

'Do you think student activism is dead?'

by Howie Carr
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What had begun Thursday night in front of the Student Union with 14 people ended two hours later on the steps of South Building with Student Body President Richard Epps asking over 2,000 supporters, "Do you still think student activism is dead?"

The idea for a campuswide anti-war march originated Thursday with sophomore Richard Huggs, one of Epps' assistants.

"We wanted to psych 'em up tonight," Epps said shortly after the rally had broken up about 12:30 Friday morning. "The mood on campus Thursday for going to Raleigh was good, but not that enthusiastic."

"I certainly didn't figure to get 2,000 people," he said. "I thought there might be 500."

The march got underway at 10:30, after Epps hurriedly recruiting in the Union snackbar pushed the number of original marchers into double figures. They included Epps; a 20-month veteran of Vietnam who would later tell the crowd at South Building that "they're gonna keep sending people back in bags unless you keep this up"; a South Campus black smoking a pipe who explained that "at least I won't get mugged walking back with this many people"; and several students wearing black armbands who later would act somewhat like "marshals" for the march.

The group headed for the South Campus first, marching past Parker, Teague and Avery. No one

joined the march there except for two football players who were drunk enough to enjoy chanting. But they staggered inside when Epps decided to skirt Ehringhaus for James.

The march began to come alive at James, where one strong-lunged student with an apparent understanding of the student mood immediately rushed out.

"On strike, shut it down," he began, and was soon joined by the rest of the crowd.

People began coming out, maybe because, as one student rationalized, "That's the code word for 'no exams.'"

As the group moved around the side of James, many students, who had been unwilling to rush out with everyone watching from the balconies,

came out the sides to join the back of the crowd. It was a pattern that would repeat itself elsewhere.

By the time they reached Morrison, the crowd was loud, and some students dodged the water bombs being thrown from the balconies to join.

"This is just like really going to college," said one Morrison freshman as he joined the throng.

After avoiding buckets of water thrown from the football wing of Ehringhaus, the crowd of about 500 moved back up campus, where some students thought the "No More War" chant was referring to an inter-dorm egg fight that had gone on earlier that night.

The number of students kept growing geometrically as the crowd moved past Winston, Connor and Alexander on its way to Cameron

Street, and from there down the northbound lanes of Columbia towards Granville, where the crowd grew to about 1,500.

From there the crowd moved back onto Cameron, and by the time it crossed Columbia even Pete Tripodi was evident—marching at the front of the column, trying to face the crowd as he walked backwards.

The rain had already started, though, and the crowd broke up quickly after pledging support of the Raleigh march to Epps, who had spoken from the steps of South Building.

"I don't know where it really got going," he said afterwards. "Just say it was an all-campus thing."

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1,500 march in Raleigh to protest war escalation

by Winston Cavin
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About 1,500 persons, mostly college students, staged a march to the State Capitol in Raleigh Friday to protest escalation of the Vietnam war.

A large crowd of UNC students joined the demonstration.

The protest drew the support of Wilbur Hobby, the state AFL-CIO president and Democratic gubernatorial candidate, as well as that of Duke University president Terry Sanford, who is seeking the Democratic presidential nomination.

The marchers were handed copies of a statement from Sanford which said, "I think this war should end—and end now."

"There is no reason to sacrifice one more life," said the printed statement. "I ask you to go beyond this march today, to turn our government around."

"We can end this war and get on with making America what it should be," said the former North Carolina governor.

The march began at the campus of North Carolina State University, where protesters heard remarks from Hobby.

"I fought in two wars to defend my country and I want to send the message to congressmen and senators in this state and Washington that we've got to stop the killing in Vietnam now," said Hobby as he spoke to the group in a light rain.

"I pledge you my support to help you end this terrible war, whether I'm elected governor of this state or not. I'd rather be right than to be the governor."

"We need to wage another kind of war in this country—a war against social apathy, a war against poverty, a war against disease and against pollution," he said.

A message was read on behalf of Rep.

Shirley Chisholm (D-N.Y.) proclaiming her support for a bill to cut out funds for the Vietnam war.

Student speakers urged the crowd to sign petitions for the support of legislation to cut off the war funds.

The protest on the grounds of the Capitol lasted about 45 minutes. The crowd was ringed by highway patrolmen, but there was no violence. During their march from the campus to the Capitol, police escorts led the marchers.

On the UNC campus in Chapel Hill, a rally was held in the Great Hall prior to the Raleigh gathering. A crowd of approximately 750 heard Student Body President Richard Epps affirm his support for the demonstrations. UNC professors John Dixon and Peter Filene also addressed the audience.

Barry Martin of North Carolina Veterans for Peace told the group about

his personal experiences in Vietnam and denounced U.S. bombing of North Vietnam. He criticized the killing of civilians and children.

After the demonstrations, Epps said, "We don't plan to stop here. As far as I'm concerned, student activism is not dead on campus. Students will continue to fight for change. We plan to use all means necessary—voting, sending representatives to talk with congressmen and possibly more demonstrations."

Meanwhile, protest activity continued across the nation Friday. According to United Press International (UPI), an anti-war rally was scheduled for Friday on the University of Maryland campus at College Park, where National Guard troops were called in Thursday by Gov. Marvin Mandel.

UPI said guardsmen swept across the Maryland campus Thursday night and arrested 140 persons for curfew violations. Tear gas and a chemical disabling agent were used Thursday to break up demonstrations.

UPI also reported about 100 protesters were arrested Friday when they tried to block the main gates of Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts, and about 15 students were arrested at Stanford University.

Activities were concentrated in Ivy League schools of the East and, on most campuses, involved relatively small percentages of student bodies. But protests also were staged at universities and small colleges in the Midwest, Southwest and West.

Weather

TODAY: Cloudy with showers or thundershowers likely in the afternoon; high in the 60's, low in the 50's; probability of precipitation 70 percent today, 40 percent tonight.

SUNDAY: Partly cloudy; high near 70; low in the 50's.

'Exorcises spirits'

Dickey interrupts SL

by Greg Turosek
Staff Writer

Pitt Dickey and friends (and animals) showed up as promised at the Student Legislature (SL) meeting Thursday night, proceeded to "exorcise the Mickey Mouse spirits" from SL, but soon departed to leave SL with an otherwise routine night of business.

The meeting started out in fairly routine fashion, except for the somewhat noisy group of 20 Dickey supporters in the gallery, while representatives considered a bill to confirm presidential appointees.

Dickey himself did not show up until 20 minutes later, and when he did it was at the head of a group of 75 chanting Blue Sky Party members.

The group stopped outside long enough to provide the legislators with their version of the Mickey Mouse theme song, in zero-part harmony, before trudging single file into the Di-Phi chamber, complete with halloween masks, nightgowns, candles, a trombone, a harmonica and other assorted noisemakers, party hats, signs and a couple of dogs.



Vietnam Veterans Against the War, carrying a "body bag" symbolizing war deaths, led marchers from N.C. State to the state Capitol Friday. (Staff Photo by Scott Stewart)

IFC votes down frosh rush change

An amendment to the Interfraternity Council (IFC) by-laws calling for the abolition of deferred rush for freshmen failed at the IFC meeting Tuesday night.

Two-thirds, or nineteen, of the fraternities must approve a by-laws change. Only 13 fraternities voted for the amendment, six voted against it, and nine houses were absent.

Those voting against the motion gave three reasons: first, first semester freshmen are incapable of making decisions about fraternities; second, fraternities hurt a member's grades; and third, freshmen should first have the opportunity to live in a dormitory and adjust to campus life.

Reid Phillips, IFC president, made it clear he is in favor of allowing freshmen to pledge a fraternity their first semester at UNC.

Commenting on the reasons for the motion's failure, Phillips said, "IFC is not meant to function as anyone's parent."

Phillips also said the second and third reasons show a lack of faith in fraternities. "IFC does not sanction any fraternity activity which hinders a fraternity member's academic work," he said.

"I don't want to let go unchallenged the use of the fraternity system as a scapegoat for the academic failures of a minority," Phillips continued.

Consideration of the amendment began several months ago. Former IFC rush chairman Bill Griffin communicated with several universities regarding their rush procedures.

According to Phillips, the overwhelming response has been in favor of the abolition of deferred rushing and pledging.

Although the motion to amend the by-laws failed, a motion to place the by-laws change on next Tuesday's agenda of the IFC was passed.

N.C. Congressmen

Majority would vote no

by Mary Ellis Gibson
Staff Writer

The majority of the N.C. Congressional delegation would oppose a measure for immediate withdrawal from Vietnam, a group of 40 UNC students found Thursday.

The group organized by Washington Witness spent the day in Washington, D.C., lobbying against the renewed bombing and escalation of the war.

Responses to the lobbying effort varied from representative Richardson

Preyer (D-N.C.) who supports setting a withdrawal date to a condemnation of the lobbyists as un-American.

The legislative assistant to a congressman from Ohio reportedly said, "I'm tired of those goddamned mealy-mouthed people coming up here apologizing for being Americans—we should have bombed Hanoi and Haiphong harbor 10 years ago."

Bill Cochrane, legislative aide to Senator B. Everett Jordan (D-N.C.), told the students Jordan would back the Mansfield Amendment to cut off war

funds within 30 days. Cochrane said Jordan would also support other peace efforts.

Senator Sam Ervin (D-N.C.) was unable to keep his appointment with the students because his Senate committee was questioning acting Attorney General Richard Kleindienst in executive session. An Ervin aide reportedly said the Senator had not had time to consider legislation to end the war because of the ITT hearings.

The aide predicted Ervin would probably vote against legislation similar to the Mansfield Amendment.

The students talked with eight of the 11 representatives from North Carolina or with members of their staffs. Members of the group reported the following responses:

Roy A. Taylor (D) expressed support for legislation to end the war by a definite date subject to release of prisoners of war.

An aide reported L.H. Fountain (D) was "extremely concerned" about the bombing.

Fountain was not present for the discussion of antiwar legislation at the Democratic caucus meetings on Wednesday or Thursday.

Richardson Preyer (D) said he supported the resolution passed by the Democratic caucus.

"If we haven't done enough now, I would say the South Vietnamese would have to go down the drain now," Preyer added.

An aide to Nick Galifianakis (D) said the representative would back all efforts to end the war and to bring the prisoners of war home.

Walter B. Jones (D) took a definite stand for a complete end to the war subject to release of prisoners of war.

Charles Jonas, Sr., (R) said opposition to the war was un-American and helpful to the enemy's cause. Jonas is opposed to any antiwar legislation.

James Broyhill (R) expressed his approval of President Nixon's war policy. He said he was in favor of ending the war but he would support no legislation which did not concern the North Vietnamese for invading South Vietnam.

An administrative assistant to Earl Ruth (R) was quite willing to discuss the war but reported Ruth would probably not support legislation which set a date for complete withdrawal.

Congressmen Wilbur Mizell, Dave Henderson and Alton Lennon were not contacted by members of the Washington Witness group.



Over 1,500 people marched in a light rain from N.C. State Friday and converged upon the state Capitol in protest against the Vietnam War. (Staff Photo by Scott Stewart)