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A personal message

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

This Friday, a memorial service for the students killed at Kent State University is planned on our campus. I join with you in deploring the deaths of these students as the result of violence in an academic environment.

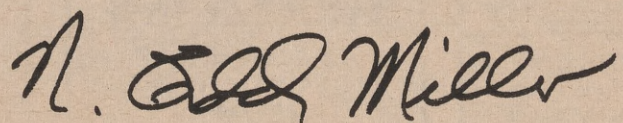
Kent State tragically illustrates what can happen when emotions run unchecked. A cause, an idea, or impetus for change is lost and in its place comes violence and death.

It is equally tragic to have American students killed in a campus disorder as to have American soldiers killed in Southeast Asia.

On Friday, therefore, I urge each individual to reflect in his own way on these tragic events. I have directed that the flags on this campus be flown at half-mast for the day.

Though classes will be held as regularly scheduled, the decision to attend or not attend them must be a matter of individual conscience.

I urge all departments to take no sanctions against those whose consciences dictate that they not attend classes.



N. Edd Miller

Anti-war protest nearly disrupts Governor's Day

A handful of spectators seated behind dignitaries in Mackay Stadium looked away from the football field partially filled with ROTC cadets to see a chanting, sign-carrying column enter the stadium Tuesday morning.

Governor's Day 1970 was under way.

The column of anti-war protesters continued marching and chanting into the stadium nearly 500 strong, and began marching around the track which circles the stadium.

After circling the track twice, the group of protesters which included students, professors and off campus persons, filed into the grandstands and joined the regular audience, still shouting anti-war slogans.

The crowd rarely stopped shouting, clapping and singing in an attempt to disrupt the proceedings. Despite the distractions, the presentation of awards for excellence in military and academic fields went on. (A complete list of the awards will be printed in tomorrow's Sagebrush.) Twice, pleas from University President N. Edd Miller for order were ignored by the group.

As the awards presentation neared its end, the protesters moved out of the stands and onto the field, taking a position which interfered with the planned performance of the ROTC's Sierra Guard drill unit. The unit avoided contact with the protesters by marching around them as the protesters

shouted at the drill team and otherwise tried to distract it.

After the drill performance, the ROTC brigade began to form up to march in review in an end to Governor's Day ceremonies. The protesters formed behind the rear cadet platoon and flashed peace signs rather than salutes as they passed in front of the reviewing stand filled with brass and civilian dignitaries.

The first indication that the University of Nevada, Reno campus would experience some of the protest being heard across the nation came Monday morning when students and faculty came to school to find numerous signs and leaflets taped to university buildings.

Monday night a meeting of the protest organizers decided they would march from Manzanita Bowl, the site of last year's Governor's Day protest and peace rally, to Mackay Stadium to disrupt the ceremony. The protest was spurred by the recent invasion of Cambodia by American troops and the killing and wounding of students at Kent State University in Ohio by National Guardsmen.

Tuesday morning, after gathering in the bowl, the students began moving across campus to the narrow passageway between Lincoln Hall and the Library with the intent of halting the governor's motorcade as it travelled from the Student Union to the stadium.

The action was successful in delaying the motorcade for about



ten minutes as students stood in front of and around the army sedans shouting "no more war." At one point a protest leader jumped up on the hood of a car and began directing the group to continue on to the stadium. Nevada National Guard Adjutant General Floyd Edsall grabbed the student, Tom Myers, and yanked him down off the car.

After the march to the stadium, the students returned to the bowl where a public address system had been set up. Several speakers analyzed the actions of the group, some said the action had been successful, others felt it had fallen short of its goal.

Eventually a local band showed up and played to the crowd.

Strike called for Friday

A stormy but determined group of university students and faculty members met in a hastily called meeting in the Jot Travis Union yesterday afternoon to organize a student strike of classes in protest of the Indochina War and the killing of four Kent State students.

The group, after an hour and a half of arguing about methods, objectives and Tuesday's protest, finally agreed to hold a general strike of classes tomorrow. The group said it will use today to pass out information on the Cambodian situation and to persuade other students to join in the strike.

Proposals for action for the Friday strike ran from forming a picket line across all university entrances to taking Hartman Hall (the ROTC building), or Clark Administration. The group settled on just the general strike.

Several students present criticized the action of the protesters Tuesday for not completely disrupting the Governor's Day activities. "We had the people there and they were ready to go," said one of the students, "but you told us to sit down and be quiet. You really blew it. We had them completely out numbered."

The meeting constantly broke into shouting sessions between

individuals or groups which disagreed on courses of action. Eventually a consensus was reached for today's and tomorrow's actions.

Dissidents were told that, besides what had been agreed upon, they could go ahead and "do their own thing" in protest.

Kent memorial set for tomorrow

Memorial services to honor the four students killed at Kent State University will be held tomorrow at noon in Manzanita Bowl. The service, according to Father John Marschall of the Center for Religion and Life will be a completely non-political activity.

The program includes a student, two faculty and one off-campus speakers. Two students will also sing appropriate folk songs. Rev. John Dodson of the Center will lead a prayer for the service and English Professor George Herman will deliver a eulogy.

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Hip and cowboy--two views

by Geoff Dornan

"Just to dismiss classes for a day and to go and talk about this isn't right."

"I think classes should have been closed."

Two opposite views from two very different students. John (Jug) Laxague is a cowboy. He is from a ranching community in Nevada and a graduate student.

Mitch Shifrin is a longhaired hip. He is from Chicago, a freshman. They had only a few things in common when they sat down facing each other after senate Wednesday night. Shifrin is a senator and Laxague was a senator two years ago.

Laxague said he didn't agree with the resolution to allow teachers to cancel classes Friday if they wanted to. "Why should the people who want to take classes be penalized?"

Shifrin said the classes should be cancelled. He said that classes let out for Mackay Day and that this is more important.

The resolution was amended to allow students and faculty to skip classes without penalty on Friday if their conscience dictated they should. Laxague said the professors should have to go to class for those students who wanted to be taught instead of attend the memorial.

Shifrin said the day would be a good chance for cowboys and hips to get together and find out something about each other. "I've never had the opportunity before to talk to you," he said.

"When I came here, I was told,

"Look out for the cowboys. They're going to kick your ass and throw you in the lake," Shifrin said. "We've got to be realistic about this."

Laxague agreed the two groups don't know much about each other. "We've got to talk," he said.

But, he said, the liberal students are acting too quickly. "Just because four people died, you're getting all excited. We don't know enough (about what happened at Kent State University) to dismiss classes."

Shifrin said the memorial was to mourn all those who died for peace -- in Vietnam or on campus. "But this is better. We're going to divide into small groups to talk. I don't want any violence here. It's just a day of communication."

On this, they could agree -- neither wants violence, both want understanding and communication.

Laxague said the idea was a good one, but that it was too hurriedly organized. He said he has to work Friday, "but if I didn't, I'd come."

"Next year, if you set your day in advance, we'll be there," Laxague said. "But a lot of us don't want to talk to you. They see the universities they could have gone to, but didn't have the

money and they get pissed off when they see riots and demonstrations."

"I don't like to see universities burned either," Shifrin agreed. "Maybe Friday we can come to some compromise."

Laxague said he wouldn't sit through any anti-war speeches and Shifrin agreed. Friday is to be a "day of understanding," he said. No speeches, no rock band -- just communication in small groups.

"If we can get this thing going, maybe we can come to some understanding," Laxague said.

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We, the undersigned faculty and staff members of the University of Nevada, wish to express our sympathy for the parents and classmates of Alison Krause, Sandy Lee Scheuer, Jeffrey G. Miller and William K. Schroeder killed and any other injured at Kent State University.

We hold that these tragic deaths are the result not simply of student violence, but of our national government's violence in Southeast Asia.

We strongly urge the cessation of the expanded war in Indochina and the complete withdrawal of American troops from Southeast Asia within the next eight months.

We hold the present conflict to be an illegal and unconstitutional abuse of executive power by the President of the United States.

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ASUN Senate surrounded by 300 pros and cons

A tightly packed crowd of 300 students and a few faculty and administration came to senate last night, in what verged on confrontation several times.

Two main factions turned out for discussion on resolutions supporting the memorial for the Kent State dead tomorrow. It was the "cowboys" versus the "long-hairs."

Neither side, at the end of it all, appeared to win, but some members with opposing views talked after the meeting in an attempt to iron out their differences.

Senator Craig Trigueiro began the tense drama with a resolution condemning the National Guard of Ohio for shooting students and condemning students there for the "senseless violence."

Louis Test, senate president, managed to keep a tight lid on the proceedings by allowing only senators and persons designated by senators to speak. "People go crazy and people get killed," Test warned in an attempt to keep things in control.

"I abhor the over-reaction of the National Guard," Trigueiro said.

John Salisbury, an RHA senator, took an opposing view. "I have lots of friends at Kent State," he said. "I also have a brother in the riot control squad of the guard. He may be there now. I don't know. But we don't know what happened or what the facts are. People are allowed to make mistakes."

The motion was approved by senate, which moved quickly on

to other resolutions.

Senator Tabor Griswold then introduced another piece of legislation which had brought so many people to this meeting. Members of ROTC came to protest the resolution while many leftists came to support it.

Miss Griswold's resolution requested President N. Edd Miller to allow "those faculty whose consciences so dictate to dismiss classes for Friday, without penalty, as a day of mourning, introspect and dialogue." Her resolution proclaimed a day of mourning for all people who have died in Southeast Asia and on American campuses for the cause of peace.

Salisbury said, "We should honor a moratorium for peace."

"Education would be interrup-

ted if we had a moratorium," Agriculture Senator Debbie Kent said, to a round of booing by the Left.

"Those who are drafted, maybe their education is interrupted too," Salisbury replied to a heavy round of applause.

Vincent Khapoya, a graduate assistant in political science, was recognized next. "Right at this moment, being in the United States is depressing enough. Mackay Day is more important than people's lives. You (referring to the Right) don't have to stay away from classes. The least this body can do is to express consternation and concern over what has happened. It is a right, not a privilege, to go to school," he said.

"Where were you when they

cancelled classes on Mackay Day?" Dave Slemmons, former senator, asked those who said they would go to class on the day of mourning.

Gunter Hiller, philosophy professor, spoke from atop a table in the front of the lounge overlooking the sardine-packed room. "I think this is a momentous occasion," he said. "For some strange reason, we have come here to voice concern. We have come out of human concern. If we can make it here, then we can make it anywhere."

Miss Griswold's motion was finally approved by senate.

The next motion was not even allowed to reach the floor since the senators rejected its introduction. It said that students were not represented by a minority

group, that only ASUN represented the students and that the administration should not listen to a minority group. There was no discussion on the motion.

Both factions became angry at four non-students from the Reno area who repeatedly interjected loud remarks when people from both sides were speaking.

Senate adjourned at the request of Senior Women's senator of finance and publications Janet Spooner. She suggested that the lounge be set aside for small groups of opposing views to express their opinions and come to an understanding. This was done, although most of the crowd left immediately after adjournment. The lounge will be set aside today for students to discuss their differences.

Truth behind Kent State tragedy emerging

Information is slowly trickling out of Kent State, painting a picture of the incident which left four students dead and two critically wounded on the Ohio campus.

The four dead are William Schroeder, Sandy Lee Scheuer, Jeffrey Miller and Allison Krause. Ironically, Schroeder was not a protestor, but a member of the campus ROTC brigade.

Coroner Robert Sybert of Portage County, Ohio, gave the following descriptions of the causes of death of the students: Miller—struck in the face, bullet passed through his head and came out the rear of his head; Scheuer—struck

by a lateral shot, bullet passing left to right through her shoulder; Krause—struck in left shoulder, bullet traveling through upper arm and passing out her chest; Schroeder—struck in chest, near left shoulder.

Sybert said the cause of death in all four cases was gunshot wounds.

Senator Stephen Young, an Ohio Democrat, blamed the four killings on "trigger happy" National Guardsmen who "just lost their heads."

Young said he had the facts of the incident, but did not disclose his sources. He said there was no sniper as the National Guardsmen

claim. He said the first shot was fired accidentally by a Guardsman who was hit in the arm by a half-empty tear gas cannister thrown back by a student.

He said the Guardsman's gun discharged or was fired and instantly the front rank kneeled and fired into the crowd.

Donald Grant, a spokesman for a group of six Kent State students who met with President Richard M. Nixon Wednesday, described the take-over of the Kent campus by the National Guard.

He said, "They took complete control...no longer had the administration any jurisdiction....They, the Guardsmen, had no idea of the

feelings that went on before. They were totally impersonal."

The six students asked Nixon to establish a commission to investigate the incident. Nixon said he would have to have a request from the state authorities before he could establish such a commission, but that he would have the facts on the matter from the attorney general's office.

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