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URI Delegation Attends Peaceful Providence Rally

by Steve Cheslow

Dr. Arthur B. Stein, Associate Professor of Political Science at URI and a member of the strike steering committee, was among the speakers at a mall rally at the State House in Providence Friday night.

Dr. Stein spoke late in the program, which included Governor Frank Licht, various state religious leaders, and several spokesmen for the strike from the academic, political and business communities.

Dr. Stein addressed the gathering of about 7,000 people, most of whom were high school and college students, in a hoarse voice. However, his message echoed other pleas for peace in Southeast Asia, as well as here in the United States.

A group of about 200 URI students had joined the rally by the time the program began at 7 p.m. At that time, there were approximately 5,000 people already gathered on the south lawn of the State House. Most came from Brown, Providence College and Rhode Island Junior College, although it seemed that almost every school in the state was represented. Many of the high schoolers had been canvassed by Brown students Friday afternoon.

At about 6:45 p.m., when the first busload of URI students arrived, a large group of young people, most of whom were from PC, marched along the brick walk in front of

the State House, singing, clapping hands and carrying signs indicating their concern over the recent Southeast Asian developments, remarks by President Nixon on Vice President Angew, and the slayings at Kent State last week. Many were sitting on the steps of the State House, some barefoot, some with cameras.

Thomas Acosta, a member of the Student Mobilization Committee at Brown, called the rally "important and exciting," and said that history was being made and written by all at what he termed "the largest anti-war rally in the history of Rhode Island." He appealed to national and state leaders to stop aggression at home and abroad. He called the latest efforts of Governor Licht late in coming, saying that Licht had never supported the students before this latest crisis. Acosta called for the immediate withdrawal of all troops from Southeast Asia, the freeing of Black Panther leader Bobby Seale and a statewide referendum on the question of continuance of the war in Southeast Asia.

After almost two hours of speeches, Dr. Stein took the microphone. He asked businessmen and labor leaders to extend the strike movement beyond the academic community and continue it until the "ill-begotten war" in Southeast Asia ends. He called for the older generation to show their children that the adults are with them and share the concern of the young. He

added that many of the nation's youth "see the degeneration of the nation."

He demanded that the Administration "stop playing games" and urged senators to withhold appropriations for the war.

Dr. Stein also expressed support of Tom Acosta's request for a state referendum, and urged the General Assembly to go into emergency session to see that this referendum is held as soon as possible. He asked support for a congressman's resolution supporting any Rhode Island young man who "could not find it within his conscience to fight in an undeclared war." He expressed his hope that amnesty would be given to all political prisoners.

Before the rally a group from Our Lady of Peace Seminary in Providence played selections including "If I Had a Hammer" "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?"

Governor Licht was met with loud applause and some jeering as he took the microphone. Licht reaffirmed his earlier statement that the President's action in Cambodia was "a tragic and serious mistake, since it is now the time for termination, not expansion." He said that he was among those governors that urged a conference with Nixon. Licht received thunderous applause and a standing ovation when he praised the "responsible protest" of the past week. He promised to "send notice to President Nixon about the concern of the students, faculty members and administrators in the state." The governor had ordered that the State House flags be lowered to half-mast for the rally.

Dr. Stein concluded his remarks with the characteristic clenched-fist salute.

The rally was disrupted once by a small, angry group of college students who demanded that the microphone be opened to student speakers and protested the lack of a Black Panther spokesman. Chanting "Stop the War!", they said that the student marshals (most of whom were Brown students) were not supporting the aims of the student strike. One almost hysterical girl said that "these students will support their right to speak at the next meeting even if we have to bring guns. We are being sold out! This was supposed to be a people's rally!"

Several of these people attempted to force their way up the steps of the State House. The marshals held that the rally was pre-arranged, with a definite time limit placed on its length. They added that all the speakers had made "prior arrangements" to speak, and that others were being prohibited to do so in order to maintain order and protect valuable property, including television cameras and tape recorders.

By 9:30, the brief flareup was over, although marshals and police were patrolling some of the nearby streets. However, the overall atmosphere was peaceful, and the young people left apparently content that the rally accomplished its goals peacefully.

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Community Canvass Group Gets Favorable Response

Ninety-eight out of 200 URI student strike volunteers went "into the community" Sunday as part of Phase 2 of the URI student strike. Organizing the off-campus campaign is Fran LaVecchio and a 15-member Community Confrontation Committee.

Two shifts of canvassers Sunday covered 717 homes in the Narragansett-Wakefield-Peace Dale area.

Volunteers, trained in communicative skills over the weekend, divided into pairs and visited individual homes. Primary objectives of the volunteers were 1) to explain what has occurred at URI and 2) to convince community members to write letters to the state congressional delegation and make the "silent majority" heard.

Although CCC members are enthusiastic and Miss LaVecchio called the community effort "very successful," public reception of the volunteers has been divided.

Approximately 60% of those contacted were slightly favorable or enthusiastic toward the URI strike and opposed President Nixon's expansion of the war into Cambodia. The remainder were reported neutral or antagonistic.

Volunteers reported many of the people they contacted were irritated by the URI students encouraging South Kingstown High School students to join the strike. Many of the antagonistic individuals accused the URI strikers of being communist inspired. Other common arguments against the strike were 1) the possible Communist takeover of

Southeast Asia following immediate U.S. withdrawal, 2) President Nixon was democratically elected and deserves to be trusted, and 3) they fought for the U.S. in other wars, therefore today's youth should be willing to do the same.

According to Miss LaVecchio, assembly meetings for all volunteers are being held daily at 10 a.m. in the Union Ballroom to discuss special problems and new information to be used "in the field." Workshops are held every day at 1 p.m. to train new volunteers. Workshop leaders report about 20 new canvassers were trained Monday, and they hope to train more each day.

An additional group gathering signatures or petitions at local shopping areas may be discontinued because of objection raised by merchants.

Four U. S. Senators Suggest Withdrawal Plan

The following letter appeared in the "New York Times" Friday, May 8.

To the Editor: Your editorial on "Congress and the War" (May 5) goes right to the heart of the crisis facing the American government.

We have found ourselves coasting toward deeper involvement in a land war in Indochina in the absence of any decision by the Congress, on behalf of the American people. As you have noted, Congress has fallen into the habit of acquiescing in decisions made by the White House.

The invasion of Cambodia and the resumption of the bombing of North Vietnam represent a new phase of the conflict. They throw into sharper focus the need for Congress to fulfill its responsibilities.

For this reason we and other Senators have submitted an amendment to be attached to the Defense Procurement Authorization Bill which would cut off funds for American military operations in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, allowing, of course,

for the safe withdrawal of U.S. troops.

The withdrawal of U.S. forces from Vietnam would be completed by June 30, 1971, from Laos by Dec. 31, 1970, and from Cambodia within thirty days from enactment.

Adoption of the amendment is the most concrete and meaningful action that Congress can take to reassert its constitutional authority and to bring an end to the war in Indochina. "Committedly," the President as Commander-in-Chief has the power to determine how our forces are deployed, but Congress can decide whether they should be deployed.

We are pledged to bringing the amendment to a vote in the Senate. We shall press for a vote within thirty days. We appreciate the sentiments expressed in your editorial which underscore our own concerns about Congress' constitutional role. We hope that many Americans will speak out in support of this position in the next month.

George McGovern,
Mark O. Hatfield,
Charles E. Goodell
Alan Cranston
Harold E. Hughes

Washington, May 6, 1970

Names and addresses of Rhode Island Congressional delegation: Sen. Pell, 418 Federal Building, Providence, R.I.; Rep. St. Germain, 201 Federal Building, Providence, R.I.; Sen. Pastore, 301 Post Office Annex, Providence, R.I.; Rep. Tiernan, 317 Post Office Annex, Providence, R.I.

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Princeton Group Forms Student Anti-Draft Union

A group of concerned students centered at Princeton University have formed a Union for National Draft Opposition (UNDO). Representatives from this group have been on the URI campus in an attempt to coordinate local movements in a national effort. Plans have been made for a National Convocation to be held at Princeton on May 19 through May 21. A representative group from URI will attend this meeting to help organize UNDO as a broadly based, effective Union. Bob Bolderson, '70, will head the membership drive locally.

A child of the National Student Strike, UNDO was founded as one concrete way which students, as a group, could directly affect the war in Indo-China. The goals of the Union have been tentatively set as follows:

1. To provide legal and moral support to those who have opposed or will oppose the draft by refusing induction.
2. To clarify conscientious objector requirements and to disseminate complete C-O information.
3. To encourage the exercises of full legal rights and options.
4. To gain public and political support for ending the draft.

UNDO is already working in close coordination with older, existing draft resistance groups such as the Quaker Committee for Conscientious Objectors. Their ultimate hope is to organize the student segment of the draft pool into a solid, unified interest group which can work with other groups to oppose the Selective Service System.

They have acquired the use of a computer in Princeton by which they are already beginning to process the membership of UNDO. By joining, a student receives the benefits of being in a legal Union. All specific information is punched into a complete listing of all other members. A large pool of legal and financial aid is being massed in order to help any member who comes into direct or indirect conflict with the draft.

Leaders of UNDO emphasize the national character of their organization as well as their commitment to work within the present legal system. The National Convocation will be the first meeting of the organization, and at that time formal plans will be made concerning final structure, national officers and a national headquarters.

Students interested in becoming a part of UNDO should contact Bob Bolderson at 783-7871 or 783-7475.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Thomas Richmond, a custodian at Edwards Hall, wishes to thank those students who cleaned up the building after last Wednesday's Faculty Senate meeting was switched to the Quadrangle.

Upon request of the Faculty Center Board of Governors the URI Dining Services has assumed the service of luncheons at the Faculty Center. They will be serving luncheons Monday through Friday from 11:30-2:00 p.m. during the reorganization of the Center, until August 31, 1970. The America's Cup Room will be closing after lunch on May 15.

The Honors Colloquium Distinguished Lecture Series will present Rene Dubos, Pulitzer Prize winner of Rockefeller University, this evening at 7:45 in the Ballroom. Mr. Dubos will speak on "A Social Design for Science." The lecture is open to the entire University without charge.

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BEACON Editor-in-Chief, Chuck Colarulli, has announced the appointment of Bruce Daniel and Anne Foster as Co-Editors-in-Chief for next year. Mr. Daniel is a sophomore majoring in Political Science. Miss Foster, also a sophomore, is majoring in English. Both of the appointees have been on the BEACON staff for the past year and one half.

Appointed to the position of Co-Managing Editor are Diane DiQuinzio, a junior English major, and Joan Zompa, a

junior majoring in Journalism. John Silva and Richard Raquier have been appointed as Co-News Editors. Mr. Silva is a freshman with an undeclared major and Mr. Raquier is a junior in Journalism.

Steve Cheslow, a sophomore Journalism major, has been appointed as Sports Editor.

Newly appointed Business Manager is Larry Kahn, a junior Business major.

Advertising Manager for next year is Jeffrey Kleinman, also a junior Business major.

Strike Committee Plans To Become a "Congress"

A plan to dissolve the existing Strike Steering Committee in order to develop a more organized student information center was presented by Rick Nathan to approximately 50 students at the open strike committee meeting on Monday evening.

The plan, proposed by chairmen of the various strike sub committees, calls for development of a "congress" consisting of five members-at-large to co-ordinate the activities of the 10 to 15 groups to form an information center which could function throughout the summer and into next fall.

Professor Richard Roughton stated that the new structure would "implement decisions" to be made at large mass

meetings held every two days or so. The structure itself would be merely "functional," while policies would be developed at open meetings.

Paul Crowley, Steering Committee member, stood during the meeting to announce his resignation. He explained that what was happening to the strike committee was the "exact same thing that happened to Exodus," of which he was also a member. He added that the "strike committee has become ridiculously bureaucratic" and there has been "too much ideological meandering."

Mr. Crowley said that the Student Mobilization Committee (SMC), of which he is chairman, will be reorganized and will begin planning its own activities. The group intends to concern itself with the Southeast Asian issue alone,

unlike the new strike group.

Professor Arthur Stein, a member of the Strike Steering Committee, said that "most of the power of this university exists in the hands of the students, whether you realize it or not" and urged the audience get together and organize.

Mr. Roughton told the meeting that efficiency is not as important as the strike itself. "A dictator would run the strike most efficiently. Unless this strike is a democratic process, all we're doing is playing the same game as Richard Nixon and Werner Baum."

Final acceptance of the proposal was delayed until copies of the plan could be distributed throughout the student body. Another meeting for discussion of the plan was set for last night.

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URI Campus Needs To Be Beautiful

Dear Editor:

Looking around at the campus sometimes is disgusting. The campus is beautiful, but let's beautify the beautiful. The campus could be so much nicer. First, there is the grass—there are very few places where one can find grass (not pot, that can be found almost anywhere). Adams, Browning, Hopkins, the Quadrangle, almost everywhere, the grass is diminishing because of students continually walking on it. Why not build little fences (three feet high) that will last (not like the cheap rope ones now existing) with signs saying "Keep off Grass." If students want to play on them, let them use the facilities down at Keaney. Sunbathing, on the land, would not hurt the grass and thus should be permitted as should other more harmful activities. But as far as using these could be beautiful areas as paths and sidewalks to class, this should be stopped. Also, there are few gutters where they should be. This causes erosion when rain occurs. Instead, the campus uses big boulder for gutters. This can be seen at Peck, between Hopkins and Dorr, between Burnside and Aldrich and in front of Phi Gamma Delta. This does not help the University in recruiting students. One other thing, let's get those two basketball courts and tennis court by the elephant court in playing condition. There are no nets on the baskets and half the court is covered with sand washed down by the rain. A little wall should be built surrounding the court. And get some nets up for tennis too. So, URI Maintenance, get the campus in good condition.

Carl Koussa

Student Senate Approves Time Off for Political Work

The URI Student Senate, meeting in final session Monday, passed a bill cancelling classes for the week preceding state and national elections. The bill, which is now subject to Faculty Senate approval, cancels classes to allow students to work in the political campaigns of the candidate of their choices.

In other Senate action, a bill was passed to conduct a referendum to determine whether or not to freeze the first four dollars of the athletic tax. Former URI President Francis Horn unilaterally raised the student athletic tax from \$20 to \$24

several years ago. Such an action cannot be done without the consent of the student body. The Senate proposal would freeze the first four dollars of the athletic tax until the tax is lowered to the original \$20.

The Senate also passed a resolution to request the assistance of Vice President Wiley in recovering \$250 given to Bill Southern. Mr. Southern was given the money to make a movie on racism in Rhode Island. He has since joined the Air Force without returning the money given to him, and no evidence concerning production of the movie has been received.

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EDITORIAL



7 Days in May – A Prelude to Change

It seems unnecessary to write this final editorial, because what has been achieved is a community that has affected all of us.

As if in preparation for these days, old forms that have lost their purpose have been either discarded or given notice of their future demise; namely, AWS, Sachems, Blue Key, and the greek system. They are merely symbolic of URI's past, of a dying ethic. They are almost behind us now, and we are rapidly moving toward newer and brighter horizons. They have, for too long, sapped the energy of some of our best leaders (many of whom realized this in time to change) by occupying endless hours in meaningless tasks. Hooray for the valedictorian who goes on speaking! Shame on the valedictorian who is above the world's problems! For 18 months we have waged war on this ethic and tried to call for a new order at URI.

On the very first page of our first edition (repeated on today's front page), we gave this charge to URI: "A time to work together." These few days in May have given us a sense of community, a sense that is awe-inspiring every time we try to understand it.

We came together swiftly, cooperatively, and dramatically over an issue which has plagued our nation. The students, the faculty, and the administrators merged for a time into one. Not just a few, but thousands came out to take part in our renewal.

Now is the time to protect and nurture this new-found life. We must begin to be at URI, we must begin to care at URI, and we must begin again to believe in each other at URI.

If we do care for each other, all else should follow naturally. It means our active and continuing involvement and commitment to the curing of this society. This we can do because we have found each other during these seven days in May of 1970, a new decade. We must not allow titles, positions, appearances, or beliefs to separate us. We have much in common, because we are all human. It happens to be a very difficult creature to be – alone.

Now I turn my view to this university newspaper, the BEACON. For 18 months we have worked to provide objective news-reporting separate from the editorial page. All too often, those on the left and the right have viewed our attempt as supporting their opposites. A typical Wednesday afternoon response to the newspaper from a member of a conservative group might be, "You never print conservative views, only radical stuff," while from a radical is often heard, "You censor, you never print any radical views, you're a fascist."

The amusing part of this is that it is an understatement of many of the comments. In other words, remaining as objective as possible has meant, especially in a polarized community, that we often pleased no one. It is, however more important for us to be honest and maintain the integrity of our news if we are to be a newspaper. This is what we set out to be months ago. I hope that URI tomorrow will understand this and respect the BEACON for this attempt.

Over the past year, I, as editor, have demanded at least 20 hours a week of key staff members. They have demonstrated the kind of loyalty to the BEACON and to myself that I will take with me as I leave. Last week, as events occurred with amazing

rapidity, this staff, which has worked on over fifty issues, geared up and put out a daily newspaper. They were there, and you knew about it quickly and accurately. I promised upon taking office that I would leave a good staff system when I left. I leave something more: good people, who the entire university can trust and respect.

The paper's purpose these months has, through its regular weekly editions, in removable supplements, extras, and special editions, tried to serve the community with information, news, and advertising services in every way possible for a weekly newspaper. This is our function: to be an independent objective press in all areas except those defined and clearly marked otherwise.

Finally, four weeks ago, I summed up some observations on the community. Four weeks later, I have one more ingredient to add. Things that never were at this university are beginning to happen now. Things of which we only dared dream are now taking form. Let us leave you with this final observation: in four years here, the university has changed significantly. In the last two years under a new administration and a new student-faculty group, we have changed dramatically. In the last two weeks, we have leaped forward as a community.

We, as a university, have begun to lead a society, not merely reflect its malaise. Become part of that new community, and you will not regret it.

Good-bye, and thank you.

Chuck Colarulli
Editor BEACON

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Five thousand students, faculty and administrators came together in a common expression of protest against the War on Wednesday, May 6, 1970. The Faculty Senate passed an optional system which allows each student to pursue his conscience.

URI BEACON

Removable Supplement

URI on Strike

The URI Beacon, Wednesday, May 13, 1970

by
Diane DiQuinzio
New Co-Managing Editor



Tony Robinson, President of the Student Body, is caught in a moment which expressed the concern and thoughtfulness displayed by hundreds of students during the strike.

On Thursday evening, April 30, President Richard M. Nixon announced that the American forces had been moved into Cambodia for a 6-week campaign to wipe out North Vietnamese strongholds there. URI awoke on the following morning to a great variety of protest activities, ranging from anguished tears from a girl in a dormitory to a fire set in the ROTC office.

The wheels of action quickly began to turn, and a nationwide student strike was set for Monday:

"Plans for Monday are indefinite now, but will include picketing, non-violent demonstration, speakers and rap sessions." Two words emerged—strike and non-violent—words which would be said, encouraged, and practiced over and over again in the coming week.

In that first rally on Friday, approximately 450 people came out to hear and discuss their feelings and the steps to be taken against President Nixon's actions.

Strike Gains Momentum

By Sunday afternoon, the strike movement had gained great momentum, so much so, that a Student Strike Committee was quickly organized to handle the sudden influx of problems and to establish highly specific programs for the days to come.

At an emergency Student Senate meeting that evening, the senators agreed to support the strike and also passed a resolution to lower the flag as an expression of mourning for

deaths of both Americans and Asians in the war.

Amidst all the confusion, both actual and in the minds of the students, President Werner Baum issued a statement on the strike. "The kindest interpretation one can make of Mr. Nixon's comment is that it was the unpr- mistake of enormous But, "As P

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 cannot be party to any protest effort to stop the university's normal activities. I cannot be party to infringing on the academic freedom of those who wish to pursue their usual

responsibilities whether or not they agree with Mr. Nixon's action. I cannot be party to changing the university from a battleground of ideas to a headquarters for any particular doctrine."

Class Attendance Declines

On Monday, there was a significant change in the attitudes of the entire university community. Attendance in classes was "significantly reduced," and people heard, with horror, of the shooting deaths of four students at Kent State University. Reaction to this was electrifying—students were incensed by the shooting and began to realize that this was not any small matter undertaken by a few "radicals."

At a rally held on the quadrangle that afternoon, 1500 students came to hear

fellow students and faculty members denounce President Nixon's decision and what had already come to be known as the "Kent State Massacre." Another rally in the evening drew a jammed crowd of 2000 in Edwards Auditorium. The chanting, extremely restless, student audience voted to have an indefinite strike at URI to protest both the action at Kent State and Nixon.

At 11 p.m. that evening, the College Press Service announced that 175 colleges and universities had officially declared strikes.



Students gather to hear Dr. Arthur Stein speak against the invasion of Cambodia the morning after President Nixon's initial announcement.



Dr. Walter Mueller, chairman of the faculty, announces that the Faculty Senate will meet on the Quad for the first time in history.

Students Vote For Strike

On the following day, Tuesday, a referendum was held which asked the student body to vote either for continuing the strike until Friday or for resuming classes immediately. The response to the referendum was fantastic. Lines, sometimes 10 people deep, formed outside the Union where voting was being held. Out of a total of 3810, 2450 voted for continuing the strike, while 1360 voted to resume classes. (The vote total, incidentally, was one of the largest in URI's history.)

In a statement released by Dr. Baum concerning the apparent confusion over lowering the flag to mourn the student deaths and deaths in Vietnam, he clearly showed his feeling of pride concerning the actions of the university: "The people of Rhode Island should be proud of their sons and

daughters at URI. The vast majority of them are sensitive young people, deeply affected by the lack of concern for the value of human life which characterizes much of the world today."

Later that evening, while another rally was being conducted with 2000 enthusiastic strikers, two Memorial Union bookstore windows were broken in what seemed to be a foreshadowing of violence at URI. Luckily, the incident proved to be an isolated one.

The foundation for a massive letter-writing campaign which had been laid on Monday night grew steadily until it had reached proportions such that 6-10,000 letters were being sent out daily to Washington. The campaign then turned its sights to the community.

Faculty Senate

Wednesday brought the turning-point for the entire strike week. The Faculty Senate had scheduled a meeting for noon in Edwards Auditorium. By 11:45 a.m., students had massed into the auditorium in such huge proportions that Dr. Baum found it necessary to move the entire meeting to the largest area available — the Quadrangle.

The tremendous crowd of 5000 students gathered on the Quad, with the Faculty Senate meeting going on in front, and cheered repeatedly at the bills that were presented and passed by the faculty, bills that insured complete academic freedom of choice for students during the strike, and one that Dr. Agnes Doody presented that called for a full-page ad in the Sunday Providence Journal: "Dear Pres. Nixon: We believe in our students—They are NOT Bums! Signed, the Faculty Senate of the University of Rhode Island."

For the first time, faculty, administration and students worked together to give the students what they wanted. For the first time, students were allowed the luxury of voluntary final exams. And, for the first time, students felt that perhaps faculty and administrators were out to help the students, not hinder them. Students left the Quad with a high enthusiasm and an even greater spirit of unity.

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Tuesday, the crowd reflected the whole spectrum of the URI community. A Happening by any standards.

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Strike Brought to the Community

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On Thursday and much of Friday, the culmination of the cumulative efforts of students, faculty and administration was achieved. The URI student body as a totality attended workshops on Cambodia, joined the campaign to travel into South County, and sometimes just sat in wonder to muse at the improbability of anything such as this happening at URI even as late as two weeks ago.

The weekend was devoted to bringing the students' pleas for peace and message of unity to the larger community. Parents and friends heard workshop speakers, folksingers, and student canvassers tell them over and over again that the strike at URI was a peaceful one, that Cambodia was a mistake, that letters must be written to congressmen to let them know how the citizenry feels.



Dean Jerome Pollack of Arts and Sciences clarifies the four option proposal. The proposal was developed by the Deans

Council of which Dr. Pollack is a member, and was introduced by Vice President James Archer.

What Lies Ahead

The strike is continuing—how long it will go on is largely dependent on Pres. Nixon's future decisions. Long-range plans at URI extend into summer vacation, with a proposed communications network to keep everyone informed as to the progress which is, or is not, being made.

Peace reigns at URI. Peace and a spirit of community. Those who never joined in this feeling have already left the campus. Those who remain carry within them a hope for the future and a considerable change in attitude. The so-called radicals and conservatives are perhaps no longer at extremes. They may never completely agree, but now they are at least talking to each other.

Where do we go from here? The movement has begun and will, in all likelihood, keep going. Will students be content to revert back to the old divided URI; will they accept the old final exam system? Will faculty retreat back into their offices and once again hide behind their degrees? Will the administrators withdraw to the deanery never to come to the students' aid again? The questions demand a "No!" answer. The hope of this answer remains to be seen.

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"We Believe In Our Students . . ."



Political science professor, Arthur Stein, introduces a resolution to the Faculty Senate, urging them to call the State General Assembly back into session.

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Commentary

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Before closing my summary of the activities of the past 10 or so days at URI, I must add a note concerning the students. I have been at this school for three years, and I must agree with Dr. Arthur Stein who said in his letter, "This past week has been the first time that I can say I am proud to be associated with the University of Rhode Island."

Although my summary above seems to idealize the strike activities, it must be admitted that the week was not completely devoid of hostilities. There were a number of tense situations between those favoring Nixon's policy and those opposed, as well as the confrontations between people who were overtired and those who had just realized that the strike existed. But the fact remains that everyone DID work together: it WAS a concerted effort.

Those deserving special congratulations on the success of the strike are those students who willingly left their rooms, many for the first time all year, because they believed in what we were doing and wanted to become an active part.

Festival of Life Attracts Guests, Parents, Students

URI's first "Festival of Life" last weekend attracted students from other area schools, parents, and even URI students who usually leave campus on weekends.

A day-long free folk concert on the quadrangle Saturday and a rock concert Sunday offered URI strike organizers, students, and guests an excuse to relax outside and enjoy the long-awaited spring weather.

The Sha Na Na and Joe Cocker concerts brought large crowds to Keaney Gymnasium.

A full schedule of workshops, lectures, poetry readings and discussions was prepared for Saturday and Sunday by the Strike Steering Committee to make the "Festival of Life" a relevant and meaningful experience.

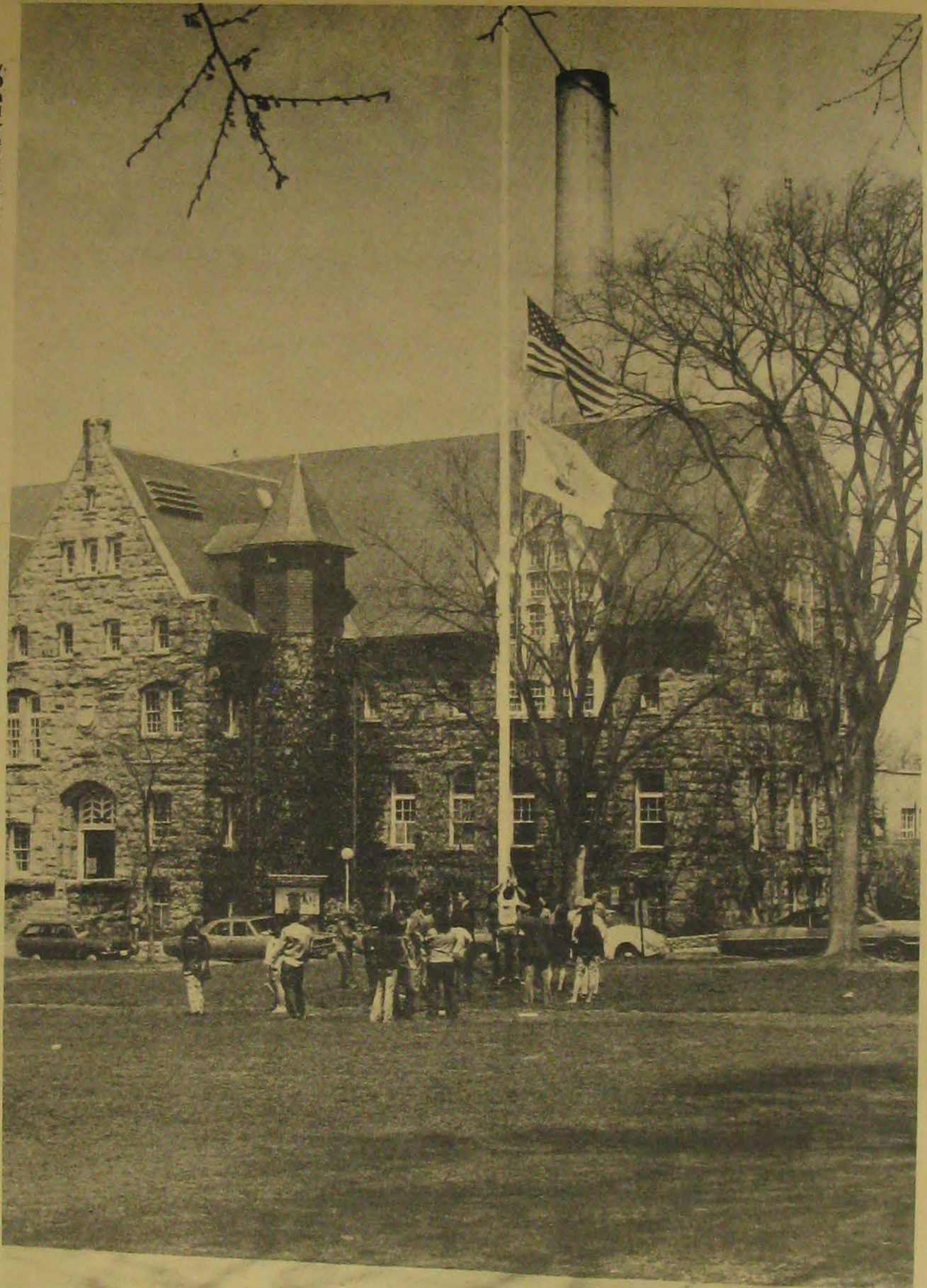
Dr. Walter Barker led a poetry reading for about 20 students Saturday concerning the horrors of war.

Steve Gorin, Boston University graduate in Asian politics, delivered in a hoarse voice his oft-repeated history of Vietnam. Approximately 100 students and parents listened attentively to the chronology and asked questions concerning U.S. intervention in Southeast Asia.

"Parents and students: an experience in communication," moderated by Dr. James Prochaska and psychology graduate students, attracted approximately 35 students. A few parents joined the discussion, and much time was spent guessing at the probable attitude of participants' parents toward the war in Cambodia.

About 15 students and several parents discussed the meaning of the university with Jerome M. Pollack, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Steve DelGiudice, festival chairman, called the weekend "extremely successful." The workshops, he said, were attended primarily by "outsiders" and provided a good opportunity for URI students and community members to exchange views.



A group of students lowers the U.S. and R.I. flag after the Student Senate passed a resolution calling for such an act to mourn the U.S. dead in Vietnam. Later a controversy arose

between radical and conservative students as to whether the flag should remain at half-mast. President Baum finally ordered both to be lowered til May 30, Memorial Day.

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What the Strike Means

by Art Stein
Political Science

I'm not going to permit myself the luxury of a few choice remarks about Nixon, Agnew & Mitchell - their own words and actions speak eloquently for themselves.

Out of the tragedy of the further escalation of the war in South East Asia and the murder of four Kent State students there has emerged for the first time at URI the beginning of a sense of real community. Starting with a group of very hard-working and concerned students, a strike began which rapidly spread among many fellow students and was approved by a referendum. The school administration and faculty then gave their support to our constructive strike. This past week has been the first time that I can say I am proud to be associated with the University of Rhode Island.

Our strike is not to close down the learning processes of the school but to open the school up to a real educational experience. Students have been given the option to complete the term in the way they feel will be most beneficial to them. The principle of equity and free choice prevails for all. A much more human situation is developing on the campus, and even administrators and faculty who are accustomed to the old-time worn

authoritarian ways of dealing with students are coming around to see that they too can relate to people better in this changed environment.

While we are trying to build a new sense of community, however, the basic and immediate purpose of what we have done is to build a movement to bring the war in Southeast Asia to an immediate end. We are now in the process of getting ourselves together at the campus. On Saturday and Sunday we invited parents, students and all the citizens of Rhode Island to come to the Kingston campus to join with us in the First Festival of Life at URI. We hope these days have shown the people of the State what we are attempting today, and that this weekend will stand in contrast to the dismal dullness which prevails on the URI campus on most weekends.

After we get ourselves together at the university, we will come out into the towns and cities to talk with people, not to harass them with any new found religion. We will do our best to enlist the support of all of the citizens of the State - working people, businessmen, military personnel, homemakers, - everyone.

What we are trying to build in Rhode Island is a sense of

togetherness and to concentrate first on one basic issue - the need to build a massive movement calling for the immediate withdrawal of all American forces from Vietnam and Southeast Asia. Our presence there has created far more problems there than we could ever resolve, for ourselves, or more importantly, for the very people whom we are ostensibly there to help. Wherever we stand politically - radical, liberal or conservative - we must put aside our differences in working together to build dedicated groups in our own towns, schools, businesses and factories. We ask labor, business, religious and other leaders of our communities to join us in putting an end to business as usual all around the nation until those who control the politics of this country are brought to their senses. This movement must not be isolated in the universities but needs the support of all the people. Beginning tomorrow a large number of people will assemble in Washington. This rally should not end like past rallies, however, but the peaceful but resolute occupation of Washington should continue until this ill-begotten war ends.

I am over 30 and have 2 children. It is incumbent on the older generation for once in our lives to show the young people that we mean what we say. The difference between the rhetoric and the reality of America has driven many of our finest young people out of continued frustration into political actions that are sometimes self-destructive - then we cluck our tongues about the extremist groups on the left, or the students who are ungrateful for what society gives them. Many of the young, more than some of us who are older, see clearly that America has degenerated into a society in which the pursuit of profit and status are more important than the pursuit of justice and decent human relationships. They also see clearly the

relationship of what is happening at home to our policy in Vietnam.

Our political system is based on representative institutions and we are urged to work through our elected officials. On behalf of the university strike coordinating committee we urge that these officials finally become responsive to the pleas of the people. We ask the politicians to stop playing games. Specifically, for Rhode Island, we ask that our two senators and two representatives vote to withhold any more appropriations for the war in Southeast Asia. Also, we ask Governor Frank Licht to place on the next ballot a referendum on whether or not the people of this state want the war. We also call upon Governor Licht to call the state legislature of Rhode Island back into session to deal with the Bill put forth by Representative Arcaro which callously was held in committee and not brought before the house for a vote. That bill, like the similar one passed in Massachusetts, declares in effect that a Rhode Island young man may not be forced to fight in the undeclared war in Southeast Asia.

What we have done in effect in recent years is to make those of our youth who will not fight

in an illegal and immoral war into criminals in the eyes of the law. We ask the governor, the attorney-general and the courts of this State to come to the aid of those men who have gone to prison or into foreign exile because they could not in good conscience commit murder in Southeast Asia. Many are in prison today or awaiting sentence because of their clarity of vision to have seen what many of us are just beginning to see. We ask that these young men be asked our forgiveness for being treated as criminals, and that amnesty be granted to all political prisoners in the USA, - white and black alike. These men are not criminals - future generations will consider them among our greatest heroes.

We plead with you all - don't let die the breath of fresh air that is being felt on campuses like URI. Go out and talk with each other. Even conservatives should realize that times are changing and need to be changed. Join us to make sure that America does not throw out the baby with the dirty bathwater. The fabric of our country is coming apart - the seeds of divisiveness that are pulling our country apart are pulling our families apart. Let's join together and end now this horrible war - and begin to rebuild a more just and humane society.

Letter to the editor

Mrs. Ryan Dismissed, Student Letters Requested

Dear Editor:

It is ostensible to me that the failure to rehire Mrs. Lorraine Ryan as an instructor in English is a mistake. It would seem to me that one of the qualifications to be considered in evaluation for further employment would be degree of involvement. The mistake made by the Personnel Committee was to value too lightly this attribute.

Mrs. Ryan qualifies for a position in the English Department because of her dedication to and inspiration of student people at the University. She genuinely cares for each student as an individual. She requires of her students involvement: for education lies somewhere beneath activity in a discipline. To this extent she is herself involved in the education of her students. Students are respected and given the opportunity to respond in any way that evokes their most sensitive and creative feelings about literature and life, i.e., they may write formal papers, informal notes, "jottings," exams or privately recite and discuss subject matter until an academically credible familiarization is reached.

Mrs. Ryan has not published, nor has she secured a doctorate in English. Are these credentials so necessary? Does a doctorate necessarily imply sensitivity and sincere concern for students and academia? It can substitute for or hopefully supplement these attributes, but I contend it is not in every case a required index for evaluation of ability.

According to THE UNIVERSITY MANUAL there is no requirement for further academic credentials (publication or doctorate) for promotion. Each department chairman is responsible for informing faculty in that department of the criteria used in evaluation of those people. No academic standard has been disseminated to the English Department faculty. In consideration of this and in accordance with her credentials of dedicated involvement Mrs. Ryan appears qualified for promotion.

Lorraine Ryan's case is a finite exception to a tacit, sterile, and possibly artificial standard of professionalism. She should be rehired or promoted. It would be an injustice to the students and Mrs. Ryan if the Personnel Committee did not reconsider this matter.

It is essential that students consider this case. They can effect a reversal of the decision of the Personnel Committee if they write to and personally speak to members of the committee. This group is chaired by Dr. Hoffman; other members include Dr. Barker, Dr. Goldman, Dr. Neuse, Dr. Potter, and Dr. Robinson. Opinions should also be directed to Dr. Miller who makes the final decision concerning promotion or termination that is submitted to Dean Pollack. There are merely several days left. Students must express opinions so to reconvene the committee and eventually reinstate Mrs. Ryan.

Robert D. Parrillo

Greek "Spirit" Disturbs Study Time of Student

Dear Editor:

This letter could be considered as a composite listing of flaws to be found in the Greek system. However, it is not. I would simply like to state that certain participants in the Greek way of life may derive considerable enjoyment from chanting the names of their respective houses, in somewhat shrill voices, to the raucous accompaniment of a trumpeter whose only rendition is "Charge." Numerous would-be drummers, loudly punishing the garbage cans in their misplaced jubilation are considerably less than appreciated by those residence units which they deign to visit at such unusual calling hours as 12:25 a.m.

Thus, I would suggest that these exuberant Greeks confine their zealous displays of "spirit" to the midnight entertainment of those who have an expressed preference for such display, (I refer, of course, to their fellow Greeks), and allow the rest of us to study or sleep, undisturbed.

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BEACON Accused of Bias Reporting In ROTC Story

Dear Sir:
 This letter is being written to comment on the apparently biased reporting found in the "BEACON" in its coverage of the R.O.T.C. issue. "BEACON" articles in general, and those appearing in the issues of April 22nd and April 29th in particular, have, by either the choice of wording or the choice of material, tended to give an opinion rather than a summary of events. If the views of the staff were limited to the editorial section, there would be no basis for a complaint. However, it seems that the coverage of actual events is itself to maintain a particular view.

For example, the issue of April 29th contains three articles - in addition to the editorial - on R.O.T.C. One dealt with the Faculty Senate Meeting on April 21st. The questions asked of the committee at that meeting covered more than "immediate versus gradual" withdrawal. In fact various questions about the accuracy and the background information of the report were raised; it seemed that some senators had serious reservations about the report as a whole. If the "BEACON" reporter had listened more carefully, he might have had different conclusions as to the mood of the body.

In that same issue another article informs U.R.I. that the student body of a certain university had voted to phase out R.O.T.C. Directly above another news item tells of the riot which ensued when the Faculty Senate of a certain university decided to retain R.O.T.C. Now the selection of

these articles undoubtedly had no relation to the fact that the U.R.I. Faculty Senate will soon be voting on a similar recommendation. And the consistent omission of information that the student bodies, Faculty Senates, and university committees at U.N.H., U. Conn., U. Mass., Cornell, M.I.T., and Rutgers, to name just a few local schools, accept the principle of R.O.T.C. on their campuses, resulted no doubt from a lack of space, not a desire to exclude the existence of intelligent and often large support for R.O.T.C.

The issue of April 22 also included a summary of a report that I submitted to the Ad Hoc committee on R.O.T.C. That summary was accurate enough, as summaries go, in stating my objections to the majority report. However, these objections were found in the last 25 per cent of the report. The first three-quarters dealt at some length with my arguments for R.O.T.C. and alternate recommendations. That the "BEACON" staff specifically refused to let me summarize this minority report is well within the limits of freedom of the press until one remembers that the majority report was published in its entirety. This means that one side presented its views as it wished them to be presented while the opposing views were screened by a newspaper hostile (as shown in a subsequent editorial) to that position. The result was that

the most important aspect of this minority report was excluded. I feel that the omission of the arguments for R.O.T.C. is important; it is difficult to prove a point merely by pointing out fallacies of the opposition. Limiting oneself to finding fault in the logic of those with whom one disagrees means, that the opposition has not yet found a convincing argument.

In effect, the "BEACON" summary gave the impression that my disagreement with the majority rests primarily on procedural grounds. Reality, as those who read my report will learn, finds my main opposition to be philosophical, not procedural. Whether these arguments for R.O.T.C. are valid each reader must decide for himself. It is not the function of the "BEACON" to do so for him.

The "BEACON," under the concept of freedom of the press, can publish anything that it wishes to. However, under the equally binding principles of honesty and objectivity, it should present all sides of an issue, not merely those which support its editorial views. As the paper is supported by student funds, this responsibility is further increased. As already stated, opinions belong in the editorials; the "BEACON" staff would do well to keep this in mind and be more conscientious in its preparation of news articles.

John Breguet

Students Label Strike Tactics 'Hypocritical'

Dear Editor:
 I am totally disgusted with the hypocrisy and stupidity of the majority of the URI students on strike. Students screamed about pollution on Earth Day, yet those same students do not seem to object to painting "Strike" and omegas and peace signs on the walls of dormitories, classroom and laboratory buildings, dining halls, trash receptacles and sidewalks.

The same students who advocate a free society did not seem to mind stopping other students from going to classes. Indeed, they did not even seem to mind stopping professors. These students feel that Nixon is forcing his opinions on them but they don't mind forcing their opinions on the non-striking members of the URI community.

I object to Nixon's policy in Southeast Asia but I also object to the tactics employed by many of the striking students at URI.

Genevieve C. Licata
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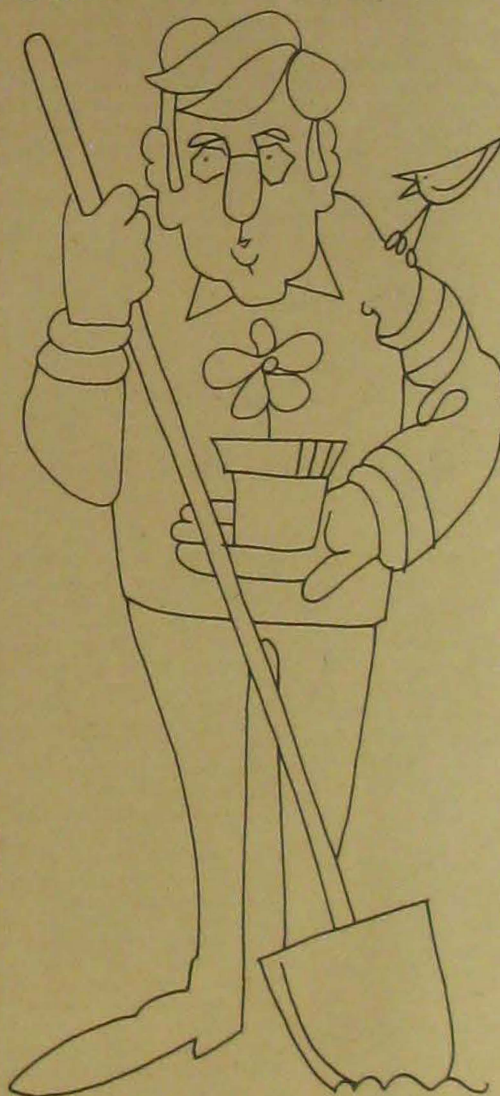
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Student Renounces Senate, Supports Nixon in Asia

Dear Sir:

John Locke expressed in one of his fundamental works on the nature of republican government a basic need of that form of government: the necessity for all to accept the jurisdiction of all acts passed by the legislative body, even those that he disagrees with. The individual does, however, retain the right to support that government and to decide when that government has exceeded its bounds.

The Student Senate this night exceeded its bounds. Because of its action I renounce my subservience to that government and remove myself from its jurisdiction.

The Student Senate, in its actions in regard to the strike over Cambodia and especially in its call of support for the impeachment of the President of the United States has demonstrated several things. First, it has shown its inability

to make a rational, coherent decision. Second, it has demonstrated its inability to reach a mature decision. Third, it has made clear its lack of legislative ability. To many, these facts were painfully obvious before, but new dimensions have been added to the problem by the Senate's most recent actions.

Like most student leaders on this campus, the Senate reacted hysterically and irrationally to the President's recent decision on renewed Communist aggression in Indochina. Naturally (or perhaps I should say obviously) I disagree with the substance of the Senate opinion. But much more striking is the irrational tone used by these people in discussion of the situation. Our foreign policy is not the "insanity" that Mr. Robinson would lead you to believe. Nor is it a "course of national and international destruction" as Mr. Colarulli would lead you to

believe. Rather, it is a perfectly legitimate and coherent foreign policy, the substance of which they happen to disagree with. Their opinions contain powerful rhetoric but little coherent thought.

And now, the real crux of the matter. If, indeed, "this is not a question of politics, this is a question of morality" as Mr. Colarulli states, I would challenge him on this ground: by what right does he claim for the Student Senate the privilege of forcing THEIR concept of morality in foreign policy on ME? Are Mr. Colarulli and Mr. Robinson to become the guardians of MY morals? I reject them in that capacity. I reject the concept. And I reject the Student Senate that would advance such a tyrannical concept.

Our involvement IS moral. It IS right. Through the intervention in Cambodia, we hope to lessen the total number of American lives killed in the war, and to bring that war to a much swifter conclusion.

But that involvement will not be debated on the grounds of rationality. The question of the right foreign policy will not be answered by a strike. I challenge the leaders of this protest to a debate of the issue on RATIONAL grounds. Let us come to a real understanding. This is the way to true knowledge. But the Senate has turned its back to this way. Because of that, I turn my back on the Senate.

Stephen Paul Erickson

Lepper 'Stands Up' And Down, and Up and ...

Dear Mr. Editor:

I was pleased to note in the letter by F.X. Mathews published in the April 24, 1970 BEACON that he defected something had gone awry in the reporting of a statement, attributed to me, in a Beacon article of April 22.

I now feel compelled to offer an explanation, but I do not wish to become involved, at this time, with the several problems that involve exchanges of opinion and accurate and ethical reporting. Suffice it to say that if that portion of my statement was indeed accurately quoted, it was completely out of context. My fairly lengthy remarks at the time were related to a proposal that graduate students be represented on the Athletic Council. The gist of my remarks was that, in my opinion, very few graduate students contributed anything to the INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAM of their chosen institutions. Until contrary evidence is forthcoming, I simply must reiterate this statement.

I might point out that when I was a graduate student at another institution I contributed nothing to that institution's UNDERGRADUATE INTERCOLLEGIATE athletic program. Yet, having participated in varsity sports, coached athletic teams, and wanted a continued interest in athletics, I would

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submit I had at least an average background of competence. Moreover, I believe it is proper for graduate students to spend their time and energy upon graduate program matters and not to dissipate them on peripheral undergraduate activities.

May I sit down?

Robert Lepper, Jr.


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IFC Forum Elects New Officers for Next Year

The Interfraternity Council Forum elected its officers for next year on April 14. The results are: Fred Mattera, president; Charles Paolino, vice president; and Kim McIntyre, secretary.

The new officers are all pledges; Mr. Mattera is of Phi Delta, Mr. Paolino of Phi Sigma Kappa, and Mr. McIntyre of Theta Chi.

The IFC Forum is composed of two representative pledges from each of the 17 fraternities at URI, allowing for communication among fraternities through the pledges. The Forum members are expected to submit new ideas to the IFC, on which many members later become officers.

Chairman of the Forum is the IFC Internal Vice President Edward Morone, a sophomore.

The Forum discussed the idea of mailing informative booklets detailing fraternity life to incoming freshmen. The booklets will contain pictures

of each fraternity, and resumes of each fraternity, said Mr. Morone. All rush rules and general facts of fraternity living will be in the booklet, he added. Financial backing for the booklets will come from the IFC and perhaps the university, Mr. Morone said.

Twelve out of the 17 fraternities had representatives at the meeting.

Announcement

Those students interested in participating on a Drug Study Committee or Senate Reconstruction Committee this summer should submit their names to the Student Senate office.

All junk cars left behind by students after June 15 will be pulled away by the university.

These cars become the property of the university and are junked.

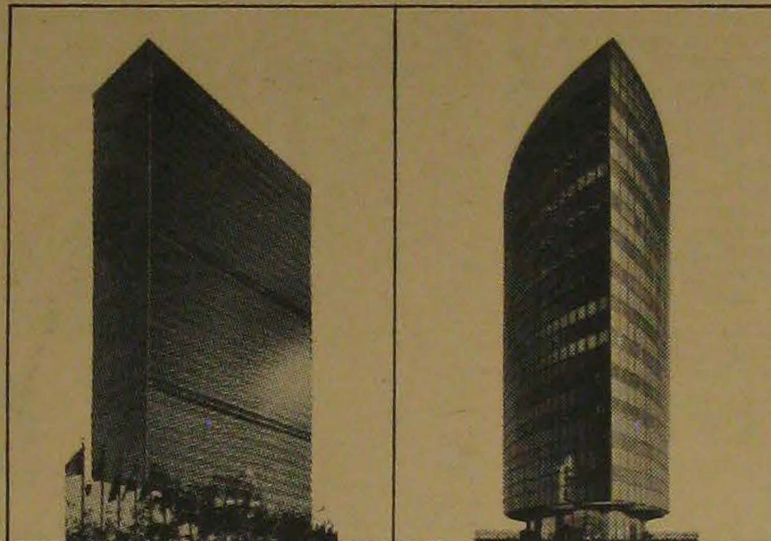
Strikers Force Use of Plastic Dishes At R.W.

Dear Editor,

Many students eating in Roger Williams on Monday night may be unaware of why plastic dishes were substituted for the real thing. Most of you were probably thinking that the Dining Services were up to their old tricks again. This, however, is not the case and the explanation may be quite startling.

It seems a small minority (about 8 or 9) group of your peers, who work in the dishroom of Roger Williams, were trying to shut down the dining halls by withholding their services. The motivation for this act came along with the need to express an impulse to carry Monday's student strike to its fullest. The attempt at closing Roger Williams and the two other dining halls could be called the phenomenon of irrelevance. The intention of preventing the entire student body from eating seems to have a rather dubious relationship to the express purpose of the student strike. Apparently, our misguided dishroom employees took the words literally—and out of context to their real meaning. The cause is to protest the step-up of the war to Cambodia. What relationship does preventing students from eating have toward Nixon's escalation of the war? Protesting university involvement with the military or compelling it to take a position on an issue by strike may arouse awareness of those with authority and power to do something about the situation. However, abortive attempts to prevent students from eating certainly does not help achieve this objective. I say abortive since the Dining Service personnel, though short-handed, managed to rally and avert what might have been a crisis. Imagine 2000 STARVING, striking students on the rampage! Comments by responsible persons are welcomed on the subject (I surmise that the small dishroom group will not speak up).

Kenneth Stearns
(Dining Service student help)




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and made it their own.
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concrete of their bastions.
'Man made us,' they murmur. 'We are
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Professors Edwards, Dowd Endorse Student Strikers

In a speech both condemning and commending young college students for finally taking action against the oppressive nature of society today, Harry Edwards, a professor of Sociology at the University of Southern California addressed a capacity crowd at Edwards Auditorium last Thursday night.

Professor Edwards along with Professor Dowd from Cornell University told the students that they endorsed the goals of the students strikers in their protest of President Nixon's movement of troops into Cambodia and the power of the American military.

Speaking about the continued oppression of the black people in the South today and the political repression of the Black Panthers while the government has winked its eye at the Mafia, Edwards said it is apparent that we are living in an anti-human society.

This oppression is now a problem he said because now whites are involved. "When blacks were involved, it was not pertinent," he said. "Then it was okay to hide when the lower class were dying, but now the middle class are dying and protest arises."

Professor Edwards also criticized the legislative branch of the government saying that it was composed mainly of "neanderthals, dinosaurs, and reactionaries." "The representatives are not in touch with urban problems," he said, and "one of the greatest tragedies is that the United States has entrusted the problems of urban life to people of small southern towns who are out of touch with reality and whose average age is 67."

Edwards said that the young should make their interest and concerns known because they will have to inherit these problems. The young must learn from the past failures of

the government, he said.

Referring to the new role of the college in society, he said that it is the duty of the college to make classroom experience relevant and discuss the present problems of a political religious and sexual nature. They must clear up the contradictions the young people see all around them he said.

Kent State is only the beginning, Edwards said, and when we find that non-violence doesn't work we will find ourselves in a revolutionary system. The dissenter has the responsibility to liberate the country from the inside before it becomes necessary to liberate it from the outside.

In his speech to the University of Rhode Island audience Professor Dowd said that shutting down the university was the first step to oppose the government, going to Washington was the second step and using the Universities as a base for operation is the third step in changing the present political system.

Professor Dowd had just returned from a trip to Hanoi where he said he could "walk the length and breath of Hanoi and not see guns or cops." He said that the society there has a priority for fighting not buildings and that the people "are a together people who make no distinctions between anyone but enemies and friends and say that when Americans are disarmed even they are potential friends."

He gave a brief history of U.S. involvement in Vietnam and said that the "United States has created through war the first voluntary communist society." He also said that the Central Intelligence Agency has steered the policy of Vietnam and are responsible for the step up of the military in that area.

Professor Dowd said that what we now have in the extension of the war into Cambodia is the potential for a

URI Sailors N. E. Champs, Go for No. American Title

The University of Rhode Island sailing team last weekend won their first New England dinghy sailing championship since 1963 and took possession of the Coast Guard Alumni Bowl for one year.

The Rams grabbed the lead in the third race of the regatta held at Watch Hill, Rhode

Island and never lost it. They eventually won with a low score of 44 points to 58 for runner-up Yale. Other team scores were Coast Guard 61, Harvard 69, MIT 77, Tufts 79, Dartmouth 86, and Boston University 99.

The Rams' victory qualifies them for the North American Championships to be held at the University of Wisconsin next month. The trip will be possible only if the needed funds can be raised in time to send the six-man team. The last time the Rams qualified for this event, in 1965, the team went on to win the series. Hopefully the team will have an opportunity to repeat its '65 victory. Yale also qualified by finishing second.

Tom Dykstra and Skip

Whyte were the skippers for URI with Steve Lirakis and Henry Bossett as the crews. Dykstra posted a low score of 28 points with finishes of 6-4-4-1-3-5-2-3. Whyte was low point skipper in his division and in the regatta, posting a low score of 16 points with finishes of 1-1-2-1-1-2-4-4. Chris Seaver of Yale was low point skipper in A division with a score of 23 points.

Normally the URI sailors do their best in heavy winds similar to those found on Salt Pond in Wakefield. However the light air at Watch Hill didn't affect them at all.

Whyte, Dykstra, Bossett, and John Telfeyan all qualified for the semifinals of the New England Single-handed Championships next weekend at MIT.

World War III and the possibility of a nuclear war. The President has always been oriented toward the use of military force, he said, and it has not been he who has changed but the country.

He urged the students to occupy Washington this summer and stay there. There are a hundred things worse than going to jail and one is oppression he said.

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Greek Week Dominated By Tri-D and Phi Psi

Tri-Delta Sorority dominated Greek Week this year by winning or placing in almost every event. The sorority was paired with Phi Kappa Psi and Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternities, which placed first and second respectively in the Fraternity division. Phi Mu Delta, Lambda Chi Alpha and Phi Gamma Delta tied for third place. Tri-D placed first in Greek Week for the second year in a row. Sigma Kappa placed 2nd and Alpha Delta Pi third in the sorority division of overall Greek Week.

Greek Week began with Greek Sing on April 26 at Keane Gym. In the sorority division, Tri-Delta won first prize, Sigma Kappa second and Alpha Delta Pi third. In the fraternity division, Phi Gamma Delta placed first, Theta Delta Chi second and Tau Kappa Epsilon third.

The Tricycle Race for sorority girls was held Monday evening and the first place went to Tri-D, second to Sigma Kappa, and third to Alpha Delta Pi. The Pie Eating contest was held Tuesday

afternoon on the Quadrangle and was won by Delta Zeta and SAE.

The roller skating contest for fraternities was won by Lambda Chi Alpha. A Greek Goddess pageant was held Friday night and was won by the representative from Tri-Delta. Lambda Delta Phi placed second.

Greek Games began Saturday morning with a Medley Race involving several different events. The Phi Kappa Psi-Tri Delta team placed first, followed by the Tri-D - TKE and Kappa Alpha Theta-Theta Chi teams.

A football game composed of URI offensive and defensive players was held, followed by the Chariot Appearance judging. The TKE-Tri Delta chariot won first place, Phi-Kappa Psi-Tri D second and Sigma Phi Epsilon-Sigma Kappa third.

The Chariot Race was won by Phi Mu Delta. Phi Gamma Delta placed second and Phi Kappa Psi third. The final event was the Tug of War which was won by Chi Phi -SDT.



From the Editor:

As retiring Sports Editor I would like to leave you all something to think about. This year was a big year for controversy about athletics at URI, which resulted in the defeat of a proposed raise in the student athletic tax. As a result of this the spring athletic program had to be cut somewhat, and most of the away competition had to be cancelled. The spring sports, however, are not great spectator sports and the budget cut probably was not noticed by the students. If the cut has to be extended to the football and basketball teams it might become more obvious.

All I ask is that you remember one thing. Sports are becoming big business in the United States, and all over the world. People are spending more and more of their ever increasing leisure time watching sports competitions. There is a great demand for talented and experienced athletes, and colleges provide the only source for these athletes to get their experience these days. College should have something for everyone, don't force them to cut athletics out of the system completely.

J. Marchant
Sports editor

What's your excuse?

You could have gone water skiing or swimming or to a dance at night. Instead you've spent the entire day moping around the house feeling sorry for yourself. And why? Just because it was one of those difficult times? How silly. A lot of girls are out there enjoying themselves under the same circumstances. They use Tampax tampons.

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Two Records Fall in URI Interscholastic Track Meet

Two records were broken Saturday in the annual University of Rhode Island Interscholastics high school meet. Kevin Smith of LaSalle cleared six feet, eight and one half inches in the high jump, breaking the old record of six feet two and one half inches set in 1937 by Don Blount of Moses Brown. Alvin Jackson, a 15 year old sophomore from Classical High School, tossed the 12 pound hammer 208 feet, three inches, breaking the old record set five years ago by Dick Narcessian of Woonsocket High School (now at URI) which was 203 feet, one and one half inches.

Both of these efforts are considered to be among the best in the nation this year.

Earlier last week Smith had cleared six feet, seven inches at URI's Meade Field in a dual meet with the Ram freshmen. The field record at URI is seven feet even, set by Olympian John Thomas of Boston University.

In the team competition LaSalle successfully defended its title, fighting off a strong attempt by Classical by three and one half points. 38 to 34½. Hendriken was third with 25½ points. There were 21 teams competing in the meet.



The pitching of Gary Caffrey led the Rams to a 4-2 victory over Maine on Saturday, Maine's first loss of the season.



Paul Reynolds at bat for the Rams in their two game series with Maine. The Rams split, losing on Friday and winning on Saturday.

Soph Hurlers Put URI in Title Fight

Sophomore pitchers Gary Caffrey and Brian Sheekey combined to give the URI baseball team a 4-2 victory over the Black Bears of the University of Maine at Kingston Saturday. This victory gave the Rams a split of the weekend series, and gave the Bears their first loss.

URI had an overall record of 7-4 going into yesterday's game against Connecticut at Bill Beck Field, but more important, it gave them a 6-2 conference record. The Rams came into yesterday's contest trailing the Bears by one game and the Huskies by only one-half game. With UConn at 6-1, a Ram victory yesterday would have tied the two teams at 6-2.

After URI suffered a 6-0 whitewashing at the hand of Maine hurler Jim Cameron in the first game of the series Friday, their hopes for a championship reached a low ebb. The Rams blew several opportunities to score, leaving 14 men on base.

Maine's first run scored in the first inning on back-to-back base hits by second baseman Al Livingston and shortstop Eric Hayward, and a double by pitcher Cameron. Hayward and Cameron led the attack for the Bears with the shortstop getting three hits, including a homer, scoring a run and driving in another. The pitcher had a homer to go with his double, two runs batted in, and a run scored.

In the fourth, Ram starter Bob Anderson, another of Coach John Norris' reliable corps of sophomore hurlers, walked left fielder Rico Arnold, allowed two hits by catcher Ken Additon and Jim Peterson, the right fielder, and fell victim to an error. Two runs scored that inning.

Home runs by Hayward in the fifth and by Cameron in

the eighth off reliever Gary Caffrey accounted for the fourth and fifth Maine runs. Third baseman Rick West's triple and a Ram error gave the Bears their sixth run.

Rhody loaded the bases against Maine twice, but failed to take advantage. In the third, shortstop Vin Sheehan and first baseman Glen Garipey singled and center fielder Rich Crocker walked.

The final Ram threat came in the fifth as URI loaded the bases on a single by third baseman Paul Reynolds, a double by Crocker and a walk to second baseman Richie Potvin. The rally was short-lived, however, as Cameron again retired the side.

In Saturday's game, Caffrey was in command during the 6 1-3 innings in which he pitched. Caffrey surrendered just four hits, struck out five and walked four. In addition, he capped a three-run URI rally with a single in the sixth, driving home third baseman Hal Najarian with the winning run.

The above rally erased a 1-0 Maine lead. Singles by catcher Skip Eickhoff and Carney, a double by Najarian, right fielder Bob DeMagistris' sacrifice fly, and Caffrey's line shot produced the runs.

Sheekey replaced Caffrey with bases loaded and one out in the seventh. Carney's error on a popup by center fielder Steve Morin, a walk to Eric Hayward, and a single by right fielder Cameron loaded the bases.

Sheekey forced in a run with a walk, but he managed to pitch his way out of it, giving up only two hits and two walks in 2 2-3 innings.

The Rams' fourth run scored in the eighth on Potvin's second double, a single by DeMagistris and Sheekey's bloop single.