demonstrations or mass assemblies.

Taylor said late last night that 116 students had at that time agreed to enter the case—probably as third-party adversaries against the university—and challenge the restraining order.

The student protesters have been demonstrating for the past week against

the recent killing of four Kent State University students, the war in South-east Asia, and local campus policy matters.

Taylor said that legal papers challenging the restraining order probably will be filed in Warren Circuit Court by the end of the week and that a hearing date on the matter would be sought soon.

Among the students signing to test the restraining order was John L. Lane, who will take over today as the new student-government president.

The order, if not changed as a result of the challenge, will be in effect for 20 days, at the end of which the school term would be completed.

Court Test of Order at Western

The student rally last evening in the old football stadium was nonviolent, as have been all the other rallies and marches in recent days.

The campus was quiet during the day and an ROTC review at the basketball arena attracted very few persons. Some of the protesters had planned to attend the review before the restraining order was issued Tuesday.

One of the requests presented by the student group to the school administration was to remove academic credit from ROTC courses. That subject will be taken up at an academic council meeting today.

Charles A. Keown, dean of student affairs, commented yesterday that Tuesday's order against disruptive student

demonstrations did not mean that students cannot peaceably assemble on campus.

Keown added that there's no difference in university policy on student gatherings since the order was handed down. Only those gatherings that cause disruption of normal activities on campus are banned by it, he pointed out.

The student protesters requested the old football stadium for the rally last night, and the administration agreed to the site and provided sound equipment for speakers.

Larry Zielke, outgoing president of the Western student government, said he endorses "the administration's efforts to keep the peace on Western's campus."

He said the temporary restraining order "acts as a restraint on the irrational and irresponsible elements on campus, and protects the student body from any violent action."

Editorial comment in the new off-campus publication, *The Expatriate*, however, was highly critical of the university's action.

"This restraining order," the editorial said, "is a massive overreaction to forces and ideas and frustrations that you (the administration) do not understand..."

"One small act of civil disobedience does not justify such dangerous repression. Every moment that this order remains in effect brings us one step closer to confrontation."

Regents Act on Rights Of Colleges' Students

By FRANK ASHLEY and ED RYAN
Courier-Journal Staff Writers

Student participation in campus affairs at Eastern and Western Kentucky universities was more sharply defined by regents of the institutions yesterday, but in each case actions fell short of student wishes.

At Western, regents gave their students a voice in the school's policy-making Academic Council, but not as much voice as they sought.

At Eastern, regents approved a new student constitution, but at the same time approved stipulations that tended to permit the administration to maintain close control over student activities.

At Bowling Green, the Western regents, by a 4-1 vote, added two student members with voting privileges to the school's Academic Council. Six other students, to represent each of the school's six colleges, will become "associate" (non-voting) members.

By their action, however, the regents rejected a recommendation by Dr. Raymond Cravens, vice president of Western academic affairs, that eight student voting members be added to the Academic Council.

Dr. Cravens offered his recommendation in behalf of the Academic Council,

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which Dr. Cravens reported had almost unanimously approved the plan.

The Academic Council presently is composed of 53 voting members all of whom are now faculty members and administrative personnel. Final approval of the university's academic program comes from this council, which in turn makes recommendations to the Board of Regents.

At Richmond, Eastern Kentucky University's regents, in approving the new student constitution, accepted along with it four "stipulations and understandings" attached to the document by EKU President Robert R. Martin.

The revised document, formulated over the past year by a 10-member committee of students, instructors and administrators and approved by the Student Council, provides minor changes in the structure and organization of EKU's Student Government Association.

Dr. Martin called the revised document "a good constitution" and said that his four "stipulations and understandings" provided some clarification but did not change the basic document as prepared by the committee.

His four points provide:

✓ That all actions of the Student Senate (the new name given to the Student Council by the new constitution), relating to university "governance," shall be in the form of "proposals" which will be subject to the approval of the EKU president and the Board of Regents.

✓ That any student-association referendum be submitted to the vice president for student affairs for his "review or

approval of the form of the referendum." (Dr. J. C. Powell, the university's vice president for administration and a member of the constitution advisory committee, later said that this did not mean that the university had a veto power over the "substance" of referendum issues.)

✓ That the vice president for student affairs shall counsel EKU's Student Government Association.

✓ That all financial affairs of the student association shall be conducted through the university's budget and accounts.

In general, revisions in the EKU student constitution—besides changing the name of the Student Council to Student Senate—include opening student association membership to graduate students; minor changes in the election of officers; strengthening the academic requirements of candidates for student officers, and providing subdivisions of the Student Court which hears cases involving infractions of rules passed the student association.

The motion to accept Dr. Martin's stipulations was made by Bob Babbage Jr., 19, Lexington, the student representative on EKU's board of regents.

Babbage said later in an interview that the points had reaffirmed the university administration's "veto power" over actions of the Student Senate.

'They Are Responsible'

"But I don't mind the Board of Regents having a veto if they will try to understand what we are saying," Babbage added. "It is inevitable that the regents have a veto power since they are the ones responsible under the law for operating the university."

Babbage said that he did not object to any of the four stipulations but added that if he had been allowed to vote on the resolution he would have "had to think hard about it." (By state law, student representatives to the state boards of regents are nonvoting members.)

Babbage said that he moved to accept the resolution and stipulations because he thought the revised constitution was a "strong document" and would provide for a smoother operation of the student association.

Dr. Powell, the university's vice president for administration and a member of the constitution revision committee,

said that the four points did not restrict the student association but instead provide "clarification" for directing the student association in conducting its affairs.

Powell said the points do not say anything which is not already incorporated in the revised constitution.

At Western's board-of-regents meeting at Bowling Green, Dr. Cravens noted yesterday that the matter of more student voting representation on Western's board has become "very controversial." During the past school year, some student leaders and the university newspaper have called for it.

But Dr. J. T. Gilbert, a regent from Bowling Green, said he believed, after talking to many persons with college degrees, that "the average college student is not mature enough or hasn't had enough experience to run the college."

Gilbert said Western "has had an excellent relationship with its students" but noted that the University of Kentucky recently has "had problems" with its yearbook editor "and even its student body president."

John Lyne, Western student government president and student representative on the Board of Regents, said he didn't think that eight student voting members on a proposed 61-member Academic Council would be a "disproportionate influence (by students) on the school's academic affairs." He said there is no desire among students "to control" school academic policy.

Lyne Disputes Student Leniency

Dr. W. R. McCormack, vice chairman of the regents, said, "we have noticed in other universities" that students with voting power in academic policy matters have recommended such things as lifting all requirements for class attendance.

Lyne noted that a student study committee at Western "provided for more stringent (academic) requirements" than comparable recommendations from faculty and school officials.

McCormack, also from Bowling Green, concluded the discussion by saying, "I think the faculty is better qualified" to decide academic policy at Western.

After the vote was taken allowing two students as voting members on the Academic Council, Western President Dero Downing said, "A student can and does have an effect as an associate member" on the council.

An associate member can enter discussions and make or second a motion.

ROTC Role at Western to Be Studied

By ED RYAN

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BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — The role and functions of the Reserve Officer Training Program (ROTC) at Western Kentucky University are to come under review, with specific recommendations to "be promptly submitted" to the school's Academic Council.

Members of the Academic Council asked yesterday that an eight-member curriculum committee of Western's College of Applied Arts and Health make the review. The military science building is a part of this college.

The review comes after Western President Dero G. Downing agreed to present the matter to the Academic Council following a request by protesting students last week to remove academic

credit for ROTC or to open the military science courses to all students.

A report from the committee is expected this summer, according to Dr. Raymond Cravens, vice president of Western's academic affairs.

Dr. Joseph Uvegas, a government professor, told the Academic Council that the protesting students were more concerned about "the equity" of ROTC credits and a desire for open registration for ROTC courses rather than the abolishment of course credit.

No credit is given currently for completing basic ROTC courses unless the student takes other advanced military-science courses.

Dr. Cravens reported that there was considerable support in the Academic Council to give credit for any courses successfully completed. Col. Thomas

Sweet, head of the military science department, reportedly agreed with this feeling.

ROTC courses are not required at Western, but may be taken to fulfill physical education requirements.

As the Academic Council met yesterday, about 100 student protesters gathered in a downtown night spot to plan their strategy in challenging a temporary restraining order now in effect on Western's campus.

The Warren Circuit Court order prohibits mass meetings or demonstrations that may disrupt normal campus activities.

The order was issued Tuesday after 175 students defied a university request and met for a rally on the lawn next to the school's administration building.

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At the same time, the students' constitutional right of free speech, peaceable assembly and petition was affirmed, a guarantee which the university never had undertaken to abridge in the first place.

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named Braxton Crenshaw, Bill Nelson, Dan Sellers, Fred Santorelli and Jerry Donaldson.

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Over the weekend the interim

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executive committee issued a statement disclaiming knowledge of two bomb scares last week. The statement, which denounced the bomb scares as "acts of intimidation...against our stated principle of affecting change through non-violence," followed bomb threats Thursday at Western Towers and Friday at the administration building.

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Each Man Begins Life With Protest

Editor, Daily News:

Each man begins life with a protest — an outcry against the hand that slaps him into life. From birth till death, man is at his creative best when he is protesting against things as they are — whether he be Euripides exposing the evils of war in the 5th century B.C, Patrick Henry declaring "give me liberty, or give me death" in 1775, or American college students saying that it is wrong to silently approve the inane invasion of Cambodia or the senseless slaughter of innocent young people at Kent State in 1970.

The recent efforts by substantial numbers of American youths to vigorously voice their opinions about our country's present and future courses of action is healthy and needed.

I think that your newspaper's reporting of the local manifestations of the recent nationwide protest by conscientious, concerned students against events in Indochina and Ohio has been excellent. You have provided local citizens with full and fair coverage of the meetings and court hearings involving several dissentient WKU students. Your daily reports of WKU students activities have been unbiased, informative accounts which have successfully presented both sides of the questions which WKU students and administrators have been trying to resolve.

Thank you for doing your job — for keeping the public informed about what is going on in the community.

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Students To Try "Ballot Power"

THE PARK CITY DAILY NEWS
May 24, 1970

Of all that has been said in the aftermath of the Kent State University tragedy, one of the most poignant statements was that of an anguished coed.

These four deaths wouldn't have happened, she said, if the government had listened to the students when they gathered by the hundred thousand in Washington last October for the Peace Moratorium. The students tried to work within the system, to express dissent peacefully, but nobody listened to them.

Ever since campus unrest began at Berkeley back in 1964, the older generation has been telling the younger that if it wants to reform society it must work within the system set up by society. And more and more the young have been replying that society resists orderly change, that the system is stacked against reform. Therefore, more violent action is necessary.

The fault is not that of youth. Somewhere along the line, while the children were raising a generation of obedient parents, someone failed to make clear to them the nature of "the system."

The simple fact is that while everyone in this country has the right to state and publish and dramatize his opinions, nobody is obligated to listen to him. In a democracy it is through the ballot box that the people implement change, not through the megaphone.

Oh, yeah? it is asked. What about the 1964 election? Did not the people vote overwhelmingly for Lyndon Johnson because he promised not to widen the war in Vietnam and overwhelmingly against Barry Goldwater because he talked as if he might? And did not Johnson turn around and do exactly what he promised not to do?

What about the 1968 election? The people elected Richard Nixon because he said he had a plan to win the war and because they believed a fresh administration might have a better chance to get the country out of the entanglement. But now we are in Cambodia by Nixon's order and, a year and a half after his election, still have over 400,000 men in Vietnam.

This democracy?

The reply is that a president's room for unilateral action as commander in chief is also part of the system, an imperfect system. In 1964, Congress backed up that power by giving the president a virtual blank check in Vietnam. In 1970, with the hindsight of six years, some senators wish they could give the President nothing more than 30-day renewable notes.

The reaching of a consensus among the American people for withdrawal from Vietnam (but not a consensus on the speed of the withdrawal) has been a long, painful, costly process and students should not discount the role they played in that process. But the democratic system is not built for speed or sudden turnings.

If demonstrations or rioting by a small minority had intimidated the President into ordering an immediate withdrawal from Vietnam, the damage done to the system might in the long run have outweighed the short-run benefit of ending our part in the war.

No nation can long function when its decision-making begins to take place in the streets.

There are encouraging indications that youth may be getting fed up with violent, noisy dissent and be getting ready to really give the system the old college try, to borrow a phrase from a more innocent time.

Hundreds of college students—clean, neat and polite—have descended on Washington in recent days to buttonhole congressmen and officials—to talk with them, not at them. Thousands of students plan to take time out from school this fall to work for the election of congressional candidates they support.

But these young people should be reminded again that "the system" makes no guarantees to anyone.

Of all the thousands of people who run for elective offices of one kind or another every year in the United States, exactly half of them could say:

"I tried to work within the system, but nobody listened to me. The voters rejected me."

They could say it but they don't. They come back and try again.

Letters To The Editor

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About 1 Per Cent Cause Of Trouble

Editor, Daily News:

Several years ago the late W. C. Sumpter, for whom I had great respect, purchased a thousand tulip bulbs and had them planted along the walks in Fountain Park. In the spring when they bloomed, it was a beautiful sight. That is the only thing I know of being done lately towards beautifying the Park. It's possible that if attention was called to our several garden clubs, and to the auxiliaries of our veterans' organization, and the beautification committee that some of them might want to do something towards beautifying the park by putting growing flowers and vines in the two large urns, one in each end of the park. This is just a suggestion.

I wish to express my feelings

toward Western Kentucky University. I am sure that 99 per cent of the student body are loyal, patriotic citizens of our country and to our government and its institutions. However, probably about one per cent want to take over and run Western. This was demonstrated by their having a man to come and speak on the Western campus at an off limits place, and according to Daily News report, encouraged student disloyalty at Western. Two Communist speakers addressed a small body of students at University of Kentucky within the past year.

Western has had outstanding men as presidents, and has one now, Mr. Dero G. Downing. If these rabble-rousing, disloyal students are not at Western to get an education, let them go elsewhere. This also applies to disloyal faculty members.

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Other Editors Say

Academic Freedom

Indianapolis Star

Academic freedom has gone too far when professors refuse to teach classes and college presidents close their educational institutions.

We can understand if not applaud the reaction of many college students to the Kent State tragedy and their outspoken opposition to President Nixon's decision to move into Cambodia.

We can understand if not agree with those college presidents and professors who differ with the President. We agree that they have the right, in some cases the duty, to express their opinions.

But they have no right, no matter how strongly they feel, to abrogate the contracts they have made to provide education for their students. They have no right to refuse to teach classes, to close down colleges merely to express their opinion about national or even local affairs.

The essential job of any educational institution is to teach students. Turning them loose, closing college doors, refusing to have commencements, urging students to march on Washington, no matter how well meant, simply is not providing a college education.

What can be done about it?

Some colleges and universities, Purdue and Indiana Universities for example, have said in no uncertain terms that classes will be continued for those who want to go to class. On other campuses, students have insisted that classes continue. Threatened legal action has forced the reopening of others. Some, unable to reopen, have refunded tuition and room and board charges.

What can you do about it?

If you have a son or daughter in a school which has closed, we recommend you demand a refund for that period of time when classes are not held. If you know an administrator or faculty member at a school which is closed, write that official and express yourself.

Colleges and universities demand sternly that tuition as well as room and board payments be made in advance. Parents and students should enjoy equivalent rights and should demand and receive a refund for education the college cannot or will not provide. Teachers, too, who refuse to teach are not entitled to be paid when they do not live up to the agreements they have made and should be required to make suitable restitution.

Academic freedom has privileges, hard earned and well deserved. It also has responsibilities which must be met.

Objectivity Seen As Questionable

Editor, Daily News:

Your recent coverage of the court hearing involving several students of WKU is questionable as being fair, objective coverage of news. Flagrantly displayed on the front page was a statement implying the students were commonly referred to as "the Bowling Green Five" by members of the community. Actually, the vast majority of local citizens had never heard the term applied to the students before reading your article. (It is obvious that "the Bowling Green Five" was a takeoff on the widely known "Chicago Seven.")

This manner of coverage greatly aids large numbers of people in prejudging the figures involved. It should not be the purpose of an established newspaper to do this. May I suggest in the future that such reports are specifically designated as editorial and printed in the appropriate place.

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Injunction Hearing

Trouble Still Possible, Western Chief Testifies

By ED RYAN

Courier-Journal Staff Writer

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Dero G. Downing, president of Western Kentucky University, testified in Warren Circuit Court yesterday that "the potential" remains on his school's campus for dis-

ruptive activities that would affect normal school operations.

Downing, seeking an injunction against five Western students who took part in recent protests at the university, testified that the protests had created "emotional tensions" that made it impossible for the university to keep its lines of communications open with students.

The Western president said the school was successful in maintaining communications with protesters until May 12, when about 175 demonstrators held a rally near the administration against the university's request.

"The university had the responsibility to then take action (by seeking the restraining order)," Downing asserted. The students are seeking to have a temporary restraining order dissolved, while the university wants it converted into a temporary injunction.

Downing and Western's dean of student affairs, Charles Keown, testified about 1½ hours each in a lively courtroom confrontation with an attorney for the students.

The two Western officials each were questioned sharply in cross-examination by the students' attorney, Daniel Taylor III.

Each of five male students—named specifically as defendants in a restraining order granted the university May 12 after an unauthorized campus protest rally—testified late yesterday afternoon that they have not participated and do not intend to participate in violent protest activities.

The defendants are Daniel Sellers, Bowling Green; Braxton Crenshaw, Glasgow; Gerald Donaldson, of Hammond, Ind.; Bill Nelson, Hopkinsville, and Fred Joseph Santorelli, of New Jersey.

'Tensions' Were Growing

Circuit Judge Robert Coleman recessed the hearing on the restraining order until 9 a.m. today, when the student defendants' attorney is expected to bring a number of other witnesses to the stand. The only two witnesses for the university were Downing and Keown.

Coleman took under advisement motions presented by attorneys for both the school and the students.

Demonstrations began on Western's

campus on May 6 following the decision by President Nixon to send U.S. troops to Cambodia and the killing of four students on the campus of Ohio's Kent State University. The Western protests, which have been free of violence, switched from the national issues to local campus policy as the days wore on.

Threats Taken Seriously

Downing testified that he had received one telephoned bomb threat—to the university science building complex—and another threat through a handwritten letter he had received by campus mail.

The letter, poorly written on small tablet paper, was the subject of a lengthy and sharp cross-examination by Taylor, who took the Bowling Green case for the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union.

The letter, read in court by Downing, said a "loud sound of a boom" would take place "at about 2:30 in the afternoon when the clock strikes 12."

"As a grown man, do you seriously take this drivel, this letter, seriously?" Taylor asked Downing.

"I take anything that comes to me in the form of a threat seriously which might endanger the safety of those in the university," Downing replied.

Downing was repeatedly interrupted by Taylor in his answers on cross-examination in the crowded courtroom. Spectators included more than 100 Western students.

In answering the first question put to him by his own attorneys, Downing said he would like to preface his remarks and begin by saying that "Western Kentucky University is an outstanding university..."

Quickly Taylor interrupted and said "We know you have an accredited school, right?" and asked the judge to instruct the Western president to directly answer the questions put to him. At this particular point, Judge Coleman granted Taylor's request.

Near the end of the cross-examination of Downing, Taylor had each of the five defendants rise, one at a time. The defense attorney then asked Downing whether each of them "occupied, intimidated, coerced; impaired ingress or egress, encouraged others to illegality," or constituted a clear and present danger.

Downing replied "not as they stand

here." As he answered, an assistant of Taylor's marked through the allegations one by one on a blackboard behind the defendants with different colored chalk, each color representing a defendant.

The allegations appear in the restraining order now imposed on the five.

Dean of Students Keown said that the May 12 rally on the lawn near the administration building had "disrupted everything going on" in the building—"it was total disruption."

Near-Fight Halted

Keown, as did Downing, told about a meeting held between the protest leaders, the student government leaders and school officials on May 11.

The dean of students said one of the defendants, Sellers, "out of the clear blue" said "Something's got to be done now—we don't know how we can keep some of those people from throwing Molotov cocktails."

"I construed it as a threat, intimidation, whatever you want to call it," Keown testified.

He added that during the course of the week of demonstrations and marches there was a possibility of "open combat a half dozen times..."

Under intense cross-examination, Keown told defense attorney Taylor that he (Keown) still believes there is "a clear and present danger" that the five defendants could cause disruptive activities on campus.

Later in the cross-examination, Keown conceded that there has been no damage done to any university facility.

But Keown said that a member of the school's history department had reported that he was forced to move his classes because of noise from rallies held outside Cherry Hall, a classroom building.

Keown testified that "in conference, in written word" the defendants seemed to be seeking peaceful, non-disruptive ways of protesting "but in spoken word" at some of the rallies, this didn't appear to be true to him.

The five defendants testified for the final two hours of yesterday's court session.

Each told Taylor that they are committed to a philosophy of non-violence in their protest activities.

Letters to the editor

May 19, 1970

Deplores destruction

These comments are being written in regard to the Kent State incident and the protesting atmosphere of the country as a whole. Let me state before any misconceptions or twisted ideas are formed that I believe completely in the freedom of "orderly" dissent and orderly demonstration. The word orderly is emphasized for it is evident that in the majority of the dissenting movements that have occurred, there has been the irrational destruction of property and the execution of bizarre acts in which all reasoning and diplomacy has been neglected. Nothing is accomplished with violence but the reduction of the demonstrator to the level of an animal incapable of using its mind and intellect to communicate. To communicate with those who are confronted with establishing the policies and laws of an orderly and constructive society, one must converse on the level of or within the same bounds of knowledgeable reference as the administrators, and not in the manner of either you do this or that will be destroyed.

Concerning the Kent State incident, it is felt that the happenings of that day are sad and regrettable, yet place yourself in the position of those few National Guardsmen and ask yourself what you would do in an extremely tense atmosphere of an oncoming and engulfing mass of people engaged in objecting with and conflicting with the reason or reasons you are there, even if you do not support those reasons.

In respect to the Vietnam War and its extension into Cambodia, it is felt that President Nixon has made an emotionally hard yet strategically important decision. This initial extension of the war is a movement designed to obliterate those

sources of enemy power which prolong the war. Of course lives will be lost with this movement, but if this movement succeeds in its objectives, it will save an untold number of lives as the complete withdrawal of American troops is made readily feasible.

I am for peace, just as you who protest are for peace, but it appears that you do not understand that to have peace all people throughout the world must be willing to acquire such an ideal. This nation is not the aggressor, it is the defender. It is only the aggressor when such action behooves peace. This country cannot remain impervious to the requests for help made by other nations, and to the conflicts of the world without losing its positions of respect and of power.

Many of you purport the feelings that the United States should completely withdraw from the Asian conflict and become solely concerned with the problems in this country, and not those located thousands of miles away. This would be ideal if it were possible, however, it is necessary for the survival of this nation as a free and democratic society to confront Communism on a front removed in distance, yet only another step nearer to this nation's doorstep. Communism must be met and halted at some point. This country cannot assume an isolationistic policy, and believe it will be capable to cope successfully with Communism as it gnaws at its borders.

I have the utmost contempt for you who attempt to tear and mutilate the so-called "establishment." It is this establishment that has created an environment far surpassing that of any other in the world, and which has presented you with the opportunities that lie before you. If you succeed in razing the establishment you have destroyed all that is good, directional

and purposeful. Do not destroy it, modify it, change it for the better. It is a wise people who recognize the mistakes of the past and incorporate their detrimental results in an understanding of how to, and how not to handle the future.

Dana R. Koch
Junior
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Commends Herald

Hurrah for the Herald editorial staff. At least someone at Western can see through our "demonstrators." Instead of students trying to promote ideas in a responsible manner, this minute group seems ever bent on a course aimed at a confrontation even without a real provocation.

This group thinks they can disregard any agreements they make while howling "foul play" when the administration does something they don't approve of.

It is unfortunate to have to resort to a court injunction, but when the leaders of the "Volunteers" aren't responsible enough to stand by what they say, this leaves the University with little choice. At least, the National Guard wasn't called in.

I had no objection to disagreement or responsible demonstrations and I even agree with some of the demands. But all respect for this group dissipated when they allowed Carl Braden to pull his childish stunt.

If everyone at this University was as irresponsible as Mr. Braden, I am confident Cherry Hall would be in flames now.

When will these individuals realize that constructive changes can only take place when offered and supported in a responsible manner.

Phil Myers
Senior Class President

More letters to the editor

Answers Taub

In reply to Mr. Taub's letter entitled "Administration Faces Choice" it is my opinion that President Downing did the most logical thing possible. It is only a true shame that this so called "Restraining Order" has been applied to every member of the university community. In this sense the students protesting the order have a just complaint and should be commended for the action of taking the issue to a court of law.

But there are those among the student body which feel that this court order was issued because "President Downing is not brave enough to face a University problem without a set of crutches issued by a local Circuit Court" or because "President Downing does not have the intestinal fortitude to stand up against students of his University to defend what he believes is right." To me these reasons are plainly ridiculous. President Downing has showed both sense and courage in attempting to avoid a direct confrontation.

I do not believe that any sensible student would wish to see harm come to this University. Harm may have come had this "Restraining Order" not been issued, for the administration, in order to retain the right of a governing body, would have had to enforce the rules of this University which, depending upon the situation, could quite possibly have led to a violent confrontation.

President Downing, as far as I can see, has done more to both understand and help the student than any previous President. Therefore, he should not be subjected to such vile criticism as had appeared in the letter to which I referred.

If criticism is due it should come with more finesse, for if we the students do not show more respect for the head of this University then we, in turn, show less respect for the University itself.

Finally I would like to say that the "Volunteers" on this campus, in keeping the protest non-violent, have done a great service. It is my sincere hope that they do not listen to the more militant people and become violent. For violence gains nothing except more violence. But most important of all I would like to ask them what they have accomplished toward the ending of the war in Vietnam? This seemed, to me at least, to be their principle theme of protest, but as far as I can see, nothing has been accomplished except the cutting of classes by a large number of students. What the true answer to the end of this war is I have no idea, but I do not believe that they have either.

Louis E. Schroeder
Barnes-Campbell

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Restraining order foes get court hearing today

A hearing was scheduled at 9 this morning in Warren Circuit Court in attempt to get the temporary restraining order against five Western students dissolved. The order against all members of the University community was dissolved Friday for all students except the five Volunteers specifically

named-Braxton Crenshaw, Bill Nelson, Dan Sellers, Fred Santorelli and Jerry Donaldson.

The Volunteers were scheduled to meet last night in Grise Hall to hear Mrs. Susan Post, a Louisville attorney who is president of the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union, and Dan Taylor, also an attorney from Louisville and KCLU official who has been representing the Volunteers in court.

More than 100 students have signed a pledge agreeing to test the legality of the restraining order which forbade several acts which could disrupt normal University business.

Taylor claimed the order denied students and other members of the University community their constitutional rights.

The order was issued by Warren Circuit Judge Robert M. Coleman a week ago after University officials complained the Volunteers and other students had disrupted University business by assembling on the lawn of the administration building instead in the old football stadium which had been made available to the group.

An interim executive committee consisting of Jim Pickett, Randy Bowling, Bill Towery, Billie Warford and Ed Sikorski has been formed pending outcome of the court litigation.

Over the weekend the interim executive committee issued a statement disclaiming knowledge of two bomb scares last week. The statement, which denounced the bomb scares as "acts of intimidation...against our stated principle of affecting change through non-violence," followed bomb threats Thursday at Western Towers and Friday at the administration building.

Congress unanimously endorses Downing's reply to protesters

By PAUL HIGHTOWER
Herald Staff Writer

A resolution endorsing Monday's answer by President Dero Downing to the "Volunteers," a campus protest organization, was passed by unanimous vote of the Associated Student Congress late yesterday.

The resolution, co-sponsored by Paul Gerard and Steve Todd, said the president gave a "sound and constructive response to the proposals of the 'Volunteers' and furthered the interest of all Western students."

Retiring A.S. President Larry Zielke read a statement endorsing the restraining order and said it was for the protection of all involved.

Russell Vertner was voted the year's most outstanding Congress member.

The deadline for filing for cheerleader was extended until 4 p.m. Monday. Only 13 of the 30 candidates who signed up for cheerleader were passed by the judging committee.

According to Zielke and Dean of Student Affairs Charles Keown, the 13 were not representative enough of the WKU student body. Keown said he was "disappointed that no black students were among the 13 candidates." Keown said that with the extension of the deadline there could, perhaps, be a more representative cross section of students on Tuesday's ballot.

Congress Bill 3, creating an environmental commission to be composed of nine persons including five students, two faculty members and two administrators was approved. The commission will organize and promote informational sessions, symposiums, and other activities necessary to encourage conservation of the national resources and deter population.

John Lyne was installed as the new Associated Students president along with all the new executive officers and other newly elected representatives of Congress.

Lyne said he would outline his administration's policy approach and goals at next Thursday's Congress meeting.

Hearing Set Tuesday On Restraining Order

WKU Group Denounces Bomb Scares

The Volunteers of Western Kentucky University have issued a statement denouncing recent bomb scares as "acts of intimidation . . . against our stated principle of affecting change through non-violence."

The statement, issued through the group's interim executive committee, said, "It is our hope that the party or parties responsible for these acts of insanity are swiftly apprehended and prosecuted."

The statement followed a bomb scare Thursday night at Western Towers on College Street and another bomb scare Friday which resulted in the evacuation and search of the Wetherby Administration Building on the university campus.

The Volunteers, organized in the wake of the escalation of war activity in Indochina and the killing of four Kent State University students in Ohio, have demonstrated, marched, rallied and made speeches calling for changes in university policy as well.

A temporary restraining order against all members of the

university community was dissolved Friday for all students except five Volunteers specifically named in the order.

A hearing has been set for Tuesday in Warren Circuit Court in an attempt to get the order dissolved for the five students, who are Braxton Crenshaw, Bill Nelson, Dan Sellers, Fred Santorelli and Jerry Donaldson.

The interim executive committee, named as temporary leaders of the organization pending the dissolution of the restraining order against the other five, are Jim Pickett, Randy Bowling, Bil Towery, Billie Warford and Edmund Sikorski.

The Volunteers have been represented in court by Dan Taylor III, a Louisville attorney and official of the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union.

More than 100 students signed a pledge last Wednesday to offer themselves as participants in litigation to test the legality of the restraining order, which forbade several acts which could disrupt normal university business.

Taylor claimed the order

denied students and other members of the university community their constitutional rights.

The order was issued by Circuit Judge Robert Coleman last week after university officials complained that the Volunteers and other students had disrupted university business by assembling on the lawn of the administration building, rather than at the football stadium, where they had been asked to meet.

Members of the interim executive committee, in a statement of policy, said the restraining order which remains in effect upon the five students is "indeed a restraint upon us all."

The temporary leaders pledged to help restore the five students to "their rightful status due them as Volunteers, students of Western Kentucky University and, most importantly, as citizens of the United States."

The Volunteers scheduled organizational meetings for this weekend and early this week.

The vast majority of Western students have not participated in

student strikes or other demonstrations of dissatisfaction in the past two weeks and no acts of violence have occurred at Western as a result of the student protests.



Go

Don't go

Don't sweat it

CHARLES KEOWN, dean of students, told campus protesters Tuesday they would have to leave the lawn near Wetherly Administration Building. Carl Braden, Louisville civil rights advocate, later urged the

students to stay put and Dan Taylor III, Louisville attorney, advised the students to seek a court test of the University-requested restraining order.

Most Persons Interviewed Disagree With Protesters

By SALLY DUVALL
Daily News Staff Writer

Although mostly unresponsive to a Daily News on-the-street interview, many Warren County and Bowling Green residents Tuesday said:

—They supported President Richard M. Nixon's decision to move troops into Cambodia because it might bring the Vietnam war to an end sooner.

—They disagreed with protesters and their actions. Most added the place for students was in the classrooms and not at mass demonstrations which often ended in violence.

—They considered the Kent State incident last week a sad affair but added the National Guard shouldn't be blamed for the killing of the four students at the Ohio university.

The persons, numbering 21, were selected at random Tuesday afternoon as they walked in the Fountain Square area. All were over 21 and most were over 30 years old.

But many persons refused to be interviewed and still others would tell their views only if promised they wouldn't be published in the newspaper.

The on-the-street interview began when Woodard Oden, of 1224 Kentucky St., was stopped and questioned on the Cambodia involvement.

Oden said he was with the president and supported him. "I regret we don't have patriotism in this war as before in other wars," he added.

"I'm in favor of us winning this war as all wars but this one lacks the support of the public," Oden said.

Moving on to protesters, Oden considered most students to be well-meaning, but were letting violence overtake them.

"The Kent State incident was a terrible thing, but I don't condemn the National Guard. Their lives apparently were in danger and they were defending themselves," Oden said.

Another man interviewed



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SUGGESTS AN ATOMIC BOMB — Lockwood Richards, of Wilmington, Del., Tuesday suggested an atomic bomb be dropped to end the war in Vietnam during a random on-the-street interview by a Daily News reporter. Richards also suggested protesters be shot at daylight.

agreed with Oden on the Cambodia affair. The man, David Young, of 142 Clearview Drive, said he supported Nixon all the way but added he was against the way protesters are doing things.

Speaking on the Kent State incident, Young said he thought a sniper did it and not the National Guard.

But not everyone interviewed Tuesday agreed on the Cambodia incident. Gary Pippin of 162 Skyline Drive, said he thinks Nixon made a mistake in moving troops into Cambodia.

"I don't think we should get involved anymore than what we are. We shouldn't be in Cambodia," Pippin added.

Pippin voiced his opinion a little more loudly on the protesters and said he thought they and their actions were a "bunch of bull."

Only one person interviewed during the afternoon admitted being a dove. Emily Peel, of Frankfort, who was in Bowling Green visiting, said she was against Nixon's decision and quickly added, "I am a dove."

The woman admitted she didn't know why she thought Nixon was wrong but added she was just against his decision.

On protesters, Mrs. Peel said the youths today have a right to dissent and express themselves, but they "shouldn't destroy buildings or property." The woman refused to discuss the

Kent State episode.

Another on-the-street interview showed Mrs. Mickey Bartee, of Carriage Hills Apartments, felt the question of sending of troops into Cambodia was difficult to answer, but added, "We should back Nixon because he's our President."

Mrs. Bartee said she thought the protesters weren't helping anyone and not solving a thing. "They are just making our country look bad in the eyes of the world and this isn't good," she added.

Voicing her opinions on the Kent State killings, the mother of a four-year-old child added the affair was an unfortunate incident but, "I think if they continue to protest, more killings will result."

Dorothy Walker, of Cemetery Road, said the only thing for Nixon to do recently was to send troops into Cambodia. "He is doing what he and his advisers think best."

Mrs. Walker said she had five children, two of which have completed military service. She explained neither of the two served in Vietnam.

On protests, Mrs. Walker said the protesters should be put out of school because of the destruction they do.

Defending the National Guard at Kent State, Mrs. Walker said the guardsmen were like "the boys in service" and they had to protect themselves.

The only comment Redie Charlton, of Route 3, had was a desire for the war to end the easiest and quickest way. "I don't know much about it and I don't listen to it."

In another interview, Lockwood Richards, of Wilmington, Del. and 758 Park St., said "Nixon stinks, however I think sending troops is good because the faster we get the war over the better it'll be."

"We have to fight the war to win it and if I was President I would drop an atomic bomb," he continued.

When questioned on protesters, Richards said the "protesters should be lined up and shot at daylight. If they want to protest over Vietnam, let them fight."

"It's a hell of a note when citizens of the U.S. fail to support the boys in service," Richards said.

"It's a sad affair," the man said about the Kent State, "but if the kids had been in the classrooms, they wouldn't have been shot. They are at the colleges and universities for education and not protest."

During the course of obtaining the interviews a reporter was told many reasons why a person can't be interviewed on the street on a Tuesday afternoon.

"I don't have time," or "leave me alone, I'm in a hurry" were a few refusals. Others questioned whether a newspaper poll actually was being conducted or whether the interviewer was a "hippie" from Western Kentucky University.

Kentucky Abortion Law Challenged

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The constitutionality of Kentucky's abortion law is being challenged in a U.S. District Court suit now pending here.

The suit, filed by a physician, a minister, two women and a women's liberation group, contends the state law prohibiting abortions violates six different amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

It asks the court stop further enforcement of the law.

Named as defendants are state Atty. Gen. John Breckinridge and Commonwealth's Atty. George Barker of Lexington.

The Rev. Peter Lee Scott, pastor of the Unitarian Church of Lexington and one of the plaintiffs, said he is "hindered, deterred, chilled and threatened" by the law when counseling members of his congregation who want to end pregnancies.

The physician, Dr. Philip Crossen, said he is "unable to treat his patients according to the highest standards of medical practice" because of the law.

One of the women said in the suit that she is pregnant and wants an abortion in an approved hospital. The other said if she were to become pregnant she would want an abortion.

The state's abortion law provides fines of \$500 to \$1,000 and prison terms of one to 10 years for any person who attempts to prescribe or administer an abortion.



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REGRETS LACK OF PATRIOTISM — Woodard Oden, of 1224 Kentucky St., Tuesday in a Daily News on-the-street interview Tuesday said he regretted the U.S. lacks the patriotism present in past wars. Oden added he thought the protesters were letting violence overtake them. More than 20 persons were interviewed on Fountain Square on their viewpoints on Cambodia, protesters and Kent State incidents.

Academic Council to study removing credit from ROTC

By DAVID SUTHERLAND
Herald Co-Editor

The Academic Council, meeting in a closed session yesterday, unanimously approved a motion to review and study the role of ROTC and to consider removal of academic credit in this area.

"There is a good possibility that certain courses in academic departments in other disciplines may be accepted in lieu of military science courses," Dr. Raymond Cravens, vice president for academic affairs, reported

after the meeting.

While referring to this as "one of the key questions under consideration," Cravens explained that this was the best means of opening military science classes to all students. In this way a class in military history, for example, could serve as a history course for one student while at the same time count as a military science course for those in ROTC.

Another measure brought before the council which "has greater implication for the student," according to Cravens, was the report from the general education guidelines committee.

This proposal, which Cravens said makes general education requirements easier to obtain for some students, reorganizes the categories from which students can select those requirements.

Second reading is expected at a special meeting of the council next Thursday where, Cravens said, it "may be amended considerably."

As it is now stated, the proposal, instead of requiring a definite number of hours of English, for example, will allow a student to select courses from a category entitled "organization and communication of ideas" which will include English, foreign language and mathematics.

The other major categories are "social and behavioral studies," "natural science," "physical development," "humanities" and "general education electives."

The general education electives are to be chosen at the student's discretion from courses approved

for general education.

If passed, the proposal is tentatively scheduled to go into effect on August 15.

Dr. Cravens, again referring to the ROTC proposal, said that it was referred to the Committee of the College of Applied Arts. The committee was asked to "study and review the role and functions" of ROTC. "I think Western is way ahead of others in this area," Cravens said after this action was taken.

On the matter of academic credit for courses in military science, the vice president reported "considerable expression."

Dr. Joseph Uveges, of the government department, told the council that the students were concerned more about the equity of credits and the question of who can register for these courses than they are about the removal of credit.

The vice president said he "anticipates a report sometime this summer."

During Court Hearing

Bomb Threats Revealed By Western President

By LARRY WILKERSON

Daily News State Editor

Officials of Western Kentucky University sought a temporary injunction today against the "Bowling Green Five" in Warren Circuit Court, with testimony highlighted by university President Dero Downing's revelation of telephoned and handwritten bomb threats received by his office.

"The "Bowling Green Five," as they recently have become known, are the leaders of a dissident student group known as the "Volunteers." They are Dan Sellers, Fred Santorelli, Jerry Donaldson, Braxton Crenshaw and Bill Nelson.

The five were specifically named in a temporary restraining order issued against "all members of the University community" by Circuit Judge Robert Coleman last week and later rescinded for all except the five.

As the hearing was scheduled to get underway at 9 a.m. today, about 25 students marched in front of the Warren County Courthouse, carrying signs.

The picketing was peaceful and

was sanctioned by Bowling Green Police Chief Wayne Constant who told the group they could march in front of the building as long as they did not interfere with traffic entering and leaving the courthouse. No parade permit was issued.

The "Bowling Green Five" were represented at the hearing by Dan Taylor III, Louisville, an attorney for the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union.

About 100 students were in the courtroom for the hearing, as were top university administrators and former President Kelly Thompson.

After agreeing that the restraining order against the five

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automatically was dissolved with the beginning of the hearing, counsel for the university said it would show that a temporary injunction should be issued.

Taylor contended that the five

had not posed a "clear and present danger" to the safety of the university community and later charged the school administration with "going mouse hunting with an elephant gun" in securing the restraining order.

Maxey Harlin, a member of the law firm representing the university, said the administration has never given any issue more consideration than it had the circumstances leading to the filing of a complaint and the subsequent issuance of the restraining order.

He said the nationwide attitude of campus unrest, of which the administration was aware, had been instrumental in the decision to secure the restraining order.

He said the order was secured for the protection of all factions of the student body and that the university felt it best to work "through the machinery of the courts."

He said a temporary injunction was needed for two reasons:

—To allow the university to continue its normal operation.

—Graduation exercises are only "days away."

Taylor, who said he strongly contested, objected to and denied the assertions of the university's counsel, said the restraining order was illegal in that it denied students their constitutional freedoms guaranteed them by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

In answer to the near-commencement day issue, Taylor said a diploma from an institution "which has interfered with their (the students') exploration of the world of ideas is a fairly worthless document."

Following the opening remarks of both lawyers to begin the hearing, the first witness to take the stand was Downing.

In his testimony aimed at

convincing the judge that a temporary injunction should be issued, Downing offered these allegations:

—That Sellers, in a meeting to discuss a proposal to disarm campus policemen, told him, "Action better be taken, because there are those among the group that are ready to throw the Molotov cocktail."

—That he received a telephone call from an anonymous caller on Thursday, May 7, telling him that a bomb had been placed in the Kelly Thompson Science Complex.

—That he had received a handwritten, unsigned letter saying that the administration building was to be bombed.

The letter, which Taylor attempted to dismiss as the work of a "crank," said there would be a "loud noise kind of boom" "at about 2:30 in the afternoon when the clock strikes 12."

"Talk about disruption," Downing read from the letter, "well, you haven't seen nothing yet."

The mysterious letter-writer, Downing said, had written that he felt he could no longer communicate through normal channels and that he had decided to say what he had to say through other means.

The letter, he said, reached his office through campus mail and bore no postmark.

Downing said the writing had been compared to the writing on other letters received by the administration.

"Can you take the letter seriously?" asked Taylor.

"I take anything which comes in the form of a threat seriously," Downing responded.

Several witnesses for the "Bowling Green Five" and the university were kept outside the courtroom, where they were to wait to testify later today.



BEFORE COURT HEARING — Western Kentucky University President Dero Downing (left foreground) and WKU attorney and director of legal area studies William E. Blvin (right foreground) watched this morning as Louisville attorney Dan Taylor III (standing) talked with his clients from left, Bill Nelson, Jerry Donaldson, defense attorney Phillip Huddleston, Braxton

Crenshaw and Dan Seller, before the opening of a hearing on their motion to dissolve a temporary restraining order against the pictured defendants and a fifth, Fred Santorelli, not shown. The hearing, also dealt with a request by the university for issuance of a temporary injunction to prohibit the five from disrupting the orderly operation of the institution.

(Staff Photo by Paul Hightower)



PEACEFUL MARCH — While five Western Kentucky University students, their attorneys and WKU officials and their attorneys gathered in the Warren Circuit Courtroom this morning for arguments on motions relating to temporary restraining order issued against the students, a group of sympathetic students peacefully paraded in front of the courthouse with signs calling for

free speech on campus, freedom of assembly and open channels of communications between students and the university administration. The hearing, continuing at noon today, was on motions to dismiss the restraining order, issued May 12, or to made the order a temporary injunction enjoining five students from disrupting the normal operation of the university.

(Staff Photo by Paul Hightower)

Student Group Invites Braden To Speak Today

Carl Braden, director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was to address a group of Western Kentucky University students shortly after noon today.

Braden, of Louisville, was invited to speak by the "Volunteers," a group of Western students who have participated in several rallies, demonstrations and marches this week in opposition to the war and the killings of Kent State University students last week.

The group Monday voiced dissatisfaction with replies made by university President Dero Downing to a list of requests submitted earlier.

Braden was scheduled to speak at 12:45 p.m. in front of the Garrett Student Center.

Most Western Students In Class

Editor, Daily News:

I was very much interested in Larry Wilkerson's article on the front page of your paper dated May 6, 1970, concerning the students at Western protesting the deplorable situation at Kent State a day or two prior.

I agree that the situation there was bad, to say the least, but why place all the blame on the National Guardsmen, or those who ordered them there? They did not organize the protest or do any looting or sacking of buildings. They were sent there to try to restore some semblance of order and quell a disturbance.

And now for our local student body and faculty, let me say that the article spoke only of the 500 who participated or listened to speeches. According to your paper some time ago, I believe it indicated there were some 11,000 registered as students on "the Hill". The article of May 6 made no mention of the activities of the other 10,500 students and the faculty members who took no part in the demonstration and who probably were conducting "classes as usual."

Let me hasten to their defense, to present the brighter side of this news item, which was omitted, and say that there are many, many of them who are trying desperately to do the right thing and conduct themselves properly and constructively.

Several hundred of them help our local Red Cross Blood Program each year by donating blood to a community which they have adopted. They owe us nothing, actually, but because they are a part of us for a period of time they do support us loyally. However, they do not get as much space or as many pictures in your paper as do the dissidents:

Thanks for letting me say this.

Tandy A. Faxon
P.O. Box 722

Will the dissent serve a purpose?

Last week's peace vigil and the demonstration for the withdrawal of troops from Southeast Asia is quickly turning into a catch-all for the gripes about this campus which have accumulated for the past several years. Included among these mounting complaints are a proposal for an open speaker policy, demands that the administration back voting privileges for student and faculty members on the Board of Regents, and demands for more academic freedom.

Unfortunately, the demonstration is beginning to resemble greatly the Greek boycott of Homecoming last fall. The crowds of last week are dwindling to a small group of die-hards who are vociferous, but very disorganized. It becomes more apparent each day the protest progresses that the age old tradition of student apathy at Western will ultimately prevail again.

While some cannot agree with all the demands of the demonstrators, such as abolishment of academic credit for ROTC or disarming duly appointed officials, many of the changes the protestors are now advocating are causes that a small handful of people have been fighting to

accomplish for years. Two outstanding examples are a student vote on the Board of Regents and an open speaker policy. Demonstrators—where were you then?

If the demonstrations are more than a small group of dedicated leaders guiding a three-ring circus of protestors seeking a good way to spend a warm spring day, we would like to offer a challenge.

We challenge you to become interested in the affairs of this University 24 hours a day, 12 months a year. The type of student support shown in the last week channeled in the right direction could work wonders in the struggle for civil liberties, better representation by A.S., elimination of housing discrimination, better conditions for married students and a list of other University problems a mile long.

If the demonstrations of last week are over next week and the "interested persons" go home forgetting the problems, or if the approach used by the demonstrators becomes selfishly short-range, their cause and the cause of many others is lost. If this the case, then basketball season will continue to be the biggest issue at this University.

Western Students Differ on Reply Given by Downing

By ED RYAN

Courier-Journal Staff Writer

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Dero G. Downing, president of Western Kentucky University, yesterday received a mixed reception as he responded to requests presented him last week by leaders of a student anti-war group with the endorsement of the student government.

John Lyne, president-elect of the student government, said he believed the Western administration is making a genuine effort to work out the student proposals. But some of the student leaders calling Downing's answers "ambiguous" and "typical," among other things.

A group of about 50 to 75 protesters continued to hold outside meetings on campus yesterday and have planned a rally on the lawn next to the administration building today. Daniel T. Taylor III, a Louisville attorney connected with civil rights causes, is scheduled to speak.

The protesters have been holding marches and demonstrations on campus since last Wednesday to show their concern at the killing of four Kent State University students last week and the new U.S. involvement in Cambodia. The marches and demonstrations have been peaceful.

Downing met yesterday morning for an hour with student government representatives and the anti-war leaders. He gave them copies of his response to the five requests made to him last Friday.

As proposed by the students, Downing sent a letter to President Richard Nixon, expressing regrets to the President at the deaths of the Kent State students and the need for a re-evaluation of U.S. foreign policy.

Downing said, in part, that we must give leadership and direction to the maintenance of an atmosphere of mutual respect, tolerance, and understanding which will result in the right of the individual to dissent and voice an opinion—always with the responsibility to do so with proper regard for the rights, welfare and safety of others.

The other requests, and Downing's answers, were:

✓ A committee to investigate the removal of academic credit for ROTC courses at Western or the feasibility of opening the ROTC courses to all students. This request, upon Downing's instruction, will be taken up by the school's Academic Council at a regular meeting Thursday. "It should be pointed out, however, that a matter of such importance will require careful study," Downing said.

✓ The support of the school's administration in securing voting rights for student and faculty representatives on the university's board of regents. Downing said he has held the opinion for some time that if the state legislature chooses to give the vote to the student and faculty representatives, he "certainly would not object."

✓ No individuals or group should be allowed to carry live ammunition on campus and a provision should be made to equip the campus security personnel "with more humane methods of protection." Downing replied that in an experimental period last year, campus security guards did not carry sidearms. "It became apparent that it was in the best interest of all segments of the university community . . . to revert to the policy of carrying sidearms by the security officers," Downing replied. The president said the university "will continue to give priority" to the question of arming the security guards.

✓ An "open speaker" policy be formulated by the university. A committee composed of members of the administration and faculty and students was established by Downing to present him a report and recommendations "so that a written university policy can be put in effect no later than the opening of the fall semester."

Effort Called Genuine

Lyne, the student government president-elect, told the protestors yesterday that if an "open speaker" policy—one which would allow any person to speak whatever his political or philosophical persuasion—is not put into effect by the school, the students will devise their own policy which will be tested in court if necessary.

Lyne, however, indicated general support of Downing's responses yesterday, and said he believed the administration is making a genuine effort to solve the problems.

However, student protest leaders such as Braxton Crenshaw and Gerald Donaldson, voiced criticism, along with other members of their group.

Downing said he was prompted to release his positions on the proposals because "inaccurate reference was made in some of the news media to the (Friday) statement" endorsed by the student government.

The list of items were referred to as "demands" in one news report of The Courier-Journal, while administration leaders and some of the students involved maintained they were simply "requests" or "proposals." Student protestors repeatedly have referred to the list as demands. The memo sheet presented to Downing Friday said the anti-war group was "advocating action" on the items.

Demonstrators Ask Five WKU Actions

Representatives of the "Volunteers," a group of student demonstrators at Western Kentucky University, met with the executive committee of the Associated Students Friday to submit a resolution calling for changes at the university.

The group advocated:

—That President Dero Downing write a letter to President Nixon expressing regrets over the Kent State student deaths and calling for a re-evaluation of American foreign policy, in light of student concern.

—That an investigatory committee be appointed to explore the possibility of removing academic credit from

ROTC courses or the feasibility of opening ROTC classes to all students.

—That the administration make efforts to secure voting rights for student and faculty representatives on the board of regents.

—That live ammunition not be allowed on campus and that provisions be made to equip security forces with "more humane methods of protection."

—That an open speaker policy be formally slated and presented.

The resolution was endorsed by the Associated Students and presented to Downing.

Downing said the students "exhibited an attitude of courtesy and demonstrated a sense of responsibility" and expressed appreciation for "open discussion" of the issues.

He said he would "maintain open lines of communication while engaging a thorough study and analysis along with other appropriate university officials."

At least two of the students' proposals—those dealing with armed forces on campus and voting rights for student and faculty regents—have been discussed earlier.

Student affairs Dean Charles Keown indicated Wednesday that campus policemen would not be divested of sidearms and

ammunition and that other police officials could not be barred from campus.

As for the voting rights of student and faculty regents, extensive efforts to secure such voting privileges failed earlier this year as Senate Bill 75, which would have granted voting rights to the representatives, died in committee during the General Assembly.

(Downing said he could see no reason why the student and faculty representatives should be allowed to vote.)

The ROTC investigatory committee is to file a report before 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Guest lecturers on campus this year have shown generally conservative leanings and no controversial, liberal speakers have lectured at the university.

Earlier this week the president denied a request that he close the university Friday.

And Friday night, Keown refused to keep the Garrett Student Center open all night and turned down a request to waive coeds' dorm restrictions to accommodate demonstrators who spent the night on the west lawn of the Wetherby Administration building.

Demonstrators have conducted several rallies, speeches and

marches on campus since Wednesday morning.

Friday a group of about 20 students opposed to the activities on the Volunteers held a rally on campus.

All demonstrations were conducted peacefully, none of the activity spread off campus and there was no movement of city or state police, or National Guardsmen to the campus, as was the case at other universities where demonstrations were being held in protest of the Kent State shootings and the Cambodian war activity.

**Western
Group Not
Satisfied**

By LARRY WILKERSON
Daily News State Editor

Many of the "volunteers" who participated in peaceful marches, demonstrations and rallies last week at Western Kentucky University today discussed the possibilities of discontinuing peaceful protest as a means of affecting change at the university.

The students, however, all but ruled out violence as a means of accomplishing their goals as they met today and expressed dissatisfaction with replies made by President Dero Downing to requests submitted last Friday.

The administration was charged with being ambiguous in its replies to students' requests dealing with ROTC courses, arms of campus security forces and an open speaker policy.

Downing replied to the students' requests with a nine-page statement released at a meeting this morning with the Association Students and representatives of the volunteers.

He complied with a request that he write a letter to President Nixon expressing sorrow at the shooting deaths of four Kent State University students last Monday in Ohio.

The letter also urged a close examination of American involvement in the Indochina war.

On other matters, the presi-

dent's statement essentially said, that:

—A request calling for a committee to investigate the possibility of denying academic credit for ROTC courses and to decide if the classes could be opened to all students would be referred to the university's academic council.

—Downing will not object if voting rights are given to student and faculty representatives on the Board of Regents (legislation, which would have granted such voting rights, died in committee during the last meeting of the General Assembly).

—The university will "continue to give priority" to a study of the university security force which, Downing said, has been underway since last summer.

—That another committee has been appointed to make recommendations on an open speaker policy.

The issuance of Downings statement prompted a late morning meeting of the volunteers and members of the group failed to decide a single course of action aimed at accomplishing their goals.

One student called for a rejection of "useless rap and rhetoric" and urged the group to "take more drastic action."

The majority of the speakers, however, indicated that "civil disobedience but non-violence may be a means of affecting change at the university.

In a statement of purpose drawn up over the weekend, the volunteers pledged continued non-violence.

Bill Nelson, a student leader, denounced what he called the ambiguity of Downing's statement and contended the volunteers should not reply to the statement with more of the same.

Another student leader, Braxton Crenshaw, commented on Downing's statement, "I was really let down," but added that violence by any member of the group would brand the rest of the group since, he said, "The local media would denounce all long-haired students if one became violent."

As the meeting continued, the consensus seemed to be that no violence will be forthcoming as the volunteers continue their efforts.

As one student put it, "It's very frustrating but I am optimistic."

Two at Transy Criticize Troop Use at UK

The president and the former president of the Student Government Association at Transylvania University criticized Gov. Louie B. Nunn and University of Kentucky President Otis A. Singletary yesterday for allowing troops to be used in controlling disturbances on the UK campus.

"We are now calling on the students of the commonwealth of Kentucky to demonstrate their opposition to the action taken by Gov. Louie B. Nunn and President Otis A. Singletary in transforming the University of Kentucky into a police state," according to a statement signed by John M. Alexander, the current president, and past president Josh Santana.

The statement also calls for "students of the commonwealth" to participate in a "peaceful demonstration" at 10 a.m. tomorrow in Gratz Park, opposite the Transylvania campus in Lexington.

100 Demonstrate at Western

The scheduled demonstration is in support of a suit filed by the UK chapter of the American Association of University Professors. The suit—in which the governor and university president are listed as defendants—demands the withdrawal of troops from the UK campus.

Troops were removed from the campus Friday, but a hearing on the suit is scheduled for 10 a.m. tomorrow in Lexington before U.S. District Judge Mac Swinford.

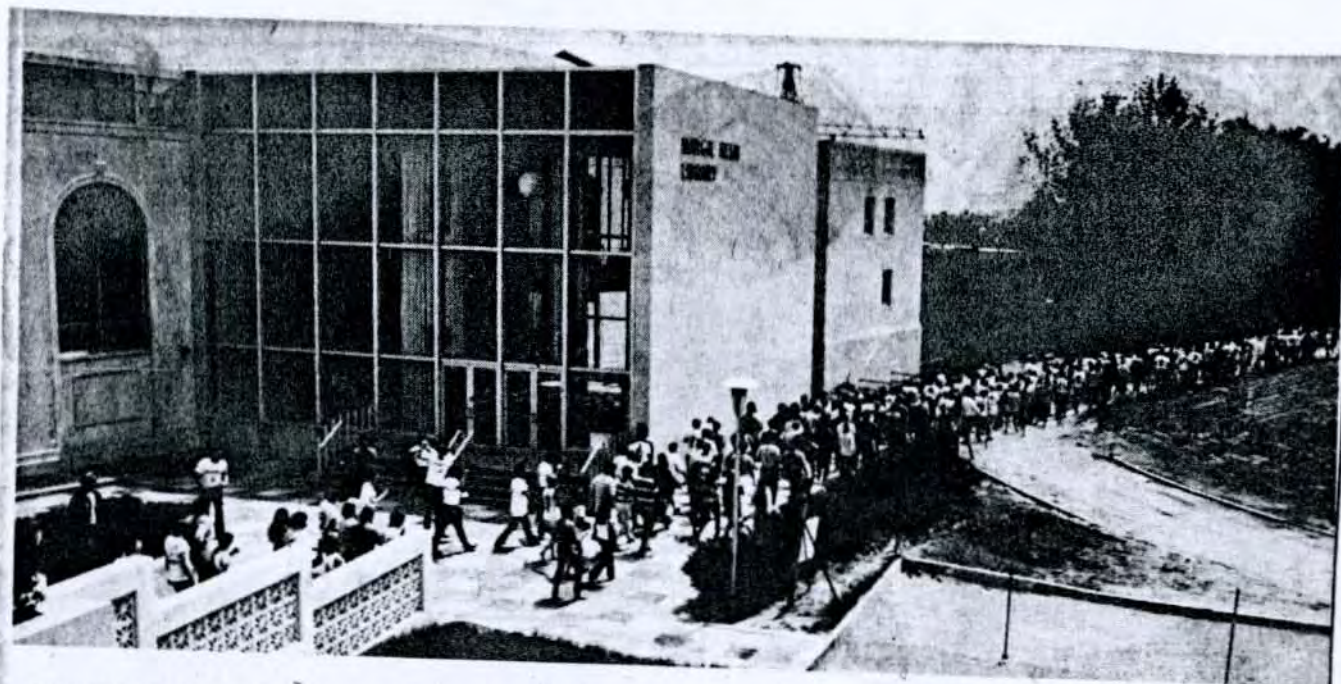
Meanwhile, about 100 Western Kentucky University students continued an antiwar demonstration on a lawn next to the administration building yesterday after an all-night vigil there. The demonstration was peaceful.

Another session of the student demonstration group has been scheduled for this afternoon.

Some student demonstration leaders, student government representatives and university officials maintained yesterday that a list presented to university President Dero G. Downing Friday was not a "demand," but a request or proposal.

The list, presented by leaders of the antiwar group and student government leaders, had a memo sheet that said, "We advocate the following actions." They included an open speaker policy, removal of academic credit for ROTC and prohibition of live ammunition on the Bowling Green campus.

However, the demonstrators meeting next to the administration building have frequently referred to the list as "demands."



FRIDAY'S MARCH — In the largest rally held in three days of demonstrating and speech making, hundreds of Western Kentucky University students marched across campus Friday calling for students to join a strike in protest of the killing of

(Staff Photo by Paul Hightower)
students at Kent Sate University and against escalated war activity in Vietnam and Cambodia. The students submitted a written list of requests to the university's administration and student government Friday.

Students still holding peaceful marches on some campuses

From Staff and Special Dispatches

Campus unrest continued in varying degrees on college campuses in Kentucky yesterday as the situation seemed to ease at the University of Kentucky.

Marches, rallies and presentations of demands have marked the activities of the last several days along with memorial services for four students killed during a demonstration last Monday at Ohio's Kent State University.

Yesterday, these were among the activities on Kentucky campuses:

Morehead

After a week of peaceful protests at Morehead State University, the executive committee of the Student Council yesterday issued a statement urging faculty and students "to focus their attention during the remaining weeks of this semester on the educative process."

Addressed to President Nixon, members of Congress, Gov. Nunn, and the university community, the statement ex-

pressed concern over campus violence, and the "escalation of the war in Southeast Asia."

Speaking for the full Student Council, the executive committee called for a "speedy end" to the war and asked the university community to address itself to programs that "will guarantee continued academic freedom and personal rights."

Eastern

Dr. Robert Martin, president of Eastern State University met during the morning with about 1,000 students to discuss campus demonstrations and student concern about the United States' involvement in Cambodia and the killing of four students at Kent State.

During the meeting, students complained that their peaceful demonstration Thursday night had received only a spattering of publicity, that campus police and other policemen who attend class at Eastern carry guns and that the university is insensitive to their wants.

"We did something that was totally impossible last night," said Rudd Parsons, a senior from Louisville. "In this land of turmoil we had a peaceful demonstration. We showed that peaceful dissent is still possible."

James V. Pellegrinon, Student Association president, said that Eastern students "were concerned that they haven't spoken out on Vietnam." For this reason, he said they had asked Martin to write a letter to President Nixon relating the intensity of campus feeling about involvement in Cambodia.

Martin agreed to do so. He urged students to do the same.

Later in the day, the Black Student Union, in another protest move, presented the school administrators 15 proposals which it said would correct long standing campus grievances.

The items were originally called "demands." They were renamed "proposals" after Martin agreed to implement many of them as soon as possible and work toward the solution of others.

"We do not deal with demands here," Martin said later. "But we have agreed to consider the 15 proposals."

A statement that accompanied the proposals said that they were drafted "after carefully observing and witnessing campus problems" and were aimed at benefiting the "university as a whole."

They include proposals to investigate faculty prejudice against black students; recruit more black students, faculty members, security guards and administrators and to revise the university curriculum to make it possible to earn a degree in black studies.

They also asked that two black cheerleaders be selected and at least five more black members be added to the campus drill team.

Martin later said he will act immedi-

ately to see that more blacks are added to the university's cheerleading squad and drill team. He said he appointed a committee more than a year ago to look into the black studies issue. He said he will appoint another committee to investigate faculty prejudice.

Other proposals, particularly recruiting black faculty members, are more difficult and "are going to take some time, he said.

There are 371 black students enrolled in Eastern's 9,664-member student body. A faculty report submitted last November to the Board of Regents said the university had made "significant progress" in providing equal educational opportunities for Negroes. It urged renewed efforts in curriculum revision and community service.

Western

Student demonstration leaders presented five demands yesterday to Western Kentucky University President Dero G. Downing at the Bowling Green campus, where marches have now occurred the past two days.

The demonstrators' demands were endorsed by the Student Government Association at Western.

The school's administration, according to student leaders, asked time to consider the demands, including one which would remove academic credit for Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) courses. ROTC is not required at Western.

Other demands were that the administration support voting rights for student and faculty members on the school's board of regents; that live ammunition not be allowed on campus; that Downing write a letter to President Nixon expressing regret at the deaths of four Kent State University students and asking for a re-evaluation of U.S. foreign policy; and that an open speakers policy be formulated at Western.

From 250 to 300 students at the 11,000-student university staged another noisy but nonviolent march around the campus yesterday afternoon, chanting such slogans as "Down With ROTC," "No More Guns" and "We Want Peace."

A call for a general student strike yesterday apparently was not supported by many of the students. Most classes reportedly had normal attendance.

A small group of counterdemonstrators, supporting American policy in Vietnam and Cambodia, met for part of the day on campus.

The anti-war demonstrators, meeting most of the day on a grassy area next to the school administration building, planned to stay there overnight and resume demonstrations today.

Their requests to keep the nearby Student Center open all night and to al-

low demonstrating coeds to remain out of the dormitories during the night without punishment were denied by Charles Keown, dean of students.

Normal dormitory check-in hours for females at Western is 2 o'clock on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The Student Center normally closes at 11 o'clock at night.

In a prepared statement yesterday afternoon, Downing expressed appreciation "for the open discussions which provided greater insight into and better understanding of the matters under discussion." He indicated his intention to maintain lines of communications with the students.

University of Louisville

At the University of Louisville yesterday, about 125 medical students held a peaceful 30-minute memorial ceremony for the four Kent victims in front of General Hospital.

Organizers said the service was strictly a memorial and not a demonstration against the war or the use of military troops on campus.

The U of L medical and dental schools had remained open Thursday while the rest of the university was closed for a day-long discussion of the issues surrounding the Kent deaths. Final examinations resumed yesterday.

The Kentucky Civil Liberties Union also criticized the use of "armed forces"

at UK and said, "The few minor incidents of violence which have occurred have been either the work of policing forces or have been provoked by police action."

Other Colleges

A delegation of three Centre College students and a faculty member made plans yesterday to fly to Washington Sunday with a petition for Kentucky Sen. John Sherman Cooper.

The petition, which they will present Monday, calls for "a rebirth of national unity through trust."

Centre students plan a silent march through Danville today "to show concern about the state of the nation." Classes at the college were canceled yesterday.

Students at Spalding College in Louisville have sent a statement to President Nixon and Gov. Nunn deploring the shootings at Kent State, the invasion of Cambodia and the arming of National Guardsmen at UK with live ammunition.

At Berea yesterday, two memorial services were held with students Don Reed, Greenville, Tenn., and John Richards, New Paris, Ohio, and the college's coordinator of religious activities, John R. Osborne, participating. About 150-to 200 persons took part in each. Thursday night, about 300 faculty and students participated in another memorial to the students slain Monday at Ohio's Kent State University.



SOAKING IN SUN, Western Kentucky University coeds calmly watch protesting students marching across the Bowling Green campus yesterday. Demonstrators presented five demands to Dero G. Downing, university president, including one seeking removal of credit for ROTC courses.

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Services, Appeals

Kentucky Colleges Still Reacting to Ohio Deaths

Staff and Special Dispatches

Kentucky colleges were still reacting yesterday to the deaths of four students Monday at Kent State University in Ohio and campus unrest across the nation.

Observances on the state's campuses, except for the University of Kentucky, were peaceful, ranging from memorial services to plans to help students express political opinions.

About 150 black students at Morehead State University presented a list of demands during a convocation on the war and college unrest.

Here is a roundup of activities yesterday on Kentucky college campuses:

Western

In an emotional speech on the steps of the school's administration building, Western Kentucky University President Dero G. Downing appealed to demonstrating students yesterday to do nothing that would "bring discredit to the college."

About 250 students, calling for a classroom strike today to protest the killing Monday of four students on the campus of Ohio's Kent State University, staged a noisy but peaceful march around the hilly Western campus before ending at the administration building.

Downing told the students that he shares their "deep and sincere sorrow with the loss of lives" of the Kent State students. He said he regretted that President Nixon had found himself in a position to get the U.S. militarily involved in Cambodia.

Then the Western president, after commenting that the university "has a long tradition and a rich heritage," became choked up and was unable to speak.

"I apologize for my inability to retain my composure," he said, then adding "there are people all over this world who love this school." It was then that he asked the students not to "bring discredit" to the college.

After the mass meeting at the administration building, Downing met with demonstration leaders in his office to discuss specific demands.

Braxton Crenshaw, a student leader, asked the administration to forbid all security personnel on the campus from

carrying firearms. (There are about 15 security and safety personnel on campus and some carry .38-caliber pistols, a school official said.)

Downing told the group the school will consider the students' requests, but, in a statement issued later, he expanded on his refusal to close the university classes for a period.

He said the school "has a responsibility to continue to the best of its ability to provide the atmosphere and the means whereby each individual can exercise his personal . . . rights and privileges. It has been determined that, in order to fulfill this obligation to all segments of the university community, regular class schedules and other scheduled activities should continue."

Last evening, the Associated Students, Western's student government organization, unanimously approved a resolution endorsing "the right of any student to engage in any strike or any other legal expression of sentiment with social, legal and academic impunity."

The executive committee of the student government agreed to meet today with demonstrating students to discuss protest demands.

An anti-war rally at the Administration Building is expected to begin at mid-morning today.

Centre

Centre College President Thomas A. Spragens announced yesterday that the faculty council has unanimously agreed to cancel classes at the school today for a day of concern. He said a variety of activities will be held according to the plans of the ad hoc committee of students.

Earlier, a group of students said they were going to Frankfort late yesterday afternoon in an attempt to present a petition protesting the sending of National Guard troops to the University of Kentucky campus Wednesday. A spokesman said the petition was signed by 402 persons, including Centre students and faculty members and some Danville residents.

In Frankfort, they met with Fred Kareem, an aide to Gov. Louie B. Nunn, who explained the governor's position.

Murray

At Murray State University, three programs have been initiated to provide students and others with means of expressing their opinions on current issues on the nation's campuses.

A communications center has been set up in the Student Center. It will have a secretarial pool to help students prepare protest letters to members of Congress or others.

A four-hour convocation next Wednesday will include an informational program and time to permit students to express opinions in an open forum.

Also, voting machines will be used next Wednesday in a poll to measure the "drift of student opinion."

Morehead

A student convocation called to discuss the war in Southeast Asia and student unrest on other college campuses was interrupted at Morehead State University yesterday by a group of black students who presented a list of 21 demands.

Before entering the building the group of about 150 blacks carrying signs and

singing ringed Button Auditorium where the convocation was being held.

Delivered by sophomore Hosea Johnson. The demands called for a full-time black counselor approved by the students, the end of racial prejudice in selection of cheerleaders and beauty queens, the right to take black history courses, ending a school policy permitting black and white students to room together and a campus ban on the Confederate flag.

Both Johnson and the other black spokesman, freshman Felix Williams, praised MSU President Adron Doran for his attitude and record in racial matters.

Dr. Doran, who interceded at one point to give Johnson time to complete his remarks, addressed the convocation of about 1,000 in response to the list of demands. He called for "more of the reasonable, responsible discussion we have had in the past concerning black affairs." He added, "You don't solve problems by making demands," Doran said. "We accomplish things by keeping respect and regard for each other and by rational discussion of these matters."

Dr. Doran told the convocation that MSU students, not the administration, would decide if martial law would come to the campus as it has elsewhere.

"We don't want violence here and we won't have it as long as we remain men of peace and reason," he added.

The convocation was one of three suggestions accepted by the university as a memorial to the students killed at Kent State University. The student council made the recommendations late Wednesday.

An American Flag over the administration building was lowered to half-staff yesterday morning and classes were dismissed for the first hour of the convocation.

Berea

Berea College students had a memorial service last night for the four slain Kent State students. A group calling themselves "concerned students" organized the service, which was in Danforth Chapel. A leader of the organization was Allen Downey, a senior from Clifton Forge, Va., and outgoing editor of *The Pinnacle*.

The campus was peaceful yesterday. Many students wore black armbands distributed from a table in the student center.

Other Colleges

Students at Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, have planned a special memorial convocation this morning in honor of the four students slain Monday at Kent State University.

At Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, about 150 students marched at an ROTC Honors Day. During the program, a prayer was offered for the slain Kent State students.

Last night, 700 to 1,000 students gathered at a campus amphitheater for a candlelight memorial service, followed by a march into downtown Richmond. City authorities already had expressed approval of march plans.

In Kent State disaster

Will placing the blame lessen the tragedy?

Did any of us ever think we would see the day when demonstrating on U.S. college campuses would turn to violence, blood-shed and death? It's a frightening idea that became a reality earlier this week with the death of four Kent State University students.

Many around the country quickly begin to find someone to blame for this tragedy. But who is really responsible? The National Guard for having been on the campus with loaded guns? Soldiers, perhaps became confused about their orders when they felt they were being threatened by a group of rock-throwing demonstrators. But the regulars didn't order themselves to carry loaded guns, so that moves the blame on to commanding officers all the way to Gov. James Rhodes, Ohio's governor, who helped pass legislation calling for guardsmen to have loaded guns.

Some will say the Kent students were at fault for creating a potentially dangerous situation that would necessitate the calling in of troops. Perhaps they should have considered the fact that continued disturbances and the burning of buildings would bring down all possible force the governor had at his disposal. On the other hand, most Americans would agree that a citizen has the right to make his feelings known to the government. But does this freedom include the right to burning down ROTC buildings and disrupting college business?

But do a few hurled rocks justify a

barrage of gunfire from the line of troops? As the father of one of the slain students commented, "they had bayonets and gunbutts, didn't they? Why didn't they use them instead of bullets?"

There's also the idea that anyone who permits himself to get involved with a mob and its emotional make-up should be willing to accept the consequences. But should a student who want to go to class be afraid to walk around campus because the troops might feel it was necessary to begin shooting to control the trouble.

Or look from this side. Is President Nixon to blame because his decision to move into Cambodia proved to be the catalyst for the trouble. Stretching a point? Perhaps, but when one is looking for someone to accept the responsibility all points must be considered.

No matter which side you prefer to take—which group you prefer to level the finger at, the fact remains that four Kent students are dead and innumerable others are becoming enraged enough because of the deaths to make even firmer stands against the Southeast Asia Conflicts.

Many questions will need to be answered before anyone rationally can start tossing the blame to the various groups involved in the troubles.

Even after all the questions are answered the tragedy is still there. Four college students are dead, four families will never be the same and a nation is becoming more and more divided internally.

Many Western students voice opposition to demonstrations

By HERALD NEWS STAFF

While a few students paraded around campus yesterday chanting, "Peace Now," most of the campus populus was carrying on "business as usual."

"I think it's neat. All the other campuses in Kentucky are doing something and if we didn't, it would seem like a dud," Donna Sills, a sophomore from Cadiz said. "It seems to me that all those that are marching are hippies and I don't want to put myself in that position," she added.

Another student observer said, "It's great if it does any good. But it's silly if it doesn't. It was kind of unorganized and kind of a farce."

A sophomore nursing major from Louisville, Darleen Morris, who was sunbathing during the march, said, "I didn't see much

point in it. The leaders might have a purpose but the others seemed to be doing it to follow and have something to do." She added, "Since all other colleges are doing something, they may have felt that Western should also."

Ken LaPlante, a sophomore from Henderson and a member of Pershing Rifles, said, "As long as they don't get too rowdy, they have a good objective. If they become violent they defeat their own cause."

John Parks, a junior pre-law major from Bowling Green, said, "I think it will be interesting to see how it turns out, whether students are really interested or only seeing what's happening."

Spec. 5 Bill Davis of the ROTC staff said the demonstrators pose no problems "if reactions are

peaceful." Davis said, "I sympathize with the four killed, but not the rest. It is necessary to have National Guard and state police to protect government property and human lives."

Davis said that live ammunition in weapons should be a last resort, and that generally, tear gas should be used. "Dissent is good and shows what people want, but closing school is going too far," he concluded.

Lt. Col. Thomas Sweet, professor of military science, said that surprisingly he missed yesterday's demonstration. "I am highly in favor of peaceful dissent. The right to voice an opinion is a right. That's why I'm in uniform," he said.

Two Louisville freshmen said they didn't know what was going on and said that it appeared that the demonstrators didn't know either.

A chemistry major from the Canal Zone, Neil Wheeler, said, "I think it's good because Western students are finally showing an interest in something. He added, "I'm glad to see it as long as it doesn't turn out like UK—or Kent."

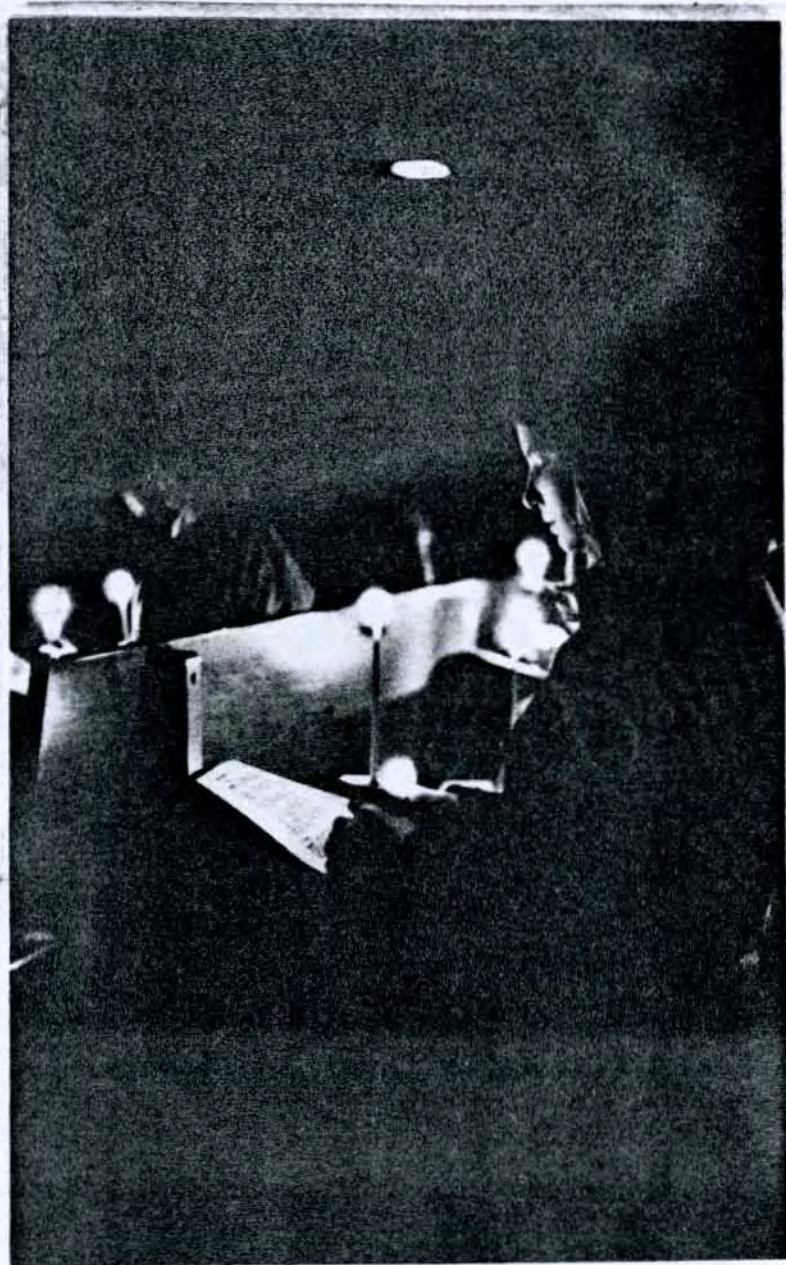
Another freshman, Susan York, termed the demonstration, "stupid." She added, "You can sympathize without violence." Peaceful demonstrations are fine, she said.

"Demonstrations are not necessarily stupid," commented a

freshman from Brownsville. But, she added, they can be instigated into violence.

Pam Carnell, an Anchorage freshman, said she thinks the demonstrations are justified. She added "They are not going to get anything accomplished, but neither is killing."

A campus security officer said that he was on his way to the lab school yesterday when "that bunch was at the administration building and the boys down there (around the dorms) were sunbathing and playing ball. Now those boys came here to get an education," he observed.



A CANDLELIGHT VIGIL Wednesday night to express sympathy to the families of the four slain Kent State students began at the old football stadium and concluded with services at Lyndane Hall. (Photo by David Sutherland)

Group At Western Opposed To Protest Stages Own "Speak-In"

By LARRY WILKERSON
Daily News State Editor

It was peaceful — if not quiet — again today at Western Kentucky University, the scene of several student rallies, marches and demonstrations for the past three days.

However, a new attraction was added to the campus demonstration scene this morning.

A handful — about 20 or 25 — young men, opposed to the ripple

of protest which moved across campus in the wake of the shooting deaths of four Kent State University students earlier this week, staged their own "speak-in" at 9 a.m. today.

The meeting was held amidst apparently groundless day-old rumors of an impending "counter demonstration" by university ROTC cadets.

The anti-demonstration demonstration was held near the Garrett Student Center.

A few yards away, about 200 students supporting a student strike (which was not endorsed by university officials) rallied for the third straight day.

The students, gathered on the west lawn of the Wetherby Administration building, sporadically shouted "Strike!" over and over.

The Wetherby building houses the offices of president Dero Downing, public relations dean

Robert Cochran, student affairs dean Charles Keown, registrar Rhea Lazarus and other top university administrators.

Dr. Tate Page, dean of the college of education, spoke to the tiny gathering of anti-demonstration students.

He emphasized the willingness of any Western faculty member or administrator to discuss problems with students.

Page also challenged the students to find a flaw in his personal integrity and truthfulness as evidence of his sincerity.

"If you can find any lack of integrity in my 62 years of record, I'll eat my dang hat without any sauce," he said.

A student who asked Page what he could do to promote what he felt was right was told to organize other students who share his feelings and "do something useful."

He said the group could then pick up garbage, if nothing else, to make the world a better place.

Page, however, admonished the group not to become like the "snotty-nosed, immature do-gooders" who, he said, talk a lot but do nothing.

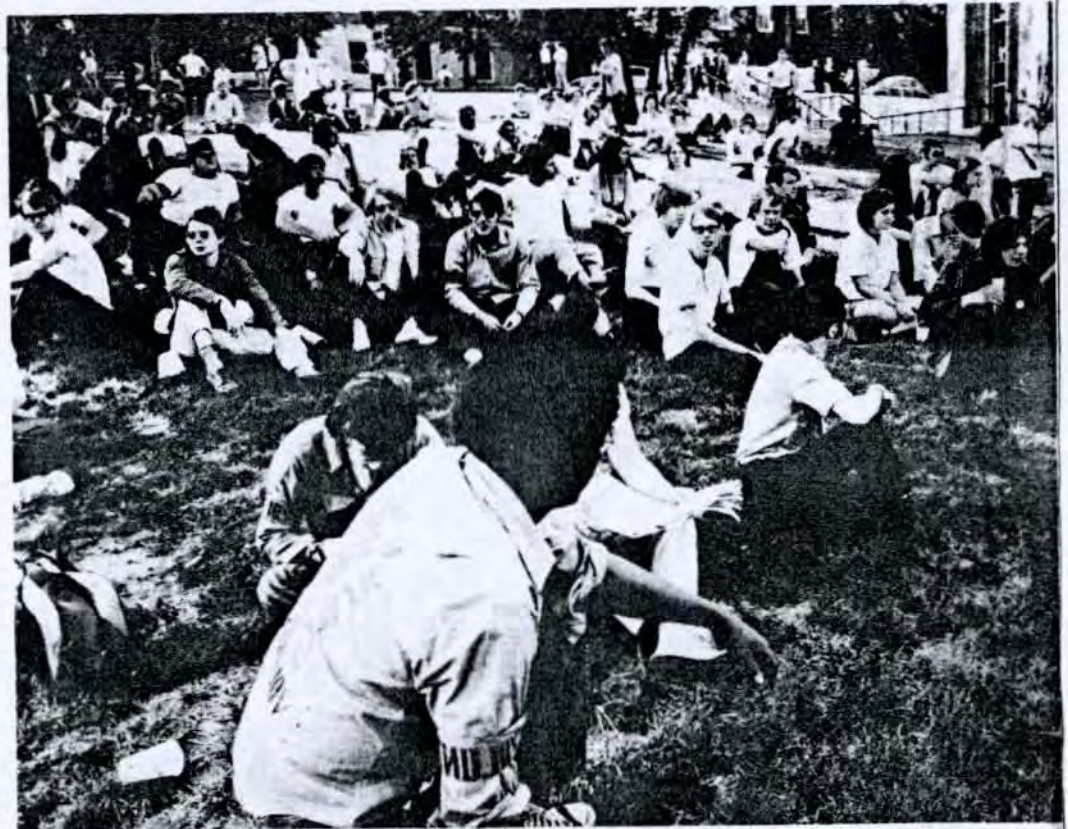
A young man with short hair commented that he was disappointed because "Only a small minority of the great majority of the students of this campus are here."

Another young man said the anti-dissent meeting "hasn't had time to steamroll yet."

At the demonstration, meanwhile, Western maintenance men had set up a public address system for the demonstrators supporting the student strike.

Various speakers outlined the

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RALLY FOR THIRD DAY — Students at Western Kentucky University today rallied for the third straight day to decry the killings of four Kent State students by National Guardsmen and the extension of Southeast Asian war activity into

(Staff Photo by Paul Hightower)
Cambodia. The students have drawn up a set of demands dealing with guns and police officials on campus and were to present the demands to university officials today.



AGAINST DEMONSTRATION — Holding a meeting to demonstrate against demonstrations today, a group of about 25 young men expressed their views in support of the Vietnam war and called for an end to campus dissent. The group heard Dr. Tate

(Staff Photo by Paul Hightower)
Page, dean of the College of Education, say the university "belongs to your parents — it doesn't belong to you." And anti-demonstration leader, center, pointing finger, attempts to get a point across to two members of the demonstration group at right.

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aims of the strikers to the crowd and suggested ways of achieving their goals.

Nearly every speaker publicly thanked the university's administration for the cooperation received from them this week.

The proprietor of the controversial "Nickel Bag," Tom Crumbaker, replayed newspaper accounts of the demonstrations and National Guard intervention at the University of Kentucky and warned the students that another Kent State tragedy could strike the Lexington campus.

The anti-dissent group displayed signs reading, "Stop the War in U.S. Colleges — Join the No Longer Silent Majority," "Win the War" and "Our Boys are There—So Back 'Em."

The gathering near the administration building, meanwhile, displayed a large blue-on-white "peace" flag and shirts with "Strike Western" printed on them.

While both groups listened to speakers with different ideas, the vast majority of Western students remained silent and passed by both groups, on their way to classes, without stopping to take sides one way or the other.

Here is a summary of the developments on the Western campus so far this week:

—Wednesday: a student rally was held at 11 a.m. and it was announced that the student government and university administration would be asked to endorse a strike set for today and to circulate a statement expressing sympathy for the families of the slain Kent State students and criticizing American involvement in the Vietnam and Cambodian war activity.

—Thursday: an unscheduled student rally turned into a march across campus by demonstrators. The only resistance they met is when they started to enter Grise Hall during class hours (A demonstrator persuaded the crowd to leave the building was reprimanded by administrators for using a loud speaker in the building to turn back the students.) University president Dero Downing, his voice quavering with emotion, told that Western has a "long tradition and a rich heritage" and asked the students not to do anything to discredit the university. Thursday night, the Associated Students decided to leave student participation in the strike to the individual and did not endorse the resolution calling for a strike by all students and the closing of the school.

—Today: As rallies by two groups with opposing ideas continued, more than \$10,500 of Western's 11,200 students remained indifferent. Another march by demonstrators was scheduled for 1 p.m. today.

Wednesday, a student group led by Braxton Crenshaw submitted an unwritten list of demands to the administration. The demands included:

—That sidearms would not be carried by campus security policemen.

—That city and state police (and, presumably, National Guardsmen) be kept off campus unless they were there as private citizens.

—That the military science department would no longer be given guns to train with.

—That ROTC courses not be accredited academically.

The students were told to put their demands in writing, which they were to do today, and re-submit them to the administration.

Keown said the university would "explore your expression of concern" when he listened to the demonstrators' grievances on the steps of the administration building Wednesday afternoon.

While the university administration has been credited with cooperating with striking students and with refraining from inviting outside forces, such as police and national guardsmen, to campus, no concessions yet have been made to student demands.

Keown indicated that campus security policemen would continue to carry sidearms and that there is no way to bar city, state or federal officers from campus. He said the requests and demands dealing with ROTC could not be dealt with in his office.

Downing announced Wednesday that the university would not close today. He added this morning that all students are free to go to class if they want to or to participate in the strike without fear of punishment.

He added that participation in the strike by students would be viewed as just another absence.

Other campuses: peaceful protest

Students on Kentucky campuses held demonstrations Tuesday and yesterday to protest increased U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia and the slaying Monday of four Kent State University (Ohio) students by National Guard men.

At most schools, the demonstrations were peaceful.

Morehead

More than 2,000 candle-carrying students assembled for a prayer vigil Tuesday night at Morehead State University.

Morehead President Adron Doran, speaking at the invitation of students, told the gathering, "I share your confusion, your turmoil and your anxiety."

Today, the university has scheduled an official "open discussion" of the issues from 10:20 a.m. to noon, but some students were talking about a strike, affecting all classes.

Transylvania

As many as 100 Transylvania University students took part in a 24 hour fast and vigil that included a sunrise memorial service for the students slain at Kent State University Monday.

Some of the Transylvania students endured the cold to spend Tuesday night on the steps of the Mitchell Fine Arts Building.

Transylvania was host last night to a

brief rally that also included a number of UK students.

A statement by the students said that "the past week has witnessed violent and senseless actions across the nation." They blamed "this irrational behavior" on the "mobilization of troops into Cambodia" together with what they described as the Nixon administration's "absolute refusal to recognize the sincere concern being expressed by peaceful organizations."

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A group of 200 to 300 Western Kentucky University students, in a rally on a grassy area near the center of the Bowling Green campus, yesterday called for a student "strike" at the school tomorrow to protest the killing of the Kent State students and American involvement in Cambodia.

The Western students and a few sympathetic faculty members met to hear speeches for about 1½ hours yesterday.

A candlelight "vigil" was held early last night to mourn the deaths of the Kent State students. A candlelight march then was conducted to the Newman center for another vigil.

Lt. Gov. Wendell Ford, appearing here

for a speech to a political science club, was asked by a group of students to comment on Gov. Nunn's action in sending National Guard troops to the UK campus. He said, "God help us in this state that we never provide the facilities to have another Kent State in Kentucky."

University of Louisville

At the University of Louisville, the Council of Deans voted unanimously yesterday to suspend most classes and exams today in honor of the four Kent State students killed Monday.

U of L President Woodrow M. Strickler issued two statements responding to the student shootings and President Nixon's policy in Southeast Asia.

Strickler said he was "heart sick" over the incidents at Kent State, and he urged educators to help young people to "find their way." Strickler said the universities themselves must attempt to solve campus unrest with a "commitment to the rational solution of our internal problems."

Strickler also said he was sending Mr. Nixon a copy of his statement saying that student apprehension over U.S. involvement in Cambodia was a "sincere concern by a legitimate segment of society."



Staff Photo

AT LEAST ONE at a Western Kentucky University rally yesterday found the protest meeting peaceful enough to sleep, even when riding on mother's back. Between 200 and 300 attended the rally, where a call was made for a student "strike" tomorrow to protest the killings of Kent State University students.

Resolution Prepared

No Action Taken To Close Western

By LARRY WILKERSON
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Western Kentucky University
President Dero Downing today
said he does not know how he will
react to a resolution calling for a
closing down of the university
Friday.

The resolution is to be pre-
sented to Downing and to
Associated Students president
John Lyne, today, according to
Bill Nelson.

Nelson, a student, told a crowd
of several hundred persons at a
Wednesday rally that the resolu-
tion calling for a "student
strike" Friday would be pre-
sented to Lyne and Downing and
that the two would be asked to
endorse it. Another student rally
began about 10 a.m. today.

The rally, which began at 11

a.m. Wednesday, featured
speeches by students and faculty
members denouncing the killing
of four Kent State University
students by National Guardsmen
at the Ohio school Monday.

Speakers also voiced their
opposition to U.S. involvement in
Vietnam and Cambodia and
called for an assembly Friday
morning at the Wetherby
Administration building which
houses Downing's office and the
offices of several university
administrators.

Downing today said it "would
be presumptuous" of him to say
how he would react to the resolu-
tion which, he says, he has not
seen.

He did not attend Wednesday's

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CANDLELIGHT VIGIL — Western Kentucky University students gathered at the old football stadium on campus before dusk Wednesday to stage a candlelight vigil in memory of the four Kent State University students shot to death Monday by National

(Photo by Bill Collins)
Guardsmen on the campus of the Ohio school. University President Dero Downing has signed a statement of sympathy for the families of the slain students.

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student rally against the Kent State shootings and the Southeast Asian war activity but, he said, he has "followed with intense interest all the acts in which our people (Western students and faculty members) have been engaged."

Downing added that university deans, administrators, faculty members and students have been "very thoughtful in keeping me advised."

He said he already has signed a statement expressing sympathy for the families of the dead Kent State students and criticized the escalation of the war into Cambodia. The statement, it was revealed at the rally, will be copied and sent to the slain students' families, to U.S. Senators Marlow Cook and John Sherman Cooper, and to the White House.

Downing said no stepped-up security measures at the University, particularly at Diddle Arena where ROTC facilities are housed, have been ordered by him in light of violence and disturbances on other campuses.

When asked if he expected any violence to occur at Western, Downing said, "It is my hope and, I might add, my fervent prayer that the channels of communication will stay open and mutual respect will be maintained to result in the exertion of every individual's right to dissent, but that we realize the responsibility to do so peacefully."

He said Wednesday's rally, during which several students called for peaceful dissent, "speaks well for the sense of responsibility" of Western students and faculty members.

Downing refused to comment on the recent turmoil at the University of Kentucky, where an Air Force ROTC building was burned, and the reaction of Gov. Louie Nunn, who ordered National Guardsmen to the Lexington campus.

"I'm not in a position to make a judgment," Downing said of the University of Kentucky situation.

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The Downing paradox: words versus deeds

Ultimately any man who is responsible to other people must be judged on the basis of his actions. After all the noble words have died away, after the good intentions have been stated, it is the actual course that a man chooses to pursue that bespeaks his philosophy. And by that criterion it appears that President Dero Downing, in opposing the granting of voting rights to the faculty and student regents has demonstrated his real feelings about student and faculty involvement in the running of the University.

In a statement concerning his stand on the issue, President Downing said, the "University will continue to make every effort to maintain an educational and administrative philosophy which preserves the atmosphere in which all members of the academic community participate in the most effective manner possible." That is a noble sentiment indeed. But the fact remains that President Downing is opposing the granting of voting rights to student and faculty regents. So that if we are judging by deeds—not words—then we must conclude that President Downing is not really committed to involving students and faculty in a meaningful way.

Certainly a vote on the Board of Regents is not the ultimate in participation but it is a beginning. However, President Downing implies that the student and faculty do not need the franchise to be effective. In his statement he said, "there are many who contend that the role of the student and

faculty regent may be more effective than would be the case if he had a vote." Who are the "many" who contend this? The statement doesn't elaborate and merely saying it does not make it so.

To say that one is more effective without a vote is like telling blacks that the ride is smoother at the back of the bus anyway. President Downing well knows that a vote is more significant than merely being allowed to speak one's mind. President Downing well knows that a vote is the means through which an opinion is translated into a working policy.

Further, President Downing said that the effectiveness with which the governing body can carry out its responsibility to oversee the educational program and fiscal operation is "dependent upon the cooperation and support of all who are interested in the welfare of the University." In other words, don't rock the boat, the same stale admonition we have heard so many times before.

Students have been assured all year that the administration really wanted them to participate in the running of the University, apparently that participation does not include the vote. Again, actions speak louder than words.

What is needed is more definitive action and less lip service to the idea of student participation. Neither the student body nor the faculty should much longer tolerate pious platitudes and empty gestures.

Student Group Protests Tax Expenditure For Viet War

By LARRY WILKERSON
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About a dozen members of the recently-organized Student Mobilization Committee (SMC) at Western Kentucky University began a day-long vigil outside the Federal Building at Main and Center Streets this morning, protesting the spending of American tax dollars on the Vietnam war.

The demonstrators carried signs urging people to refuse to pay their federal taxes and distributed anti-war literature.

The protestors greeted pedestrians and offered free literature and information concerning the economic

ramifications of American involvement in Vietnam.

None of the demonstrators seemed angry or militant.

Reaction inside the federal building was mild.

Many employees in various offices in the building came to the Center Street entrance to watch the demonstration.

Most of them smiled, shrugged and seemed generally unaffected by the fact that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) was being demonstrated against.

"They've got right, just like anyone else," commented local IRS director A.E. Blankenship when asked about his reaction to the demonstration.

He indicated his staff was not upset over the protest movement and said he had no objection to the SMC members coming inside the federal building.

The front door of the building was locked and a sign directed visitors to the side door.

A custodian would not comment when asked if the door being locked had anything to do with the demonstration.

Outside, reaction was not always mild.

A demonstrator who was asked if the group had met any resistance to their efforts replied, "Just some curses hurled at us from passing cars is all."

A truck driver shouted an

obscurity at the students and several motorists made snide remarks to them.

Some pedestrians ignored the demonstrators when the literature was offered.

Others accepted the pamphlets wordlessly and kept walking.

One man entering the building was asked if he would accept some of the SMC's literature.

"No - hell, no," he told the student who offered him the pamphlet.

Three city police cars and a sheriff's car passed the protest scene within 30 minutes.

Signs carried by the demonstrators read, "Taxes should start learning, not end

living." "Don't pay death taxes," "U.S. taxes support killing" and "Withhold your taxes — oppose an undeclared war."

Literature distributed by the SMC members included pamphlets entitled, "Vietnam primer, Political background of the war in Vietnam" and "A primer on the Vietnam war and the economy."

A mimeographed sheet handed out asked, "Who pays, who profits?" after offering statistics on the costs of the war and the profits of American businesses.

The SMC, organized about a month ago at the university, reportedly has a membership of 35 to 40 students.

A spokesman for the group said the demonstration would continue until about 5 p.m. today.

The SMC members have no intention of entering the federal building the spokesman said.



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STUDENTS OPPOSE WAR TAXES — About 12 members of the Student Mobilization Committee at Western Kentucky University carried signs and distributed literature protesting expenditure of tax dollars for the Vietnam war in a demonstration outside the

federal building at Main and Center streets today. Reaction to the demonstration was mild, except for occasional insults shouted by passing motorists. The demonstration was to continue until about 5 p.m. today.